

Papers given during the meeting are noted below (author and title):

Elizabeth Tooker (Temple University) "American Anthropology in the Formative Years: The Case of the New York State Museum"

Don D. Fowler (University of Nevada-Reno) and Nancy J. Parezo (Arizona State Museum) "Mayans In Chicago, Moundbuilders in Buffalo. Archaeology at World's Fairs, 1876-1915"

Donald McVicker (North Central College) "Museums, Collections and World's Fairs"

Douglas Givens (Saint Louis Community College-Meramec) "The Bowditch Chair, Mayan Archaeology, and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology: Philanthropy and Institutional History in the Development of Americanist Archaeology"

Christian E. Downum (Northern Arizona University) "Museums and the Influence of Native Americans on Southwestern Archaeology:"

Mark McConaughy (The State Museum of Pennsylvania) "Effects of Cultural Resource Management on Collection Strategies at the Section of Archaeology, The State Museum of Pennsylvania"

David Pendergast (Royal Ontario Museum) "I Wonder Where Museums Would Be Today...": Archaeology at the Royal Ontario Museum"

Elin Danien (University of Pennsylvania) "From Tlingits in Plains Clothing to Smoke Screens on TV: Public Programming at Penn's University Museum"

John Cotter (University of Pennsylvania) "Archaeology and National Icons"

Valerie Pinsky (Smithsonian Institution) and Stephen Williams (Harvard University) served as discussants for the symposium.

### **VIII. Announcements/Sources for the History of Archaeology**

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#### **Announcements**

The 66th Anniversary Pecos Conference will be held at Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark Site, Springerville, Arizona 13-15 August 1993. Those interested in obtaining more information about the conference should contact Dr. John W. Hohmann, Louis Berger and Associates, Incorporated (602) 234-1124/FAX 241-1561.

A conference on "Levallois Stone Age Tool-Making Technology" was held 11 through 15 May 1993 at the University Museum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania U.S.A. The purpose of the conference was to study this specialized flaking technology for stone tool-making believed to be found throughout Africa and Eurasia from 250,000 to 35,000 years ago. The outcome of the conference was an "intense definition [and] interpretation [of this lithic technology] by Paleolithic archaeologists from around the world." The conference, the first ever to focus exclusively on this topic, was organized by Dr. Harold Dibble, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania and Associate Curator of European Archaeology, The University Museum, with Dr. Ofer Bar-Yosef, MacCurdy Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology, Peabody Museum, Harvard University. Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University Museum were sponsors of the conference. The conference brought together a large group of specialists, but a group that was marked as much by its diversity as its common interest in this topic. Some of the participants were modern specialists in the replication of Levallois tools, while others brought along insights they have gained in the technology through painstakingly piecing together hundreds or even thousands of prehistoric stone fragments that were created during the manufacture of Levallois implements. Further, virtually every area of the Old World where this technology occurred was represented during this conference. The conference was carefully planned and

included a limited number of participants (about 40) and a full five days for presentations and open discussion. The conference organizers (Dibble and Bar-Yosef) hope to begin the process of integrating various perspectives to arrive at some scholarly consensus on a theoretical definition of Levallois technology that can be applied in research with mutually agreed-upon objective criteria. For those doing research in or having an interest in the history of Levallois archaeology, more information about the conference a complete list of its participants may be obtained by contacting Dr. Harold Dibble in the United States at (215) 898-7073.

**Request for information:** Douglas R. Givens (Department of Behavioral Sciences, Saint Louis Community College-Meramec, 11333 Big Bend Boulevard, Saint Louis, Missouri U.S.A. 63122) requests information on and source of acquisition of the following book:

Gamio, Angles Gonzales  
1987 *Un Lucha Sin Final*, Universidad  
Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Ciudad  
Universitaria, Mexico 20, D.F.

Givens has been trying to obtain a copy of the book but has so far been unsuccessful. Information as to where to acquire a copy of it would be greatly appreciated.

From S.J. Lucy and J.D. Hill at Newnham College, Sigwick Avenue, Cambridge, England, we received the following notice:

18 November 1992

Meeting on Critical Approaches to the History of British Archaeology

We are proposing to organize a small meeting on the history of British archaeology next summer (1993), which we hope that you would be interested in attending. In recent years there has been a growing interest in this area, both in this country and in the United States, evidenced by a number of brief publications on differing topics, and the new American newsletter on the history of archaeology [refers to the *Bulletin of the History of Archaeology*]. Informally talking to a number of archaeologists, it is clear that many are interested but have not had the opportunity to discuss their ideas with others. We hope that this meeting will provide this opportunity, and help towards the development of a more coherent framework within which further research can take place.

The meeting is being provisionally organized for mid to late June (post-exams), probably on a weekend, but as only a small number of people will be involved, this would be flexible. It will take place in Cambridge, and run long the lines of the recent Iron Age Symposia in Cambridge and Edinburgh, with papers lasting around thirty minutes and plenty of discussion. Exact location and details are yet to be fixed. It is hoped that a session for TAG '93 at Durham will follow on from this meeting, providing the opportunity to air these issues before a wide audience. If participants feel that there is a need for a publication arising from these discussions, then this possibility will be looked into.

We would like to explore critical approaches to our history rather than the anecdotal accounts which so often pass for historiography. Issues which it would be interesting to develop further include some of the following topics. The relationship between archaeology and nationalism: is there any more to this than simply stating the obvious, that archaeology has been heavily implicated in the development of nationalistic visions of the past. What role can the history of archaeology play in the engendering of the subject? Can simply noting the male bias in history of archaeology, and advocating positive discrimination, play any significant role in redressing the balance?

What should be the relationship between such histories and archaeological theory? Is there a need for less "transcendental reflection" and more critical examination of our own practices and their development? This clearly has implications for how and what we teach about the history of archaeology in undergraduate courses. If we all recognize the importance of such studies, then surely they should be fully integrated into teaching, rather than bracketed off in introductory courses. Would an integrated approach move away from the individualistic biographical stance that is so often employed? Are such figures as Gordon Childe and Pitt-Rivers, when set in their own historical context, as central as their "hagiographies" make out?

We hope to gather together a group of people, all looking at the history of archaeology, but with differing perspectives and research interests. We are particularly interested in histories of Roman and Medieval studies, as these appear to be denied a part in histories of Archaeology, which are invariably written by prehistorians. If you are interested in participating in this meeting, please contact us, indicating the topic on which you would like to speak, and also which dates would be convenient. If there is anyone else whom you feel would be particularly interested, please give us their names, and we will contact them, although we would like to keep the numbers down if possible.

22 March 1992

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Cambridge

### Meeting on Critical Approaches to the History of British Archaeology

Thank you for replying to our initial enquiry about holding a small meeting/seminar on the critical history of British archaeology in Cambridge this summer. We have had a very encouraging response and it appears that many people have been thinking about the history of archaeology quite independently of each other. This letter is to let you know further details about the meeting and associated developments.

#### 1. The Meeting

The date of the meeting is being largely determined by the end of the university examinations, especially for those who are external examiners. As such, we are suggesting the first week in July (probably Friday 9th) for the meeting. The meeting will last a day, with presentations no longer than 20-25 minutes each. Promised contributions range from the problem of "biography" and the history of archaeology, through case studies of the role of women in the development of the discipline to the history of studies of the English settlement. We will arrange accommodation for those needing to stay in Cambridge the night before and/or afterwards.

#### 2. The TAG Session

As suggested in our original letter, to air the issues raised at the meeting before a wider audience, we will be organizing a session out of the meeting for TAG '93 in Durham. This will give an opportunity for those interested to present revised presentations of their work (or completely new work).

#### 3. A Possible Publication

Many of the responses we received to our original letter suggested that there was a need for a publication(s) on new approaches to the History of British Archaeology and we would hope that an edited volume will be the eventual outcome of the meeting and TAG session. In addition we will write a detailed summary of the meeting for the Bulletin of the History of Archaeology.

#### 4. A Bibliography for the History of British Archaeology

Another suggestion is to compile a comprehensive list of published articles and books which touch on different aspects of the History of British Archaeology as a resource for future studies. There seem to be more such articles tucked away in county journals etc., than people have suspected. We will be happy to compile this bibliography and it might be possible to produce some form of initial list at the meeting. Please send contributions to us.

#### 5. Setting the History of Archaeology in Britain on a more formal footing?

A further suggestion from several people was possibly the need for a more formal organization for the history of archaeology. Whether this follows the North American pattern of a newsletter etc., or holding biannual meetings, as has proved successful for British Iron Age studies, or whether this is necessary at all, is something to discuss in the summer.

Please let us know if the proposed date is convenient and send us a provision title of any paper/presentation you would like to give at the meeting.

Best wishes,

Sam Lucy and J.D. Hill

Those who hope to attend the meeting:

John Barrett  
Richard Bradley  
Linda Ebbatson  
Phil Freeman  
Ian Hodder  
Colin Renfrew  
Andrew Sherratt  
Julian Thomas

Barbara Bender  
John Carman  
Mark Edmonds  
Peter Gathercole  
Matthew Johnson  
Colin Richards  
Marie-Louis Stig Stevenson

Mark Bowden  
Tim Champion  
Chris Evans  
Catherine Hills  
Martin Millett  
TG Roberts  
Martin Tingle

In the United States, the National Park Service's Interagency Resources Division (Information Services Branch) has developed software designed to facilitate the process of collecting and managing data, and providing reports about historic properties and historic preservation programs, projects, and activities. Three applications are available: Survey/Inventory and National Register Nomination, Historic Preservation Fund/Grants Administration, and the National Archeological Database Reports. This Integrated Preservation Software has the following uses that might be of interest to those doing research in the history of archaeology in the United States:

- Streamline preparation of National Register Nominations.
- Prepare Historic Preservation fund End-of-Year Reports more efficiently.
- Reduce transcription errors caused by repetitive data entry.
- Retrieve information about State historic preservation projects and activities.
- Provide documentation that meets the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Evaluation."
- Provide information and documentation required for State Program Review.
- Receive State-specific data from the National Register Information System.
- Transfer data collected "in the field" to existing State databases
- Function as primary database for State applications.
- Add data fields to facilitate the internal reporting requirements of State Historic Preservation Offices, local governments, Federal agencies, or private individuals or organizations.
- Produce bibliographic citations for archeological reports for use in other documents.
- Access information about archeological work conducted in the State.
- Integrate information from a variety of Program Areas to update inventories.
- Provide local governments with a tool for managing their resources.
- Provide contractors with a tool for survey and reporting.

#### Costs to Implement

The Integrated Preservation Software is available to SHPOs (State Historic Preservation Officers) upon request. Distribution of the software to consultants and local governments may be coordinated by the SHPO. Expenses may be incurred by acquiring or updating computer equipment. Each State should designate a System Manager for maintaining data, customizing applications as desired, and training and supporting users.

#### Training and Support

The National Park Service (NPS) has scheduled four System Manager training courses during the remainder of the fiscal year. System Manager Training consists of an intensive week-long course. The Park Service will provide software support to any State office that designates a System Manager and sends that individual for System Manager training.

#### For More Information

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