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## Archaeology Southwest's Archaeology Café Program Receives Grant Award from Arizona Humanities

*Funding will help encourage meaningful visits to some of the Southwest's most special cultural sites and landscapes.*

Tucson, Ariz. (September 13, 2019)—Tucson-based nonprofit Archaeology Southwest is pleased to announce that it has received a \$4,540 grant award from Arizona Humanities in support of its popular Archaeology Café program. Archaeology Café has been bringing lifelong learners and humanities scholars together to explore the Southwest's deep history for the past 12 years. This public programming grew out of the science pub or science café movement in which speakers engage audiences extemporaneously, without jargon, in a casual, nonacademic atmosphere. Arizona Humanities, the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, awards grants to cultural, educational, and nonprofit institutions, such as museums, libraries, tribal entities, and universities.

"We are so grateful and fortunate to receive this grant from Arizona Humanities," said Linda Pierce, Archaeology Southwest's Deputy Director. "In addition to helping us continue livestreaming the Cafés for our global audience, this funding will also support the creation of handouts and online materials so Café viewers can experience more meaningful visits to the places of our past."

The Archaeology Café series will consist of seven programs at the Loft Cinema in Tucson, Arizona. Last year's season encouraged Tucsonans to consider connections through time between their own and other communities across the Southwest. The 2019–2020 season will build on this theme of connection by encouraging Café-goers to go out and experience some of these significant places firsthand. While focusing on places from our past that people can visit today, this season's speakers will help Archaeology Café viewers understand what makes these places special, what they tell us about life long ago, and how visitors can best experience them for themselves. Handouts with information about each of the places discussed will be available at each Café. The handouts will also tie to a section of Archaeology Southwest's website where visitors can explore and discover other publicly accessible heritage destinations throughout the Southwest: [www.archaeologysouthwest.org/explore](http://www.archaeologysouthwest.org/explore).

Archaeology Café will continue to be livestreamed through Archaeology Southwest's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ArchaeologySouthwest](https://www.facebook.com/ArchaeologySouthwest)), and this season's online participants can look forward to more consistent, higher-quality video feeds. Additionally, online materials related to each of the talks will help our live-feed audience plan their own meaningful trips to culturally rich sites throughout the Southwest. Archaeology Southwest will also continue to videotape each Café and post resulting footage to its YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/ArchaeologySouthwest](https://www.youtube.com/user/ArchaeologySouthwest)).

Each program begins at 6:00 p.m. Archaeology Café is free and open to the public. Refreshments are available for purchase. All programs will be held at The Loft Cinema, Theater 1, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson AZ. Additional funding is generously provided by The Smith Family Trust.

### 2019–2020 Archaeology Café Schedule

- 10/1/19: **Why You Should Experience the Painted Rock Petroglyph Site** with Aaron Wright
- 12/3/19: **Why You Should Experience Pecos National Historical Park** with Jeremy M. Moss
- 1/7/20: **Why You Should Experience Bears Ears** with R. E. Burrillo
- 2/4/20: **Why You Should Experience Casa Grande Ruins National Monument** with Kyle Woodson
- 3/3/20: **Why You Should Experience Grand Staircase-Escalante** with Christa Sadler
- 4/7/20: **Why You Should Experience Aztec and Salmon** with Paul F. Reed
- 5/5/20: **Why You Should Experience Casa Malpais and Kinishba** with John R. Welch

In addition to our regular Archaeology Café events, we are pleased to offer a bonus event for the month of November:

- 11/19/19: **Special Book Release Discussion Featuring Unpublished Looks at Molen Reef Rock Art** with Jonathan Bailey  
*Note: this event will not be recorded or streamed through Facebook Live*

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### ABOUT ARCHAEOLOGY SOUTHWEST

Archaeology Southwest is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Tucson, Arizona, that explores and protects the places of our past across the American Southwest and Mexican Northwest. For three decades, Archaeology Southwest has fostered meaningful connections to the past and respectfully safeguarded its irreplaceable resources. Learn more at [archaeologysouthwest.org](http://archaeologysouthwest.org).

### ABOUT ARIZONA HUMANITIES

<http://azhumanities.org>

*Mission: Arizona Humanities builds a just and civil society by creating opportunities to explore our shared human experiences through discussion, learning and reflection.*

Arizona Humanities is a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since 1973, Arizona Humanities has supported public programs that promote understand of the human experience with cultural, educational, and nonprofit organizations across Arizona.

