The last 15 years have seen a dramatic increase in archaeological understanding of precontact migration and the Salado “phenomenon” in the American Southwest. Join Drs. William Doelle and Jeffery Clark of Archaeology Southwest and other esteemed researchers at the forefront of these recent investigations for a tour of southern and central Arizona, where you will explore the effects of this “clash” of Hohokam and Ancestral Pueblo ideologies.

Within the adobe and cobble mound ruins of southern Arizona lies evidence for the struggle between two native religions with very different origins and organizations. One religion, with platform mounds as an integral part, developed in the densely populated Phoenix Basin, the center of the Hohokam archaeological culture. Another religion, at least partially expressed through symbols on Salado polychrome bowls and jars, developed within Ancestral Pueblo immigrant communities, and was rapidly adopted by many locals.

This tour will visit sites where both religions developed, including large platform mound villages in the Phoenix area and Ancestral Pueblo enclaves in southeastern Arizona. We will explore contested areas where the two religions overlapped, especially the well-preserved and scenic San Pedro valley.

Hopi anthropologist and educator Lyle J. Balenquah will give tour participants an additional perspective of the voice of the Kayenta immigrants throughout the tour. You will also visit special museum collections that have been pivotal to new research. Immersive site tours will be led by local archaeological experts and members of descendant Native American communities who will provide alternative views sure to lead to lively discussions.

Mounds and Migrants: A Clash of Religions in the Late Hohokam World
February 24–March 2, 2018

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Dr. Jeffery J. Clark has more than 30 years of archaeological experience, working extensively in Southwest Asia and the North American Southwest. His research interest is assessing the scale and impact of human migration, focusing on the late precontact Salado Phenomenon. Jeff received his Ph.D. (1997) from the University of Arizona and his B.A. (1983) from Cornell University. He has been a Preservation Archaeologist at Archaeology Southwest for more than 15 years and is also an adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona.

Dr. William H. Doelle has more than 30 years of experience as a professional archaeologist. He has worked extensively in Mexico, Guatemala, and the North American Southwest. His primary research interest is the demographic history of the Greater Southwest. He is the founder and president of Archaeology Southwest, a nonprofit organization dedicated to respectfully exploring the Southwest’s past and sharing that story with everyone.

Lyle J. Balenquah, Hopi, is a member of the Greasewood Clan from the Village of Bacavi on Third Mesa. He has earned Bachelor’s (1999) and Master’s (2002) degrees in Anthropology from Northern Arizona University. For over 15 years he has worked throughout the American Southwest as an archaeologist documenting ancestral Hopi settlements and lifeways. Currently an independent consultant, his work experience includes time with the National Park Service, the Hopi Tribe, and the Museum of Northern Arizona.

Join Us for this special tour of key sites that shaped the Southwest’s past

Guest Scholars: Dr. Todd Bostwick, former Phoenix City Archaeologist | Dr. Doug Craig, Northland Research, Inc. | Bernard Siquieros, Tohono O’odham Cultural Center and Museum | Dr. Patrick Lyons, Arizona State Museum
TO TOUR SCHEDULE AND DETAILS

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- six nights’ lodging in comfortable hotels
- all meals
- entry fees
- permits and admissions
- study leader honoraria
- transportation via vans or mini-coach for the duration of the trip

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Deposit: $500
Balance due: January 5, 2018

$200 of the tuition is a tax-deductible gift to Archaeology Southwest and Southwest Seminars, and includes a 12-month membership to Archaeology Southwest.

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The trip begins and ends in Phoenix, Arizona. Itinerary subject to change.

Saturday, February 24: PHOENIX ARRIVAL

Sunday, February 25: PLATFORM MOUNDS
We’ll visit one of the largest and best preserved Hohokam platform mound sites in the Phoenix Basin, Pueblo Grande, with a special tour led by Dr. Todd Bostwick. We’ll then head southeast to the Casa Grande site, where Dr. Douglas Craig will join us for an intimate exploration of this major platform site in the Hohokam core region. Overnight in Tucson at Lodge on the Desert.

Monday, February 26: LOWER SAN PEDRO
We’ll spend the day on a trip up the Lower San Pedro River valley, exploring sites that tell a clear story of the migration and interaction of ancestral Puebloans with local residents. Many of the sites we’ll visit are on private land and inaccessible at other times. Bernard Siquieros, Curator of Education at the Tohono O’odham Cultural Center and Museum, will join us for the day. Overnight in Tucson, Lodge on the Desert.

Tuesday, February 27: ARIZONA STATE MUSEUM (AND MORE)
Tuesday will be another day exploring evidence of pre-contract ancestral Puebloan immigration into southern Arizona. We’ll first stop at the Arizona State Museum in Tucson where Dr. Patrick Lyons will treat us to a special behind-the-scenes tour and give us more insight into the Kayenta migration that resulted in what we see as Salado. We’ll then head east to Safford, stopping at sites such as Nine Mile Ruin, Goat Hill, and Spear Ranch. Overnight in Thatcher, SpringHill Suites by Marriott.

Wednesday, February 28: MILLS COLLECTION (AND MORE)
We’ll begin the morning with a visit to Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher to view some of the incredible Salado materials in the Mills Collection. From there, we’ll drive by the gridded garden sites in the area, and travel along a portion of the migration routes Kayenta immigrant families walked to reach Safford, the San Pedro, and other destinations in the Hohokam region. We will visit Gila Pueblo and sites such as Besh-ba-gowah that served as “gateway” communities linking the northern and southern Southwest in the San Carlos and Globe area. Overnight in Globe at Copper Best Western.

Thursday, March 1: TONTO CLIFF DWELLINGS
Our last day will feature a visit to both the lower and upper ruins at Tonto Cliff Dwellings, an impressive site on the landscape that was almost certainly settled by immigrant populations. After lunch we’ll stop at Cline Terrance, and then another scenic drive along the rugged Apache Trail that follows the Salt River will return us to Phoenix for a farewell dinner. Overnight in Phoenix Hilton Airport.

Friday, March 2: PHOENIX DEPARTURE
Depart from Phoenix anytime after breakfast.

Limited space available—Enroll today to guarantee your spot!