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USA Archaeology Museum Newsletter - December 2022

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In this edition of the museum's newsletter,

- Meet the people at the USA Archaeology Museum
- Upcoming Exhibit Opening at the NEW BioMedical Library @Artspace
- Please consider adding the Museum to your Holiday Giving List
- ***Please note that the museum will be closed Dec. 12, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023.

Season's Greetings from the USA Archaeology Museum!

The Archaeology Museum Welcomes a New Director!

The USA Archaeology Museum has always had wonderful leadership since our founding by Dr. Gregory Waselkov who after his retirement was followed by Dr. Philip Carr. With many thanks to both of them for their years of service to the museum, we are glad to welcome the next director!

Trained as a Greek and Roman Art Historian and Archaeologist, Dr. Kara K. Burns, Associate Professor of Art History, specializes in Greek, Etruscan, and Roman beliefs in the afterlife; she is currently celebrating fifteen years in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of South Alabama was one of the founding members of South's Museum Studies program. Dr. Burns is an Arizona native (it's a dry heat) and holds a BA and Ph.D. from the University of Arizona and an MA from the University of Oregon. Her current book, *The Iconography of Mystery: The Relationship between Orpheus and Bacchus in Late Roman Britain*, combines her interest in ancient religion and Roman mosaics. Her greatest passion is sharing her love of Mediterranean art history and archaeology as Director of the USA Visual Arts in Italy study abroad

program that introduces students from disciplines across the university to Italy's beauty and rich cultural heritage.



Dr. Kara Burns in Florence, Italy.

Meet the Museum's Assistant Director!

The Archaeology Museum's assistant director, Jen Knutson, has been managing the daily operations of the Museum since March 2021. Originally from north Alabama, she received her B.A. from the University of North Florida in Anthropology and is working on her master's thesis for the University of West Florida in Anthropology, with an Historical Archaeology focus on Campbell Town, an 18th century Huguenot colony in British West Florida. She is currently serving a term as the 1st vice-president of the Florida Anthropological Society, though she has served on its board in other capacities for several years. She is a Project Archaeology certified Master Teacher with a background in international education so her favorite part of the job is welcoming K-12 students to the museum on fieldtrips and working with South students.



Jen in Cortez, Colorado with Project Archaeology.

Upcoming Exhibit Announcement:

Images of Science

The University of South Alabama [Charles M. Baugh BioMedical Library](#) recently opened a new ArtSpace@BioMed. On January 19th at 3:30 p.m., there will be a reception which is free and open to the public for its newest exhibit, [Images of Science](#).

This exhibit, from the Max Planck Society at Gesellschaft, is supported by the "Germany on Campus" initiative by the [USA International Studies Program](#), lead by its director, Dr. Christine Rinne, Associate Professor of German at South.

Science often pushes back the boundaries of the known world to explore new topics and make the invisible visible. In the process of this work, in addition to a purely scientific documentation of research objects, sometimes images are created that feature surprising aesthetic forms and structures: abstract works of art from a world normally hidden to the human eye.

Each year, scientists from the more than 80 research institutes of the Max Planck Society enter images showcasing their work from the most various research fields. The most spectacular ones form the basis this travelling exhibit that provides a fascinating glimpse into the world of science.

Dr. Kara Burns, the Archaeology Museum's director and Associate Professor of Art History at South, will present her research on *Mosaics: Fractured Beauty*, following the exhibit reception.

Giving to the Archaeology Museum

If you enjoy the Archaeology Museum's free public programs and want to add us to your end of year donations list, giving to the museum is now possible online! Please visit <https://giving.southalabama.edu/archaeology> to make a secure, online donation to the museum. Every dollar counts! Some of our ongoing funding needs include K-12 supplies, paying student assistants, exhibit maintenance, and bringing new exhibits to campus.

Admission is Free!

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