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Dear Member:

Time Sifters is one of 13 chapters of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) who is holding their 77th Annual Meeting & Conference on May 9-11 in Gainesville, FL. The Conference is open to the public with Saturday devoted to lectures and exhibits. See page 4 for more information.

We are proud to announce The Winners of the **Cornelia Futor Memorial Student Research Grant**, Aiden Elyward and Alex Fawbush. Please see page 3 for more information.

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Historical Trivia

Who is Dr. Donald Johanson staring at?



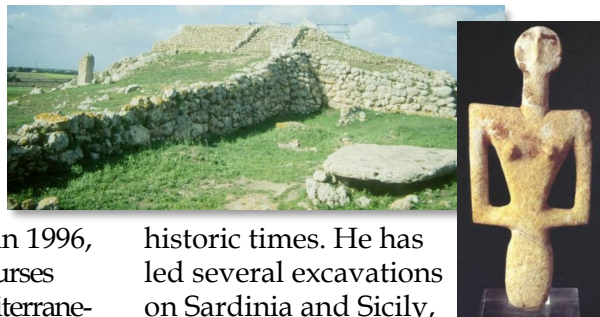
Answer on page 4.

May 21st - at 5:45 PM at the Selby Library in downtown Sarasota



"Sardinia in the Mediterranean: Sea Peoples and Other Connections in the Late Bronze-Early Iron Age"

Dr. Robert H. Tykot,
Professor
University of South Florida



This evening, Professor Tykot is presenting on the large island of Sardinia, focusing on the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age when there were long-distance connections with other parts of the Mediterranean. Modern archaeology has revealed unique characteristics of the indigenous population and cultures, including the many Nuragic stone tower constructions (nuraghi), while having material exchange of ceramics and copper ingots with the Mycenaeans in the Aegean, and potential relationships with the Sea Peoples of the eastern Mediterranean.

Dr. Robert H. Tykot is a Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida (USF) and Director of the Laboratory for Archaeological Science &

Technology. Joining USF in 1996, he has taught a variety of courses including Archaeology, Mediterranean Archaeology, Ancient Trade, Ancient Diets, Archaeological Science, and Fantastic Archaeology, which focuses on critical thinking and debunking the many false claims involving archaeology. As major advisor, he has produced 13 PhD, 20 MA and 22 senior honors undergraduates. He has won several awards including a USF Outstanding Faculty Award, a three time winner of USF Outstanding Research Achievement Award, and just last month the Excellence in Research Award.

Tykot's research has focused on Italy and the central Mediterranean, from the Neolithic through

historic times. He has led several excavations on Sardinia and Sicily, while conducting more than 40,000 elemental and isotopic analyses on obsidian, ceramics, copper-based metals, marble sculptures, and human remains throughout the Mediterranean and the New World. He has more than 240 formal publications in journals and has given more than 600 presentations at national and international conferences and reviewed article submissions for 100 different journals.

He is President of the Tampa Bay chapter of the *Archaeological Institute of America*, which like Time Sifters has monthly talks open to the public.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

#1499 - Antigua Naval Dockyard and Related Archaeological Sites (Antigua & Barbuda)

by: Smitty, Time Sifters Member. **Sources:** The World Heritage Site, Wikipedia and Antigua History.net.

The natural environment of the south side of the island of Antigua, with its deep, narrow bays surrounded by highlands, offered shelter from hurricanes and was ideal for repairing ships. This area became known as **English Harbor** and quickly became a focal point for the establishment of an English Naval base in Antigua. Its location meant it was well positioned to monitor the neighboring French island of Guadeloupe.

The Dockyard was used by the English Royal Navy during the wars with the French that persisted on and off throughout the 18th century until peace was finally declared in 1815.

In 1728 the first Dockyard, named St. Helena, was built on the east side of the harbor which

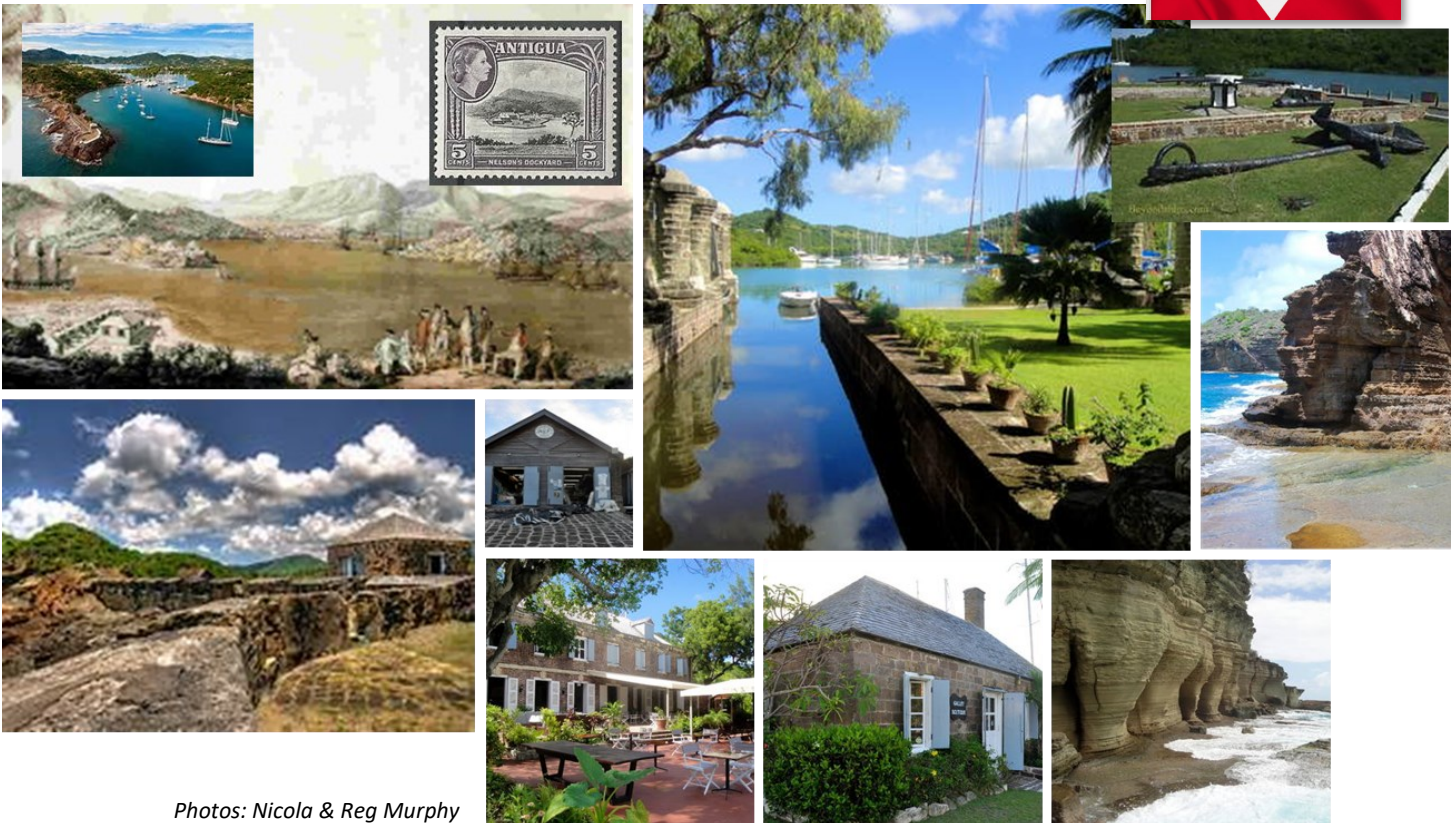
soon exceeded its capacity requiring construction of the modern Naval Dockyard which began in the 1740s. Enslaved laborers from local plantations were used during the construction of the new dockyard. One of English Harbors' duties was to protect the interests of sugar cane planters at a time when European powers were competing for control of the Eastern Caribbean. Many of the existing buildings in the Dockyard today were constructed during a building program undertaken between 1785 and 1794.

Many famous British officers visited Antigua including the Admirals Rodney, Cochrane, Hood, and Nelson. The ships most often seen under repair in English Harbor were frigates,

brig-sloops, schooners and cutters.

By 1889 the English Navy abandoned the Dockyard and it fell into decay. *The Society of the Friends of English Harbor* began restoration in 1951 and a decade later it was opened to the public.

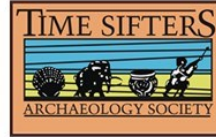
Among the original buildings are two hotels, a museum, craft and food shops, restaurants, and a large marina. Hiking trails radiate across the surrounding national park.



Photos: Nicola & Reg Murphy

Time Sifters Presents

Cornelia Futor Memorial Student Research Grant



The Cornelia Futor Memorial Student Grant is made possible thanks to the support of CRM industry leaders **ACI and Janus Research**, as well as many individual donors. The grant of up to \$2000 is open to students currently enrolled at a Florida university or college who have begun their junior year of undergraduate studies at the time of application, MA students, and Ph.D. students who are pursuing a major in anthropology with a focus on archaeology.

The 2025 grant cycle is specifically funding participation in field schools that include training in excavation techniques or targeted research in archives that may yield new information about the history of the European presence in Florida.

The 2025 Winners



Aiden Eylvard
*M.A. Student,
University of South Florida*

Preparing to begin graduate studies in Anthropology at the University of South Florida (USF) in Fall 2025, Aiden Eylvard seeks

to gain the hands-on field experience that he sees as essential to his academic and professional development. His work centers on forensic anthropology, mortuary archaeology, and the application of 3D technologies to the documentation and analysis of human remains and archaeological materials in situ. At USF, Aiden has led a collaborative 3D digitization project involving the university's skeletal collection and come to appreciate how digital methods can enhance the documentation of trauma and pathology, as well as the broader context of site stratigraphy and excavation features.

The Melite Civitas Romana Project presents an opportunity to gain intensive training in mortuary excavation while working within a research framework that values methodological innovation and cultural context. The project's emphasis on funerary archaeology and digital documentation directly aligns with Aiden's background and long-term goals. Participating in this field school will help him refine excavation and artifact recovery techniques, build experience in interpreting stratigraphy, and better understand the use of advanced recording tools in active field settings.



Alex Fawbush
*M.A. Student,
University of South Florida*

Alex Fawbush's proposed project seeks to conduct targeted object-based research on the Fort Brooke collection housed at the Florida

Bureau of Archaeological Research (FBAR) in Tallahassee, to develop the first public-facing interpretation of the collection since a 2016 exhibit at the Tampa Bay History Center. The Fort Brooke Collection contains objects that inform our understanding of Native Americans, settlers, immigrants, and soldiers who were impacted by the fort's construction and turbulent history from 1824 to 1883. The work plan includes collection based research, 3D artifact scanning, and exhibit design, which will result in an interactive 3D exhibit for the artifact collection.

Alex is a Research Support Specialist for the Access 3D Lab and the Institute for Digital Exploration (IDEx) and is also a disabled veteran of the U.S. Navy having served for eight years as an electronic warfare technician. He is currently an MA candidate in the Applied Anthropology program at USF, focusing on archaeology and CRM with Dr. Thomas Pluckhahn. He hopes to continue working in digitization, specifically with archaeological and cultural heritage projects, upon the completion of his degree.



A Time Sifters Book Review

A Little History of Archaeology

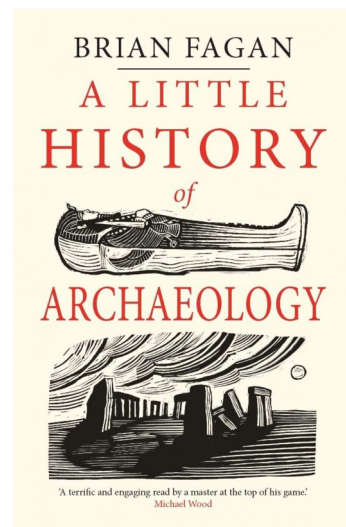
by Brian Fagan. ISBN: 9780300224641. Publication Date: April 10, 2018, 288 pages. Source: Yale Books

What is archaeology? The word may bring to mind images of golden pharaohs and lost civilizations, or Neanderthal skulls and Ice Age cave art. Archaeology is all of these, but also far more: the only science to encompass the entire span of human history – more than three million years!

This *Little History* tells the riveting stories of some of the great archaeologists and their amazing discoveries around the globe: ancient Egyptian tombs, Mayan ruins, and the first colonial settlements at Jamestown, mysterious Stonehenge, the incredibly preserved Pompeii,

and many, many more. In 40 brief, exciting chapters, the book recounts archaeology's development from its 18th-century origins to its 21st-century technological advances. Shining light on the most intriguing events in the history of the field, this absolutely up-to-date book illuminates archaeology's controversies, discoveries, heroes and scoundrels, global sites, and newest methods for curious readers of every age.

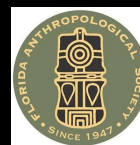
Brian Fagan is emeritus professor of anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara, an internationally recognized authority on global prehistory,



and the author of dozens of books on archaeological topics, including *Fishing: How the Sea Fed Civilization*.

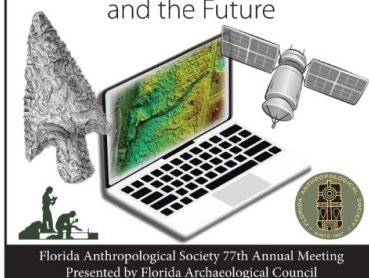
THE 77th ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

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SIGNIFICANCE

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THE FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL (FAC) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA INVITES YOU TO THE 77TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN GAINESVILLE, MAY 9-11, 2025, AT THE HILTON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER JUST ACROSS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

This event marks 23 years since FAC published the "Thinking about Significance" volume. This publication was monumental at the time and has been a reference to many in the years since. But our understanding of what archaeological significance is has shifted dramatically during the last two decades as our understanding of the archaeological record has grown and as the dialogue surrounding archaeology has expanded to include a larger, more diverse stakeholder group. Papers on all topics are welcomed, but it is hoped there will be a focus on "significance", including the interpretation of site and artifact significance in relation to historic preservation, significance in interpretation and presentation, how different "groups" view significance, and how our understanding and evaluation of significance has changed as the perspectives of indigenous and other underrepresented stakeholders are integrated into archaeological discussions.

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Historical Trivia: The Australopithecine Afarensis named "Lucy"