

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SPRING 2009

Brown Bag Seminars
Wednesdays at Noon

April 29 Chihhua Chiang

Reconstructing Prehistoric Social
Organization: A Case Study from the
Wansan Site, Taiwan

May 6 John Matsunaga

Neolithic Materiality: A Study of
Anthropomorphic Figurine Production
and Technology from the Vinča
Culture (Serbia)

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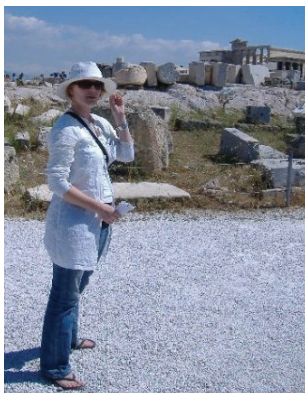
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STAHL GRANTS AT WORK IN NEMEA

Last summer two graduate students, Laura Pfunter and Allison Kirk from Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, participated in the Berkeley excavations at Nemea, Greece with the aid of ARF Stahl grants. Laura supervised two undergraduate students in sorting, identifying, and cataloguing pottery from previous excavations. Allison worked on an architecture cataloguing project that consisted of analyzing architectural fragments in the museum, printing and filing catalogue cards, and writing a final report of the process and findings. To complete the project, she worked with two undergraduate students who had a particular interest in architecture.

The study produced several interesting finds including an architectural fragment with large amounts of preserved paint. Allison also oversaw the excavation of a trench to build a toilet on site. Although no significant finds were uncovered, this provided an opportunity for the students to see an actual excavation while working on excavated material. Both students, along with other graduate and undergraduate students at Nemea, enjoyed visiting archaeological sites throughout the Peloponnese (Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus) and beyond (Corinth, Delphi, Athens), as well as exploring the lovely Nemea Valley and participating in the Nemea Games.



Allison Kirk on the Acropolis



Laura Pfunter working on
sherds in the Nemea Museum

more on Nemea on reverse

Cal Day



Hundreds of community members, families, and out-of-state visitors came to ARF on Cal Day. Volunteers created opportunities for every visitor to participate in activities related to archaeology — from modelling clay to live demonstrations of flintknapping methods, from reading



posters to viewing videos about archaeology, from solving puzzles to wall painting.

Cal Day Photos 2009



Atrium activities



Flintknapping on the front porch

More from Nemea

The Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology conducted two research programs in Greece during the summer of 2008. The participation of several graduate students from Berkeley was made possible by two Stahl grants awarded to Robert Knapp and Kim Shelton, professors of Classics. This newsletter features reports on the work of these students.

During the summer of 2008, Dr. Kim Shelton conducted her ninth year of excavation at Petsas' House, Mycenae. I participated as one of six trench supervisors on site, responsible largely for excavating my own trench and overseeing the field school students that worked with me. Over the course of

the summer I cleaned two trenches previously excavated in the 1950s, to determine whether these early excavations had reached bedrock in all areas and whether what was found then corresponded with what I uncovered more recently. I also excavated to bedrock a trench adjacent to those dug in the 1950s, which determined the stratigraphy for the area. Toward the end of the season I worked with another supervisor in excavating layers of flat stones, tiles, and pottery in an effort to reach the floor of the room. I also assisted in the flotation of several samples taken throughout the site and worked in the museum sorting, cataloguing and joining pottery.

--- J. Marilyn Evans