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JANUARY PCAS SPEAKER

Dr. Matthew Des Lauriers

Rediscovering Huamalgu:
The Island of Fogs

**Archaeological, Ethnohistoric, and Ethnographic
Investigations on Isla Cedros, Baja California, Mexico**

For the last eight years, Dr. Matthew Des Lauriers has conducted historical, ethnographic, and archaeological research on Isla Cedros, Baja California Norte, in an effort to understand the nature of island societies in ecological, economic, and social dimensions. The discovery of two sites with basal strata dated by AMS to over 10,000 RCYBP confirms that the earliest occupation of Isla Cedros occurred during the terminal Pleistocene, i.e., before 12,000 cal BP. The importance of this discovery for understanding the peopling of the New World is remarkable and will contribute greatly to the active dialogue on the topic. In addition, the discovery and investigation of well-preserved, Late period residential "village" sites with literally hundreds of house features also contributes to shattering notions of this arid peninsula as being occupied by small, mobile bands of foragers. These villages, which date to roughly the last 1500 years of indigenous history, provide an opportunity to examine of the development and elaboration of social structures among maritime hunter-gatherers of the Pacific coast. Perhaps least expected at the initiation of the research program was that the investigation of archaeological sites on a remote Baja California island would have impact of real significance to *(continued on page 2)*

DINNER WITH THE SPEAKER

Please join this month's speaker, Dr. Matthew Des Lauriers, and PCAS members for dinner before the January 14th General Meeting. We will meet at 6 pm at Knowlwood Restaurant, 14952 Sand Canyon, Irvine.

PCAS MEETINGS CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING

Free and Open to the Public

January 14 - 7:30 pm

Speaker: Dr. Matthew Des Lauriers

Topic: *Rediscovering Huamalgu:*
The Island of Fogs

Location: Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine
(between the I-5 and I-405 freeway)

The Irvine Ranch Water District neither supports nor endorses the causes or activities of organizations that use the District's meeting rooms which are made available for public use.

BOARD MEETING

All Members Welcome

January 21 - 7:00 pm

Location: Old Orange County Courthouse
PCAS Library, Ground Floor
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana

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2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE!

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December Holiday Dinner speaker Dr. Claude Warren with PCAS Program Chair Joe Hodulik.

January Speaker *(continued from page 1)*

the modern people of the island, who struggle to deal with poachers, government regulations, issues of trade and global markets, as well as the varying degrees and types of “insularity” that come with the geography of their home amid the wind and waves.

Dr. Matthew Des Lauriers is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Anthropological Research Institute at California State University, Northridge. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside. His experience includes both academic and cultural resource management work throughout Western North America and participation on projects as far afield as Chiapas, Mexico.

In Passing. . .

Aurora “Cha Cha” Belardes, 1947-2009

We extend our condolences to Cha Cha’s husband, David Belardes, Chief and Chairman of the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, and to all her family and friends.

Ted Cochlin, 1934-2009

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Ted Cochlin, husband of PCAS Board member Gail Cochlin. We at PCAS offer our condolences to Gail and to his family and friends.

Jay Von Werlhof, 1923-2009

An icon of Colorado Desert archaeology passed away December 10. He will be greatly missed.

PCAS HOLIDAY POTLUCK

PCAS members and guests enjoyed the Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 10th at the Duck Club. This Holiday Potluck was extremely successful and will probably become a PCAS holiday tradition. We had a variety of plentiful, delicious food. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share and especially to Sherri Gust for her donation of a huge spiral-cut ham.

This enjoyable evening would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. **Joe Hodulik** coordinated the reservations for the facility. **Bob and Rene Brace, Dorothy DeGennaro, Scott Findlay, Megan Galway, Joe Hodulik, Sandy Kennedy, Hank Koerper, Lynn Miller, and Mark Roeder** set up and festively decorated the Duck Club. Thanks to all who helped with clean up.



Susan Underbrink, Sherri Gust, Nancy Sikes, Joan Brown, and Ivan Strudwick (Bob Brace in background).



Polly Kennison and Paul Campbell facing camera, Ivan Strudwick in profile.

PCAS HOLIDAY DINNER IN PHOTOS



Steve O'Neil, Marshall Duell, and Tom Bogdan.



Mark Roeder and Sandy Schneeberger.



Hank Koerper and Scott Findlay.



Chris Padon with Dorothy DeGennaro.



Rene Brace and Sandy Kennedy.



Debbie McLean, Polly Kennison, Lynn Miller, and Paul Campbell.

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10th Annual Archaeology Fair

Ocean Institute in Dana Point, CA

January 9-10, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come explore the past and create your own mosaics, throw hunting spears, prepare ancient food, drive remotely operated vehicles, adventure up the California Coast with Pirate de Bouchard, and march with soldiers from a Roman Legion.

Regular Admission

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and for OI and AIA members

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GOOD NEWS FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY COLLECTION

Submitted by Mark Roeder

On December 15, 2009, the Orange County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the [Agreement for the Preservation and Curation of County of Orange Archaeological and Paleontological Resources](#) with California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). The County will retain title to the Collection, but CSUF will have custody of it and oversee its day-to-day management. This agreement will ensure that the Collection is properly stored, preserved, studied, and displayed. It will be maintained at the County's curation facility on Chestnut Avenue in Santa Ana. The County will provide approximately \$400,000 to improve and modify the site. Additionally the County will place \$300,000 in a reserve fund to cover unexpected initial construction costs and to pay for future improvements. The County will also provide CSUF with \$300,000 annually to manage the Collection.

In 1999 the County entered into an agreement with CSUF to develop a model curation plan for the Collection. As part of the program, existing archaeological and paleontological collections, which the County had received since 1980, were organized. In 2003 a final report on CSUF's efforts was submitted to the Board of Supervisions, which included a curation plan. Later, on July 15, 2008, through a competitive process, the Board selected CSUF to be the institution to manage the Collection and authorized OC Parks to negotiate an agreement. Earlier this year, OC Parks purchased the Chestnut Avenue property and buildings. The facility, the John D. Cooper Archaeological and Paleontological Center, was renamed to honor Dr. Cooper, who worked at the facility from 1999 until his death in 2007.

Monies for the Center will come from fees collected from developers since the mid-1970's. With interest, this fund has grown to \$ 1.6 million dollars.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

PCAS will take part in the AIA 10th Annual Archaeological Fair on January 9 and 10, 10 am-3 pm, at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point. If you can volunteer a few hours to assist with our hands-on outreach activities, please contact Scott Findlay, fieldtrips@pcas.org or 714-342-2534.

JANUARY CURATION WORKDAY

When: January 23, 1 pm

Where: Red Car Building

We will continue to inventory and rebag the PCAS CA-ORA-236 (Coyote Canyon Cave), excavated by PCAS in the 1970s.

Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary! Please contact Mark Roeder (714-241-8880, curator@pcas.org) or Rene Brace (714-544-6282, info@pcas.org) for directions and to let us know you will be coming.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

When: February 13-15

Where: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

PCAS members plan to camp on Saturday and Sunday nights. This may be a one to three day field trip.

Please sign up for this field trip at the January or February General Meeting or by contacting Scott Findlay at fieldtrips@pcas.org or 714-342-2534. If you are unable to attend a field trip for which you have signed up, please contact Scott as soon as possible. For contact the day of the field trip, call cell phone 714-342-2534.

PCAS SPEAKER CALENDAR

February 11, 2010

Alexander (Sandy) Rogers

Dating the Coso Petroglyphs

March 11, 2010

Dr. Gary Stickel

Ice Age Man in Malibu? The Clovis Culture

Discovery at Farpoint

April 8, 2010

Dr. Nancy Desautels-Wiley

Bolsa Chica (Part 1)

May 13, 2010

Dr. Nancy Desautels-Wiley

Bolsa Chica (Part 2)

DIG THIS...



Exhibits

The Gold of Troy: Ancient Jewelry from the Penn Museum Collection. Bowers Museum, through February 10. Fee: \$9-\$12. Information: www.bowers.org or 714-567-3600.

Lectures

Rock Art, Archaeology, and the Anasazi, by Wanda Raschkow, a lecture of the Coachella Valley Archaeological Society. Cathedral City Community Center, January 5, 6:30 pm. Free. Information: www.cvarch.org.

What are the Odds? Traditional Cahuilla Gaming, a Spirit Keepers Lecture of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum. Mizell Senior Center, 480 S. Sunrise Way (at Ramon Road), Palm Springs, January 12, 6:30 pm. Free. Information: www.accmuseum.org.

Southern California Rock Art, by Harry Quinn, an Old Firehouse Lecture. Portola Community Center, 45-480 Portola Ave., Palm Desert, January 22, 7 pm. Fee: \$5. Information: desertinstitute.homestead.com or 760-367-5535.

The Glory of Athens, by Irimi Vallera-Rickerson, will discuss the art and architecture of the Acropolis and its new museum. Bowers Museum, January 31, 1:30 pm. Fee: \$8 or free with museum admission. Information: www.bowers.org or 714-567-3600.

Andy Pignoli will be the guest speaker at a lecture of the San Diego County Archaeological Society. Los Peñasquitos Ranch Adobe, January 26, 7:30 pm. Free. Information: www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com.

Classes, Meetings, and Events

Singing the Birds (Wikitmallem Tahmuwhae): Bird Song and Dance Festival will feature bird singing groups and dancers from California and neighboring states. Palm Springs High School Gymnasium, 2401 E. Baristo Rd., Palm Springs, January 23, 11 am-8 pm. Free. Information: 760-778-1079 or www.accmuseum.org.

(Classes, Meetings, and Events continued)

Southern California Native American Coiled Basketry, by Abe Sanchez, sponsored by the Sandbox Archaeology Project, CSUF Anthropology Department and the Fullerton Arboretum, a two-day class. Fullerton Arboretum, January 30 (9 am-4:30 pm) and January 31 (9 am-3 pm). Fee: \$75; members \$60 (scholarships available). Preregistration required by January 25: 657-278-3407. Information: Dr. Brenda Bowser, bbowser@fullerton.edu.

Journeys to the Past, by Jacque Nuñez, sponsored by the Sandbox Archaeology Project, CSUF Anthropology Department and the Fullerton Arboretum. Children will enjoy storytelling and craft making. Fullerton Arboretum, February 7, 1-4 pm. Preregistration by February 3 encouraged: 657-278-3407. Fee: \$15 per child. Information: Dr. Brenda Bowser, bbowser@fullerton.edu.

Archaeological Surveying & Site Recording, by Wanda Raschkow, March 6-7, \$110 (members \$100); ***Native Californian Plant Cordage,*** by William Pink, March 13, \$60 (members \$50); ***Rock Art of Southern California,*** by Daniel McCarthy, March 21, \$60 (members \$50); ***Indigenous Peoples of Joshua Tree National Park,*** by Phil Klasky and Matthew Leivas, Sr., March 27-28, \$110 (members \$100). Classes of the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park. Information and registration: 760-367-5535 or desertinstitute.homestead.com.

The UCLA Archaeology Field Program of the Cotsen Institute is now open for enrollment for the 2010 field season. Information and registration: www.archaeology.ucla.edu.

Websites

Visit www.pcas.org for all the latest PCAS news.

Editor's Note: Please check time and place of listing prior to the event. Submit items for Dig This to newsletter@pcas.org.

PCAS CODE OF ETHICS

The Pacific Coast Archaeological Society (PCAS) is a non-profit group of professional and avocational people dedicated to proper management of our cultural resources, public education, and the protection and preservation of archaeological materials and collections.

The following principles have been adopted by the PCAS:

1. Professional methods and forms will be used on all archaeological field surveys, excavations, and laboratory sessions.
2. A complete record of field and laboratory work will be filed with the PCAS Curator and stored at a facility approved by the Society's Board of Directors.
3. No archaeological materials will be removed without proper permits, landowner permission, and a field research design.
4. Unless otherwise legally stipulated before activity commences, all materials collected will be deposited for further research with the Curator at a facility approved by the Society's Board of Directors.
5. All generated reports will be the property of the Society and distributed as deemed appropriate.
6. All Society field activities will be performed only under the direction of a qualified field archaeologist (Principal Investigator) and the supervision of field or site directors.
7. The above principles will be observed on both Society approved projects and projects performed under the direction of an authorized institution or organization.
8. The Society and its members will strive to educate the public of the importance and proper management of our non-renewable cultural resources and to discourage the collection and commercial exploitation of archaeological materials.
9. PCAS members shall not benefit from the acquisition, purchase, sale, or trade of archaeological artifacts, materials, or specimens.
10. All members shall adhere to City, County, State, and Federal antiquities laws.

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PCAS thanks all members and friends who participate in this program!

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