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## May PCAS Speaker

**Dr. Mark Q. Sutton**

*Rewriting the Legacy of the  
Rose Spring Site (CA-INY-372)*

**Zoom Meeting**

**May 14, 7:30 pm. See p. 4.**

Excavations at the Rose Spring site were undertaken by Robert Yohe of UC Riverside between 1987 and 1989, augmenting the 1956–1961 excavations by UC Berkeley. The UCR excavations explored much more of the site, employed updated field methods, obtained radiocarbon and obsidian data, and recovered a much larger sample of material culture. Four primary occupations were identified, Pinto, Montane I (aka Elko), Rose Spring, and Montane II (late) components. While the production of obsidian bifaces was an important activity at the site, it was also a major village (one of several) during the Rose Spring phase



(ca. 1,300 to 600 BP) where families lived and obtained food and materials from the surrounding region. Of note was the recovery of considerable ground stone milling technology, largely unreported from the Berkeley excavations. This discovery has significant ramifications for the interpretation of California and Great Basin archaeology.

Mark Sutton began his career in 1968, working at sites with the local community college while still in high school. He went on to earn a BA (1972), an MA (1977), and a Ph.D. (1987) in anthropology. He has worked for the US Air Force, the US Bureau of Land Management, various private consulting firms, and taught at a number of community colleges and universities, including California State University, Bakersfield from 1987 to 2007 where he retired as Emeritus Professor of Anthropology. He then taught at the University of San Diego from 2012 to 2022. From 1986 to 2000, Dr. Sutton served as the Editor of the *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology* and is now the Editor of the *Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly*. In 2022, he received the Society for California Archaeology Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Sutton has investigated hunter-gatherer adaptations to arid environments, entomophagy, prehistoric diet and technology, and the prehistory of California. He has worked at more than 150 sites in western North America, has presented some 126 papers at professional meetings, and has published more than 260 books, monographs, articles, and reviews on archaeology and anthropology, including the textbooks *Introduction to Native North America*, *A Prehistory of North America*, *Archaeology: Science of the Human Past*, *Introduction to Cultural Ecology*, *Paleonutrition*, *Bioarchaeology*, *Human Societies*, and *Laboratory Methods in Archaeology*, and *Our Ancient Selves: What Archaeology has Taught Us about Us*. He lives in San Diego with his wife, Melinda, and their dog Holly.

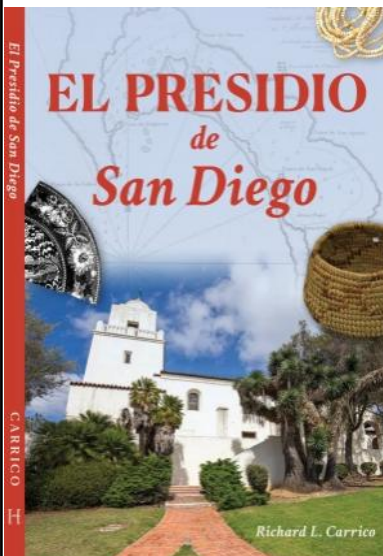
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## April PCAS Speaker Notes

### *El Presidio de San Diego: The Story of Alta California's First European Settlement and Its People*

By Albert Knight

Our Thursday, April 9, in-person speaker was Richard L. Carrico. The presentation was a summary of his research on his latest book. *El Presidio de San Diego: Excavating Southern California's Lost City*. Carrico humorously noted that when the Mission San Diego de Acala docents (some of them) tell visitors that "Father Serra walked here," that information is incorrect, since the mission we see today is the fifth mission building. The original mission, dedicated in 1769, was part of the first Spanish settlement in Alta California and was destroyed by the Kumeyaay in 1775. Father Jayme, whom the Natives saw as a demon, was beaten to death, and several other Spaniards were also killed (It only took the Spanish six years to provoke the locals to the point of out-and-out rebellion). The mission was subsequently moved and then moved again, until the present site was established as its permanent location. Even so, by 1891 the mission was in ruins, and the buildings we see today are largely an early twentieth century restoration. Today, Mission San Diego (California Historical Landmark #242) continues to be a working parish.



Of himself, Carrico has said "I have been in pursuit of archaeological and historical truth with a strong desire to share that information with the public. This journey has carried me through thirty years as an educator at the university level having taught anthropology, archaeology, modern history, Spanish colonial history, and American culture. I have

excavated artifacts dating back more than 12,000 years ago, researched Spanish archives from the 18th and 19th centuries, and teased information out of police files from the 1930s" (2023 interview for/in Wild Blue Press).

Carrico has performed cultural resource management work, and he has been a professional educator



PCAS Board member Ivan Strudwick and April speaker Richard Carrico.

for many years. He has been a lecturer in the Department of American Indian Studies at San Diego State University and was an adjunct professor in the Behavioral Sciences Department at San Diego Mesa Community College, where he taught anthropology. According to the San Diego Oasis website, "Richard has authored historically or archaeologically based articles for the *San Diego Union*, *California Magazine*, *Ranch and Coast Magazine*, [and] *San Diego Home and Garden*." He has also been published in the *Journal of San Diego History*, the *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology*, and the *Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly*.

Mr. Carrico did not mention that among his other talents he is a winemaker and the author of *Of Wine and the Lees Well Refined: A History of Wine and Wineries in San Diego County* (2016). The review on the Amazon.com website notes: "From its start in 1769 wine has been an integral, although ignored part of San Diego County history." Other books by Dr. Carrico include the newly released *El Presidio de San Diego: Excavating Southern California's Lost City* (2025), *Monsters on the Loose: The True Story of Three Unsolved Murders in Prohibition Era San Diego* (2023), *Images of America: Ramona* (this on the town of Ramona—Arcadia Publications 2011), *San Diego's Spirits: Ghosts and Hauntings in America's Southwest Corner* (1991), *Strangers in a Stolen Land: American Indians in San Diego, 1850-1880* (2008), which was revised and reissued as *Strangers in a Stolen Land: American Indians of San Diego County from Prehistory to the New Deal* (Sunbelt Publications 2014).

Richard Carrico's April 9th talk was recorded and is available on the PCAS YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/@pcas-pacificcoastarchaeolo9403/featured](http://www.youtube.com/@pcas-pacificcoastarchaeolo9403/featured). The PCAS looks forward to having Mr. Carrico speak to us again in the future

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### Lectures

***Kumeyaay Cosmology Talk***, by Michael Connolly Miskwish. A program of the San Diego Archaeological Center, May 9, 11 am. Fee: \$15; SDAC members and Tribal members \$5. Information and registration: [sandiegoarchaeology.org/event/kumeyaay-cosmology-talk](https://sandiegoarchaeology.org/event/kumeyaay-cosmology-talk).

***The Middle Kingdom Funerary Garden at Dra Abu el-Naga, the Stele of Moskhion, and Greek Stoikhedon***, by Dr. Patricia A. Butz. An ARCE/Bowers Museum onsite lecture, May 9, 1:30 pm. Fee: \$15; Bowers and ARCE members free. Recorded lecture available one week after onsite event. Fee: \$10; Bowers and ARCE members free. Ticket purchase and information: [www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org).

***Metals, Nomads, and the State: Interaction and Resource Procurement in Ancient Egypt and Nubia***, by Matei Tichindelean (PhD candidate, UCLA). A lecture of the AIA, Orange County Chapter, DeNault Auditorium in Grimm Hall, Concordia University, 530 Concordia West, Irvine, May 17, 2 pm. Information: <https://aia-oc.org>.

***Camelid Coprolites: Reconstructing Virú Pastoralism through Phytolith Analyses of Chicama Valley Archaeobotanical Taxa Originating from the Viru Valley of Northern Peru***, by Kira Lavine. A lecture of the San Diego County Archaeological Society, Los Peñasquitos Ranch House, May 26, 7:30 pm. Free. Information: <https://sdcas.org>.

Many past PCAS lectures are available on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@pcas-pacificcoastarchaeolo9403](https://www.youtube.com/@pcas-pacificcoastarchaeolo9403).

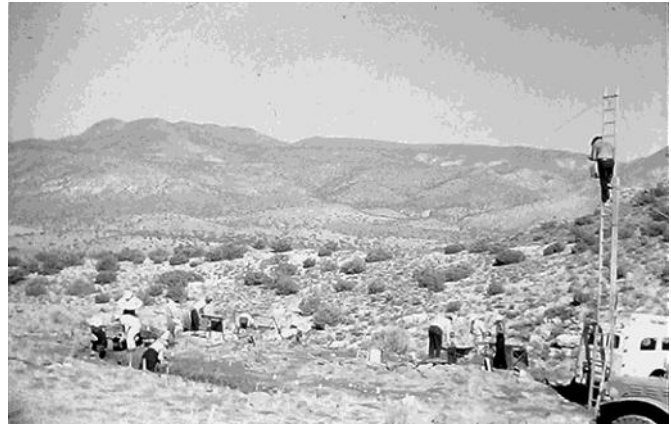
### Classes, Meetings, and Events

***Malki Kéwet Celebration***, the annual celebration honoring Native American veterans, will have food, entertainment (Cahuilla Bird Singers), and Native American vendors. Malki Museum, 11795 Malki Road, Morongo Reservation, Banning. May 24, 10 am–4 pm. Free and open to the public. Lunch at noon with \$15 suggested donation. Information: [www.malkimuseum.org](http://www.malkimuseum.org).

*Editor's Note: Please confirm time and place of listing prior to the event. Submit items for Dig This to [newsletter@pcas.org](mailto:newsletter@pcas.org).*

## PCAS Quarterly Update

We are pleased to announce that *PCAS Quarterly*, Volume 58, Numbers 1-4, is being printed. This publication is entitled "Tomo-Kahni, A Nüwa (Kawaiisu) Village: Archaeological Investigations at CA-KER-230, Tomo-Kahni State Historic Park, Southern Sierra Nevada, California," with authors Mark Q. Sutton, Mark W. Allen, Gregory R. Burns, R. W. Robinson, and David D. Earle. The authors have combined the results of work by the Archaeological Survey Association of Southern California and Antelope Valley College and present a model of a Nüwa village and Nüwa settlement, social, and political systems, particularly in ethnohistoric times.



Overhead photography by the Archaeological Survey Association (using a ladder) at CA-KER-230 in 1955. Photograph by Gordon Redfeldt.



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The Pacific Coast Archaeological Society (PCAS) is a nonprofit 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.

### Zoom Meeting

- Email a **new** Zoom registration request by **noon on Thursday, May 14** to [membership@pcas.org](mailto:membership@pcas.org). You will receive an emailed link to the meeting.
- Guests (non-PCAS members) are welcome with registration.
- When the presentation starts, please **mute your microphone and turn off your webcam**.

PCAS host **Steve Dwyer** will open the Zoom meeting at 7 pm to allow time to resolve any technical problems prior to the beginning of the PCAS General Meeting and lecture at 7:30 pm.

### PCAS Speaker Calendar

**June 11, 2026**

**John W. Foster**

*The Archaeological Study and Preservation of a Deep-Water Sinkhole in the Dominican Republic*

*No meetings in July and August.*

**September 10, 2026**

**Dr. Ted Goebel**

**October 8, 2026**

**Beth and Chris Padon**

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