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The Archaeology of Northwest Mexico and Its Vecinos

MATTHEW C. PAILES AND MICHAEL T. SEARCY

This approachable book is a comprehensive synthesis of Northwest Mexico from the US border to the Mesoamerican frontier. Filling a vital gap in the regional literature, it serves as an essential reference not only for those interested in the specific history of this area of Mexico but western North America writ large. A period-by-period review of approximately 14,000 years reveals the dynamic connections that knitted together societies inhabiting the Sea of Cortez coast, the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts, and the Sierra Madre Occidental. Networks of interaction spanned these diverse ecological, topographical, and cultural terrains in the millennia following the demise of the megafauna. The authors provide a fresh perspective that refutes depictions of the Northwest as a simple filter or conduit of happenings to the north or south, and they highlight the role local motivations and dynamics played in facilitating continental-scale processes.

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All the King’s Horses

Essays on the Impact of Looting and the Illicit Antiquities Trade on Our Knowledge of the Past

EDITED BY PAULA K. LAZRUS AND ALEX BARKER

This volume examines the impact of looting and the use of artifacts of unknown provenance in the humanities and social sciences, ranging from the impact of amnesty laws for reporting stolen cultural property to the use of Google Earth to assess the scale of illicit excavations, and from the impact of poorly sourced artifacts on early Mycenaean and Minoan studies to the structure of the growing commercial trade in ancient coins.

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From Ancient Pasts to Historic Resettlement

BY SARAH J. TRABERT AND KACY L. HOLLENBACK

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8 Shifting Federal Policy, Heritage, and Contemporary Native Plains Nations

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From Pacific to the Range of Light

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“California’s Ancient Past is an excellent introduction and overview of the archaeology and ancient peoples of this diverse and dynamic part of North America. Written in a concise and approachable format, the book provides an excellent foundation for students, the general public, and scholars working in other regions around the world. This book will be an important source of information on California’s ancient past for years to come.”

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Food Production in Native North America
An Archaeological Perspective

BY KRISTEN J. GREMILLION

This book provides a broad overview of the development of agriculture and other forms of resource management by the Native peoples of North America. Its geographical scope includes most of the continent’s temperate zone, but regions where agriculture took hold are emphasized. Temporally, this volume looks back as far as the first indigenous domesticates that emerged in the midcontinental region and follows the story into the era of European conquest.

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Given its relatively late encounter with the West, Hawaii offers an exciting opportunity to study a society whose traditional lifeways and technologies were recorded in native oral traditions and written documents before they were changed by contact with non-Polynesian cultures. This book chronicles the role of archaeology in constructing a narrative of Hawaii’s cultural past, focusing on material evidence dating from the Polynesians’ first arrival on Hawaii’s shores about a millennium ago to the early decades of settlement by Americans and Europeans in the nineteenth century. A final chapter discusses new directions taken by native Hawaiians toward changing the practice of archaeology in the islands today.
Northwest Coast
Archaeology as Deep History

BY MADONNA L. MOSS

This concise overview of the archeology of the Northwest Coast of North America challenges stereotypes about complex hunter-gatherers. Madonna Moss argues that these ancient societies were first and foremost fishers and food producers and merit study outside socio-evolutionary frameworks. Moss approaches the archaeological record on its own terms, recognizing that changes through time often reflect sampling and visibility of the record itself. The book synthesizes current research and is accessible to students and professionals alike.

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Oaxaca
Arqueología de una Región Mesoamericana

POR NELLY ROBLES GARCÍA

Este libro ofrece una visión general de la arqueología de la región oaxaqueña, abordada desde sus orígenes, con los científicos del siglo XIX, hasta los estudios más recientes en la época moderna. Ubicada en el sur de México, esta región mesoamericana ha sido considerada como cuna de civilizaciones debido a su ininterrumpido desarrollo cultural, desde la prehistoria hasta nuestros días. El libro se presenta organizado en una manera cronológica, a fin de que el lector pueda comprender el desarrollo de las antiguas culturas que han convivido a lo largo de varios siglos en este agreste territorio. Ofrece una compilación de los conocimientos emanados de los varios proyectos arqueológicos que se han realizado permanentemente en Oaxaca, que han permitido ir construyendo la historia de los grupos humanos asentados desde la etapa lítica hasta la llegada de la conquista europea en las diversas sub-regiones. Muestra también los diversos enfoques de la arqueología mexicana y norteamericana que la han modelado, y que se han complementado de manera afortunada para hacer de Oaxaca una de las regiones más estudiadas de Mesoamérica.
Out of the Cold

Archaeology on the Arctic Rim of North America

BY OWEN K. MASON AND T. MAX FRIESEN

The Arctic rim of North America presents one of the most daunting environments for humans. Cold and austere, it is lacking in plants but rich in marine mammals—primarily the ringed seal, walrus, and bowhead whale. In this book, the authors track the history of cultural innovations in the Arctic and Subarctic for the past 12,000 years, including the development of sophisticated architecture, watercraft, fur clothing, hunting technology, and worldviews. Climate change is linked to many of the successes and failures of its inhabitants; warming or cooling periods led to periods of resource abundance or collapse, and in several instances to long-distance migrations. At its western and eastern margins, the Arctic also experienced the impact of Asian and European world systems, from that of the Norse in the East to the Russians in the Bering Strait.
Recent Developments in Southeastern Archaeology
From Colonization to Complexity

BY DAVID G. ANDERSON AND KENNETH E. SASSAMAN

This book represents a period-by-period synthesis of southeastern prehistory designed for high school and college students, avocational archaeologists, and interested members of the general public. It also serves as a basic reference for professional archaeologists worldwide on the record of a remarkable region.

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