Jaws of the Underworld. Life, Death and Rebirth among the Ancient Maya

Seventh European Maya Conference - Program

London, November 5-10, 2002 Workshop: November 5-7

Research Symposium

Friday, November 8th

BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, The British Museum

- 09.00 09.50 Registration at the Clore Education Centre
- 09.50 10.00 Welcoming address Genevieve Le Fort, Wayeb President
- 10.00 10.30 **John F. Chuchiak** (Department of History, Southwest Missouri State University): Yaab Uih Yetel Maya Cimil: Colonial Famines, Plagues, and Catastrophes and their Impact on Changing Yucatec Maya Concepts of Death and Dying, 1580-1660»
- 10.35 11.05 **Markus Eberl** (Tulane University, New Orleans):
 Buried in Stone: On Burial Customs of Classic Maya Rulers
- 11.10 11.30 Break
- 11.30 12.00 Lilia Fernandez Souza (Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan, Merida): Death and Memory in Chichen Itza
- 12.05 12.35 **James L. Fitzsimmons** (Department of Anthropology, Harvard University):

 Tomb Re-Entry Among the Classic Maya: Archaeology and Epigraphy in Mortuary

 Ceremonialism
- 12.40 13.10 **Stanley Guenter** (Department of Anthropology, Southern Methodist University): Fire Mountain and the Headless Kings of Tikal
- 13.15 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 15.00 **Kerry Hull** (Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin): Journey from the Tomb: Ropes, Roads, and the Point of Departure
- 15.05 15.35 **Emiliano Melgar** (Archaeology, INAH, Mexico): Water Sources for Death: Bones, Sacrifices and Cremations at Cenotes
- 15.40 16.00 Break

16.00 - 16.30 Elisabeth Wagner (University of Bonn):
White Earth Bundles: The Symbolic Sealing and Burial of Buildings among the Ancient Maya

16.35 - 17.05 Estella Weiss-Krejci (Dept. of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna; Faculty of Arts, University of Oporto, Portugal):
 The Maya Corpse: Body Processing from Preclassic to Postclassic Times in the Maya Highlands and Lowlands

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Maudslay Lecture

Friday, November 8th, 18.30

Alfred Maudslay and the Maya by Ian Graham OBE

Public Symposium

Saturday, November 9th

BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre, The British Museum

08.00 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 09.20 Welcoming address - John Reeve, Head of Education

09.20 - 10.00 **Norman Hammond** (Boston University, USA): Life, Death and the Ancient Maya

10.10 - 10.50 **Simon Martin** (Institute of Archaeology, UCL, UK): Mortuary Themes in Maya Art and Writing

11.00 - 11.20 Break

11.20- 12.00 **Stephen Houston** (Brigham Young University, USA): Ideology of the Maya Tomb

12.10 - 12.50 **Robert Sharer** (University of Pennsylvania, USA): Finding the Founder: Early Tombs at Copan, Honduras

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 15.10 Mary Ellen Miller (Yale University, USA):
The Stuff of Maize: Life, Death and Resurrection of Maya Kings

15.20 - 16.00 Enrique Nalda (INAH, Mexico):
Funerary Practices in Dzibanche: the Royal Tomb in Temple 11

16.10 - 16.30 Break

16.30 - 17.10 **Dorie Reents-Budet** (Smithsonian Institution, USA): The Parallel Universe: Ritual Caves of the Maya

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Sunday 10 November:

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- 10.00 10.40 **Elizabeth Graham** (Institute of Archaeology, UCL, UK): Pagans in Paradise
- 10.50 11.30 **Nikolai Grube** (University of Bonn, Germany; University of Texas, USA): Fantastic Creatures: Death Gods, Spirit Companions and Infernal Monsters
- 11.40 12.00 Break
- 12.00 12.40 Frank and Julie Saul (Lucas County Coroners Office, Ohio, USA): Life and Death: As Recorded in their Skeletons
- 12.50- 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 14.40 **Hector Escobedo** (Universidad del Valle, Guatemala):
 Requiems for Dead Kings: Temples and Mortuary Pyramids at Piedras Negras
- 14.50 15.30 **David Stuart** (Peabody Museum, Harvard University, USA):
 Mountains, Caverns and Waters: The Ancient Maya Underworld as Ritual Landscape
- 15.40 16.00 Break
- 16.00 16.40 **Karl Taube** (University of California, Riverside, USA): Heaven and Hell: Portals, Xibalba and the Flowery Paradise

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