**FALL 2023 SEMESTER REPORT**

Archaeological Mapping Lab

The University of Arizona

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**General Update and Lab Team**

In Fall 2023, the Archaeological Mapping Lab team under Dr. David Gilman Romano (DGR) continued to focus lab work on three of our main projects: the Mt. Lykaion Excavation & Survey Project, the Parrhasian Heritage Park, and the Corinth Computer Project. At the beginning of the semester, we worked on consolidating the equipment and information collected during a productive summer study season. Throughout the fall, lab manager Laryssa Shipley continued to organize weekly lab meetings under the direction of Dr. Romano, which provided us with the opportunity to update one another on our tasks and set new goals for the future. The lab also hosted several get-togethers, including a Mt. Lykaion-themed Halloween party, and two of our lab members (Noah and Shannon) took their comprehensive exams this semester. Congratulations! Finally, we had the wonderful opportunity to welcome Shannon Meisberger and Elizabeth Parks to the lab team!

The Archaeological Mapping Lab would like to thank our team below for their hard work and many contributions:

* **Kya Kerner**, Architectural Designer (remote)

FIFTEEN Architecture + Design | Aarhus University Alumna

* **Savhanna Long**, graduated from UA in 2023 (remote)

Classics | University of Arizona Alumna

* **Shannon Meisberger**, University of Arizona

Classics | M.A. student

* **Colin Omilanowski**, University of Arizona

School of Anthropology (Archaeology of the Mediterranean World) | Ph.D. student

* **Elizabeth Parks**, University of Arizona

Classics | M.A. student

* **Andrea Riehle**, Architectural Designer (remote)

Richärd Kennedy Architects | University of Arizona Alumna

* **Tabitha Rodriguez**, University of Arizona

College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture | B.Arch student

* **Laryssa Shipley**, University of Arizona

School of Anthropology (Archaeology of the Mediterranean World) | Ph.D. candidate

* **Noah Simmons**, University of Arizona

Classics | M.A. student

* **Lauren Tomanelli**, University of Arizona

School of Anthropology (Archaeology of the Mediterranean World) | Ph.D. candidate

**Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project**

Much of the work related to Mt. Lykaion focused on analyzing and organizing data collected from the summer study season in Greece. Our database (Kronos) also received an updated link: <https://kronos.ucatt.arizona.edu/>. For a complete list of our work this semester, please see below.

***DGR, Dr. Mary E. Voyatzis (MEV), Lauren, Kya, and Colin***

* Worked on providing context information for the finds discovered on the altar, the continuation of a task performed by MEV and Laryssa over the summer.
* DGR and MEV: continued work on an upcoming article about the skeleton discovered on the altar.
* MEV and Lauren: closely studied Feature 604, an area of the altar with a significant amount of Mycenaean/prehistoric pottery and bone.
* Kya: mapped out the features for the altar.
* Colin: assisted with providing additional context information for baskets (the term we use for distinct excavation units) and features.

***Laryssa, Lab Manager***

* Collected and organized the lab equipment we used over the summer.
* Resolved technology issues that arose throughout the semester involving AutoCAD, the server, ArcGIS, etc. and regularly communicated with SBSTech, our school’s tech team.
* Frequently communicated with lab members regarding their tasks and assisted DGR in communications with our remote workers to answer questions and provide necessary materials.
* Met with newer students and oversaw the onboarding process.
* Organized and labeled lab items and old survey notebooks.
* Continued work on survey data associated with Corridor in the Lower Sanctuary.
* Updated various files the lab utilizes and refers to located in the server.
* Helped to obtain various equipment the lab needed, including cords, adapters, and keyboards.
* Oversaw permissions and updates made to the Google Calendar and the server.
* Periodically updated the Archaeological Mapping Lab website with new information on the people we work with, lab reports, and excavation seasons.

***Lauren, Registrar***

* Performed end-of-season registrar work for the Mt. Lykaion team.
* Uploaded all new/edited files from the summer study season to the lab’s server.
* Managed updates made to Kronos and communicated with Gary Carstensen, an application systems analyst, to resolve any issues.
* Analyzed the current organization structure of the cultural material we store in our *apotheke* (or storage facility) and identified ways this could be improved.
* Assisted DGR with the organization, layout, and content of our Report of Activities from the summer.
* Helped DGR and MEV by working on a brochure for the Andritsaina Research Center.
* Provided Kronos training to newer students.
* Worked with DGR on preparing images for publication.
* Performed research for a side project on Arcadian League coins.

***Colin, Lab Assistant***

* Worked on trench profiles for the Sanctuary of Pan.
* Began work on converting AutoCAD trench drawings to a usable format in ArcGIS.

***Noah, Lab Assistant***

* Scanned and digitized notebooks that were missing on the lab’s server.

***Shannon, Lab Assistant***

* Assisted Lauren by entering conservation records in Kronos, our database.

***Elizabeth, Lab Assistant***

* Received training on the use of AutoCAD, a program we utilize for multiple projects in the lab.
* Worked on digitizing a bath building located in Roman Corinth.

***Tabitha, Architect***

* Updated the actual state AutoCAD drawing of the Ionic Building in the Lower Sanctuary.
* Reviewed architecture scans and records from the summer.
* Worked on updates related to the architectural blocks we have on site.

***Kya, Assistant Director for Architecture and Landscape Analysis*** (remote)

* Worked on mapping out altar features (see above).
* Continues work on landscape character analysis.

***Andrea, Architect*** (remote)

* Assisted DGR with publication images.
* Helped Lauren with questions regarding our Report of Activities from the summer.

**Corinth Computer Project (CCP)**

Several members of the lab team also worked on tasks related to Corinth, and a significant amount of progress was made in updating older Corinth AutoCAD drawings and posting additional information to the CCP website.

***DGR, Laryssa, and Colin***

* Conducted weekly CCP meetings.
* Discussed various CCP drawings from the past that required edits/corrections.
* Began updating the roads east of the theater in Roman Corinth (in AutoCAD) to reflect recent excavation reports. We plan to use this updated plan of Corinth on the CCP website.

***Colin, Lab Assistant***

* Updated bibliography info and posted newer photos of Corinth on the CCP website.
* Researched newer publications with info on the roads east of the theater in Corinth.
* Worked on an entry with more information regarding the area east of the theater on the CCP website.

***Noah, Lab Assistant***

* Updated our AutoCAD drawing of the Panayia Field in Corinth so that it accurately reflects recent excavation activities.

**Parrhasian Heritage Park (PHP)**

After our summer study season, the 13th Annual Parrhasian Heritage Park Field School took place. Upon return from the park season, work on the PHP project primarily consisted of updates being made to our PHP map and to trail signs. We will launch the PHP website at the beginning of Spring 2024.

***DGR, Laryssa, Lauren, Kya, and Mark Davison***

* Continued work from last semester updating our park map for the PHP website.
* Kya: made significant edits to the PHP map so that we could utilize it for the website.
* Mark: worked on a PHP map to present to the Greek government.
* Laryssa: made slight edits to the PHP map and acted as liaison between the lab group (DGR, Laryssa, and Lauren) and Upswell, the digital design company helping us implement these changes on our PHP website.

***Lauren and Andrea***

* Worked on updates/edits that needed to be made to the park’s trail signs.

***Lauren, Registrar***

* Added PHP photos taken from the summer to the lab’s server.
* Updated the PHP website by adding photos of our colleagues.

**Digital Augustan Rome (DAR)**

The *Digital Augustan Rome* website allows visitors to interact with a city plan of Rome during the time of Augustus. In addition to the work listed below, the website has received renewed attention recently with several visitors showing interest in the printed version of the *Digital Augustan Rome* maps.

***Savhanna, Lab Assistant*** (remote)

* Continued to work on digitizing and updating Temples A-D in the Largo Argentina based on Filippo Coarelli’s drawings.
* Started work on an entry for the Pantheon and the Circus Maximus.

***Colin, Lab Assistant***

* Plans to work on the entry for the Forum of Augustus in the future.

**Website Management & Outreach**

Information on all of the lab’s projects can be found on their new websites. Due to the educational nature of most of these websites, we strive to keep the information they present up-to-date (see all projects listed above). We regularly utilize Wagtail, a Content Management System (CMS), and communicate with a team from Upswell, a digital design company that has helped us launch the new versions of these websites. Thanks to Lauren, we also have several social media links visitors can check out for updates on the team and our work.

***DGR, Laryssa, Lauren, and Colin***

* Periodically updated a working “wishlist” of items to send to Upswell in preparation for a new contract.
* Regularly performed checks on the websites to catch any issues or bugs.
* DGR and Laryssa: communicated regularly with Upswell to touch base and fix any issues.

***List of Websites***

* Ancient Olympic Games: <https://www.ancientolympicgames.org/>
* Archaeological Mapping Lab: <https://www.archaeologicalmappinglab.org/>
* Corinth Computer Project: <http://corinthcomputerproject.org/>
* Digital Augustan Rome: <https://www.digitalaugustanrome.org/>
* Dr. Romano’s personal academic site: <https://www.davidgilmanromano.org/>
* Mt. Lykaion Excavation & Survey Project: <http://lykaionexcavation.org/>
* Parrhasian Heritage Foundation: <https://www.parrhasianheritagefoundation.org/>
* Parrhasian Heritage Park (NOW AVAILABLE): <http://parrhasianheritagepark.org/>

***Social Media***

* AML Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/archaeologicalmapping>
* AML Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/archaeologicalmapping/>
* PHP Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Parrhasian-Heritage-Park-106665385081640>
* PHP Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/parrhasianheritagepark/>

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