

ΦΑΘ NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All of us at the national office of Phi Alpha Theta are eagerly anticipating the Biennial Conference in early January and we are thrilled that it will be taking place in Albuquerque, a city that was founded by the Spanish in 1706. Nevertheless, the history of humans in New Mexico stretches back millennia earlier than the 18th century.

Archaeologists working at White Sands National Park—a few hours south of Albuquerque and midway between it and El Paso, Texas—have discovered what are believed the earliest traces of human habitation in North America, from around 23,000 years ago. Before the discovery of fossilized footprints in 2018, the standard belief was that humans arrived on the continent between 13,500 and 16,000 years ago. Now, by making clay models of those footprints, we can see the traces left behind by actual people who lived there in the Ice Age. For more information, be sure to check out the NPS website, from which this picture is taken, at:

[nps.gov/whsa/learn/nature/fossilized-footprints.htm](https://www.nps.gov/whsa/learn/nature/fossilized-footprints.htm).



In his classic statement concerning historical method, Marc Bloch (1886-1944) declared that ‘The good historian is like the giant in the fairy.

He knows that wherever he catches the scent of human flesh, there his quarry lies.' The co-founder of the 'Annales school' and a heroic historian who was murdered as a result of his resistance to the Nazi occupation of his beloved France, Bloch insisted that all periods of human history should interest the historian, as the common denominator was always the 'humanness' of the subject.

Developing the concept further, Bloch recounted an incident when he and another prominent expert on medieval Europe, Henri Pirenne, met in Stockholm, Sweden, for a conference. Rather than examining the medieval or early modern vestiges of the city, Pirenne suggested that they go to the brand-new city hall in the city. When Bloch looked surprised at the suggestion, Pirenne observed, 'If I were an antiquarian, I would only have eyes for old stuff, but I am a historian. Therefore, I love life.'

We hope to make Albuquerque a uniquely memorable experience for all of you, and, whatever your particular field of expertise as a scholar and a student, I anticipate that you will be intrigued by everything you hear in papers, learn from your fellow attendees, and explore and experience for yourselves. Fee, fi, fo, fum....

Jonathan S. Perry

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BOOK AWARDS

The Phi Alpha Theta Book Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the recipient of the Phi Alpha Theta: Best First Book Prize for 2022 is Sabrina Thomas for *Scars of War: The Politics of Paternity and Responsibility for Amerasians of Vietnam* (University of Nebraska Press, 2021). Professor Thomas received the Ph.D. in History at Arizona State University, Tempe in 2015 and is currently Associate Professor of History Department and David A Moore Chair in American History at Wabash College. She was initiated into the Phi Alpha Theta chapter at Wabash College in 2016.

The members of the PAT Book Award Committee agreed that *Scars of War* is an important examination of the paternalistic policies of American citizenship. The author takes a topic that might

appear narrow and expertly teases out its many implications for U.S. foreign and domestic policy without losing sight of the human factor. Professor Thomas's deep dive into the fortunes of biracial children who are the progeny of service people fighting in an unpopular war is both highly illuminating and deeply disturbing. The US military presence has left thousands of children with "American" faces scattered around the world. This work melds discussions of class, race, gender, foreign policy, domestic political concerns, and the politics of memory to address their mostly overlooked history. In sum, the PAT Book Awards Committee found *Scars of War* to be a significant contribution to the historical record.

The Phi Alpha Theta Book Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the recipient of the Phi Alpha Theta: Best Subsequent Book Prize for 2022 is Carolina Lopez-Ruiz for *Phoenicians and the Making of the Ancient Mediterranean World* (Harvard University Press, 2021). Professor Lopez-Ruiz received her Ph.D. in the Ancient Mediterranean World from the University of Chicago in 2005. After many years as a Professor of Classics at The Ohio State University (2005-2022), she is now a Professor of the History of Religions, Comparative Mythology, and the Ancient Mediterranean World at her alma mater. Her numerous previous works include *When the Gods Were Born: Greek Cosmogonies and the Near East* (2010) and, as co-author, *Tartessos and the Phoenicians in Iberia* (2016). Lopez-Ruiz joined the Phi Alpha Theta chapter at the University of Chicago in 2022.

The members of the PAT Book Awards Committee found that in *Phoenicians and the Making of the Mediterranean World* Professor Lopez-Ruiz offers a significant re-visioning of the Mediterranean world that orients scholarly attention to the Near East. The volume is exhaustively researched, well-written, and provides a compelling argument for "decolonizing" traditional Ancient history to make room for other peoples and places. In challenging the dominant Greco-Roman historiographical paradigm, *Phoenicians and the Making of the Mediterranean* is a stunner, both in scope and conclusions. It is magisterial work by a seasoned scholar in the field.

BEST CHAPTER AWARDS

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BEST CHAPTER - UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG

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Division II

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JOIN US IN *Albuquerque!*

Join us in Albuquerque, NM at the The Clyde Hotel for the

Biennial Convention!

Room Rate: \$150 + tax

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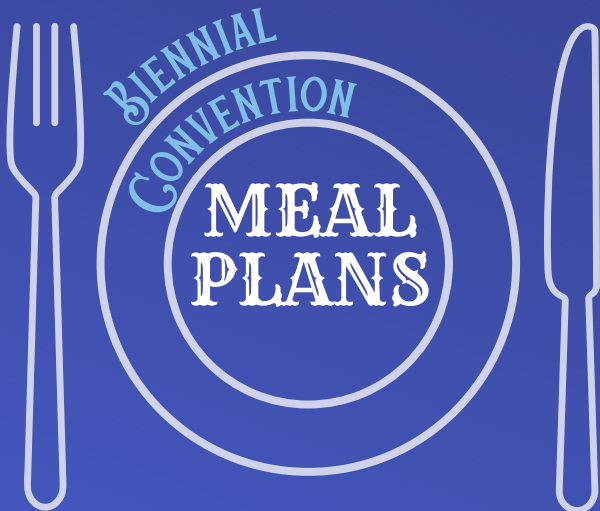
January
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ALABAMA - Auburn University at Montgomery - February 25, 2023

CAROLINA - Colleg of Charleston - February 25, 2023

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