

The Caribbean Basin before Columbus

a one-day symposium sponsored by
THE PRE-COLUMBIAN SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

U.S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center
701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

While they appear as mere blips on maps of pre-Columbian cultures, the islands of the Caribbean have been populated for thousands of years and have been the subject of serious scholarly attention by researchers from around the world for more than 100 years. The collected wisdom gleaned from this research held that archaic peoples arrived in the islands around 5000-6000 BCE and lived primitively and undisturbed for thousands of years. Even with three small incursions from the northeastern shoulder of South America, the thinking was that these island peoples were socially isolated—cut off from one another and the rest of the pre-Columbian world. They existed in small loosely organized communities—untouched and in mellow contentment—separated from others by water or mountainous terrain until the arrival of Europeans. As no monumental structures had been uncovered, how advanced could these island cultures be?

New discoveries and fresh thinking call into question this view of the Greater and Lesser Antilles. Today, archaeologists from many nations are active throughout the Caribbean basin, uncovering new finds—from ball courts and carved stelae to preserved remains of wooden structures and figurines found far from their places of origin. Such new findings demand new explanations. Contact and exchange throughout the Caribbean basin are the twin themes of modern day researchers. These were seafaring cultures, capable of sharing political and religious ideologies, trading agricultural and manufactured goods, expanding their frontiers, social networking across boundaries, and, at times, engaging in warlike conflicts with one another. Join us on September 19, 2009, to learn from archaeologists working in the area about their fresh-from-the-ground discoveries and their latest thinking on the Caribbean basin and its peoples before 1492.

Participants¹

John G. Crock
University of Vermont

Scott M. Fitzpatrick
North Carolina State
University

Corinne L. Hofman
Leiden University,
The Netherlands

William F. Keegan
Florida Museum of Natural
History

Lee A. Newsom
Pennsylvania State
University

Peter E. Siegel
Montclair State University

SATURDAY

- 8:15 AM REGISTRATION, Morning Refreshments
9:00 AM WELCOME AND OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:15 AM *A Continent of Islands: New Perspectives on the Pre-Columbian Colonization of the Insular Caribbean*..... William F. Keegan²
10:15 AM BREAK
10:45 AM *Saladoid Seafarers: On the Origins and Migrations of Early Ceramic Age Amerindian Populations*..... Scott M. Fitzpatrick
11:35 AM *They Lived by the Sea: Pre-Columbian Maritime Adaptation, Interisland Exchange and Cosmology in the Eastern Caribbean*..... John G. Crock
12:25 PM LUNCH
1:45 PM *Of Maize and Melons: Paleoethnobotanical Insights into the Columbian Exchange*..... Lee Newsom
2:35 PM *Taino: Chiefdoms of the Caribbean*..... Peter E. Siegel
3:25 PM BREAK
3:50 PM *Social Networking across the Caribbean Sea: Human Mobility and the Exchange of Goods and Ideas in the Pre-Columbian and Early Colonial Periods*..... Corinne Hofman
4:40 PM BOOK DRAWING BREAK
4:50 PM Panel DiscussionAll Speakers (Moderated by William Keegan)
6:00–9:00 PM.....RECEPTION at TEAISM (optional; *additional fee*)

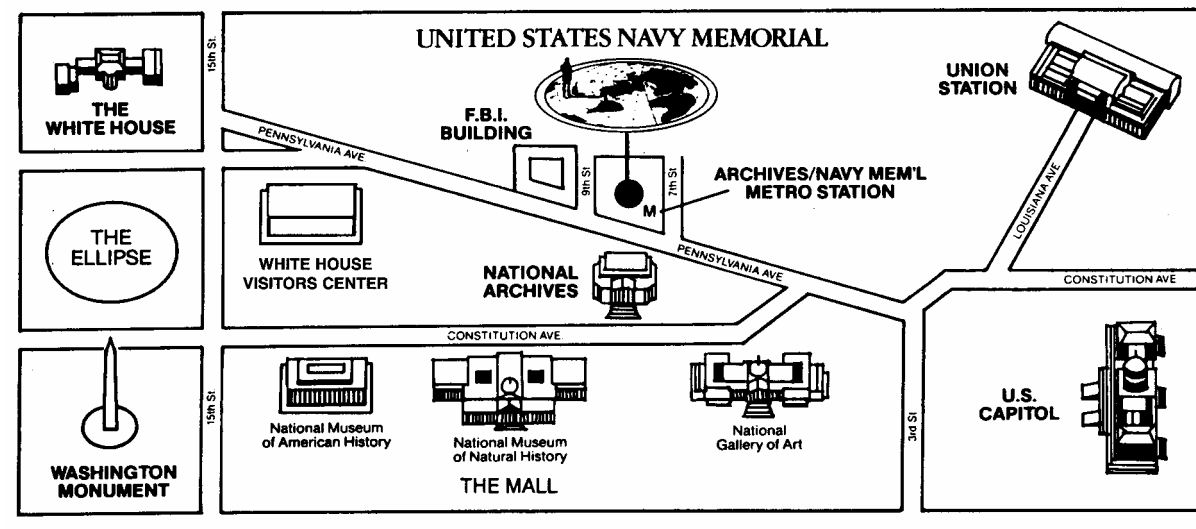
¹ The Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, D.C., reserves the right to substitute symposium participants in the event of unexpected cancellations.

² After his talk, Dr. Keegan will be our host and moderator.

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LOCATION

The U.S. Navy Memorial & Naval Heritage Center is located at 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., in Washington, D.C., between 7th and 9th Streets, next to the Archives/Navy Memorial Station on Metro's Green and Yellow Lines.



Map not to scale

HOTELS

Because Washington hosts numerous events throughout the year, it is important to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. For your convenience, several hotels located near the U.S. Navy Memorial (USNM) are listed below. In addition to these, downtown Washington has many hotels that offer a wide variety of prices and accommodation levels. Please consult your travel agent and/or the Internet for additional hotels.

Hotels within walking distance of the USNM:

- **Courtyard-Convention Center.** 900 F Street, N.W. 800-393-3063 or 202-638-4600. \$\$
- **Harrington Hotel.** 436 11th Street, N.W. 800-424-8532 or 202-628-8140. \$
- **Hotel Monaco.** 700 F Street, N.W. 800-649-1202 or 202-628-7177. \$\$\$
- **J.W. Marriott.** 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 800-393-2503 or 202-393-2000. \$\$\$

PARKING

Metro (the subway) is the most convenient and reliable means of transportation to the symposium (www.wmata.com). **If you must drive please plan ahead and allow yourself extra time to get to the symposium.** Because parking near the Navy Memorial is limited and is in a continuous state of change, we will post current parking information on our Web site early in September (www.pcswdc.org).

REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

[Please print name(s) as you wish it(them) on name tag(s)]

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Day (_____) _____ Evening (_____) _____ E-mail _____

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SYMPOSIUM

PCS/DC Members as of September 19, 2009: \$80. This price applies to people who have joined or renewed membership in the Pre-Columbian Society at the *Individual* or *Household* Member level and are members on the day of the symposium, September 19, 2009. Only members may enjoy this rate (*i.e.*, members may not order \$80 tickets for nonmembers). The member rate does *not* apply to newsletter-only subscribers. Please check the mailing label on this brochure for your membership level and expiration date.

Member # _____ x \$80 each: \$ _____

Nonmembers: \$95. *To join the Society and take advantage of member rates, see MEMBERSHIP below.*

Nonmember # _____ x \$95 each: \$ _____

Students: \$25. *Must submit copy of student ID with registration.*

Student # _____ x \$25 each: \$ _____

Reception: \$33. Join the speakers at *Teaism*, 400 8th Street, N.W., from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., for relaxed conversation and a savory assortment of hearty hors d'oeuvres (cash bar; choices available for vegetarians and health conscious). *You need not attend the symposium to attend the reception.*

Please reserve by August 26.

Reception # _____ x \$33 each: \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP

To join the Society or renew your membership as an Individual or Household Member, or to become a newsletter-only subscriber, mark the box next to your selection.³ Please add \$8 for subscriptions to Mexico, \$6 to Canada, and \$10 for overseas subscriptions.

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Total: \$ _____

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Donation: \$ _____

T-SHIRTS

The symposium T-shirts features a shamanic male figure pictograph from the ceiling of a cave in Puerto Rico (see illustration on the back of this form). The 100% cotton T-shirt is chocolate brown with cream color print.

T-shirts must be ordered by August 16.

T-shirt(s) # _____ M, # _____ L, # _____ XL, # _____ XXL x \$16.50 each: \$ _____

If ordering a T-shirt only, or not planning to pick it up at the symposium, please add \$6 for postage and handling: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please complete and mail this form with your check made out to the Pre-Columbian Society (sorry, credit cards not accepted) to:

The Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, D.C.
Registration Coordinator, 11104 Bucknell Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902-4432
Questions: 703-765-4471, scottlucywilson1@verizon.net

Confirmations will be mailed for registrations received before August 26. No refunds after August 26, 2009.

³ To join or renew membership in the Society in time to receive September's *The Smoking Mirror*, we must receive this registration by Aug. 1, 2009.

The illustration at the right is the design on this year's T-shirt, featuring a shamanic male figure pictograph from La Mora cave in Puerto Rico (used with permission).



T-shirts are 100% cotton and come in multiple sizes. See registration form for details on how to order. Go to www.pcswdc.org to see T-shirt colors.

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