

**CALL FOR PAPERS: Wiener Lab Colloquium, Archaeological Institute of America  
Boston, MA, U.S.A., January 4-7, 2018**

**“Agriculture in the Prehistoric Aegean: Data vs. Speculation, Three Decades On”**

Organizers:

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2018 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of Julie Hansen’s *AJA* article, “Agriculture in the Prehistoric Aegean: Data versus Speculation,” which highlighted the lack of archaeobotanical evidence to test the proposed models of Bronze Age Agriculture. In addition, Hansen outlined several strategies for moving beyond speculation about Bronze Age agricultural systems. Over the past thirty years, increased attention to 1) systematic, intensive sampling for floral and faunal remains, as proposed by Hansen, 2) greater integration of archaeobotanical, zooarchaeological, bioarchaeological, and geoarchaeological data, 3) increased application of plant and animal microfossil analyses and micromorphology, and 4) the use of more recent techniques, such as stable isotope analysis of plant and animal remains, has resulted in a significantly more robust body of evidence for the reconstruction of Bronze Age agricultural systems. In addition, more explicit framing of agriculture and land use as key factors in the mobilization and deployment of power in the rise of Minoan and Mycenaean states signals a shift toward improved integration of various datasets to reveal the degree to which agricultural and land use practices are embedded in changing socio-economic complexity.

We particularly seek contributions that revisit earlier models in light of new data from the last thirty years and propose new reconstructions of Neolithic and Bronze Age agricultural systems and their relationship to broader environmental and social changes. This juncture seems an appropriate time to take stock of what progress has been made in a comprehensive way across the Aegean.

**Guidelines for submissions:**

- Abstracts of up to 400 words should be submitted to:
  - Susan Allen at [susan.allen@uc.edu](mailto:susan.allen@uc.edu) by **March 1, 2017**
- Please include your contact and affiliation information and whether you are requesting 15 or 20 minutes for your paper.
- The AIA 2018 Call for Papers and associated guidelines for contributors can be accessed here: <https://www.archaeological.org/meeting/CFP>

**Additional information:**

- Due to time limits for colloquia, we encourage collaborative, multi-authored contributions.
- The organizers intend to pursue 1) funding to host a workshop in Boston following the AIA meeting to allow time for substantive discussion of this problem and, 2) publication of papers and, if needed, additional invited contributions in an edited volume.
- Notifications of acceptance will be sent by March 5, 2017.
- Accepted participants must be members of the AIA at the time when we submit the abstracts for the colloquium session (March 10, 2017) to the Program Committee.
- Please direct questions to [susan.allen@uc.edu](mailto:susan.allen@uc.edu)