

Chevron Retirees Association - Southern Arizona Chapter
February 20, 2018 – 11:30am Lunch, Meeting and Lecture
Mimi's Café - 4420 Oracle Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705

Distinguished Speaker: Nicole Mathwich, Ph.D. candidate in Archaeology, University of Arizona School of Anthropology, Haury Dissertation Fellowship recipient.

Subject: Home on the Range? New insights into the Colonial Introduction of Livestock in Arizona



Nicole Mathwich is a Ph.D. candidate in Archaeology at the University of Arizona School of Anthropology and a Haury Dissertation Fellowship recipient. She started her career in archaeology excavating missions in northern California, and is now finishing up her dissertation this spring. She is particularly interested in the introduction of domesticated animals in the colonial Pimeria Alta and the indigenous negotiations of colonial pressures. Her research explores the shifting relationships between humans, landscapes, and animals during the colonial period and the implications of those relationships on modern landscapes using zooarchaeology, social networks, stable isotopes, and historical documents.

The Columbian Exchange was the vast and disruptive transfer of animals, plants, diseases, and people between the Americas, Africa, and Eurasia, and it triggered the biggest change in Southwestern cultures since the development of agriculture. As part of this process, European livestock were brought by mission priests to the Pimería Alta, and become one of the foundations the modern Arizona economy. Nicole Mathwich will present her latest findings from archaeological and historical data to explore the origins of the Arizona rangeland and the social and ecological consequences of Spanish colonialism along the Santa Cruz River.

RSVP by February 13, 2018 requested!

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welcome!