

Congratulations to Our 2024 Interns and Fellows

Thanks to the generous contributions of our donors, the INSTAP Study Center was able to offer two internships, one for the William D.E. Coulson Conservation Lab and the other for the William A. McDonald Ceramic Petrography Lab, as well as the Richard Seager and Harriet Boyd Hawes Fellowships. Here are our 2024 recipients:

William D.E. Coulson Conservation Intern

Eleftheria lakovaki is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree in the Conservation of Antiquities and Artworks at the School of Applied Arts and Culture at the University of West Attica. She also holds a Master's degree in Cultural Policy and Development from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Open University of Cyprus.

William A. McDonald Ceramic Petrography Intern

Anna Tsoupra is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Évora in Portugal. Her project is titled "MATCH: Contextualizing Ceramic Raw Materials. Exploitation and Pottery Distribution, a Transdisciplinary Approach."

Richard Seager Fellowship

Sarah Malik Bell is a Ph.D. candidate at the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World at Brown University, and she is working to complete her dissertation titled "Post-Abandonment Visitation to LM IIIC Defensive Settlements on the Island of Crete: Intergenerational Transmission of Social Identity through Memory Practice and Its Effects on Long Term Social Change."

Harriet Boyd Hawes Fellowship

Giorgia Di Lorenzo received her Ph.D. in Archaeology from the University of Naples "L'Orientale". Her current project is titled "The Metallurgical *Koinè* in Crete between the LM IIIA and LM IIIC–PG Periods: A Reconstruction of the Evidence in Context."



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Second Annual Malcolm H. Wiener Symposium

The second annual Malcolm H. Wiener Symposium was hosted by the Friends of the INSTAP Study Center on January 6, 2024 at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in Chicago. We were happy to hold the event in person and online, and our keynote speakers, Leslie Preston Day and Maria Liston, were also recorded. The duo presented their work on two cemeteries at the upland site of Vronda near the village of Kavousi in eastern Crete. The lecture emphasized the demography, health, and pathology of the local population, particularly the inhumations and cremations in 30 Late Geometric enclosure graves. This unique detail was the result of digging that was supervised by physical anthropologists and the use of collection methods emphasizing intensive soil flotation. Their volume on the topic, Kavousi IV: The Early Iron Age Cemeteries at Vronda, was recently published by INSTAP Academic Press. The Director of the Study Center, Tom Brogan, kicked off the event with an overview of the many projects and programs at the Center in 2023.



At the M.H. Wiener Symposium in Chicago, from left to right: Elizabeth Shank, Maria Liston, Tom Brogan, Leslie Preston Day, and Al Leonard.

With Gratitude

Elizabeth Shank

On January 31, 2024, Karen Vellucci stepped down as the Director of Grant Programs for the Institute for Aegean Prehistory. I met Karen in the fall of 1999 when she was hired for this position by Phil Betancourt, who had just rented office space for INSTAP Grants and the US Office of the INSTAP Study

Center at 36th and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Karen initially founded INSTAP Academic Press with Phil, and expertly managed the Grants Program for 25 years. I am sure I am not alone in wanting to express my profound gratitude for her expertise, intelligence, and wit, which are already sorely missed.

