This Summer: Discover China's Past and Present at the Archaeological Field School at Yangguanzhai, China

June 17 - July 21, 2012

Location:
Yangguanzhai is located in the Jing River Valley, near Xi’an, in northwestern China. This site has been designated as one of China's "Most Important Archaeology Finds of 2008." Located in the central area of the Yangshao Culture’s Miaodigou Phase, Yangguanzhai will provide essential information to our knowledge of Neolithic settlement, social organization, economic, and perhaps ritual

Instructors:
This field school is a collaborative project between the Institute for Field Research, the Shaanxi Archaeological Academy and Xibei University in Xi’an, China, and California State University Northridge.
Dr. Ye Wa, UCLA, Field School Director
Dr. Zhouyong Sun, Shaanxi Institute of Archaeology, Xi'an, Co-Director
Professor Lothar von Falkenhausen, UCLA, Co-Director
Anke Hein, UCLA, Teaching Assistant

No prerequisites, except for curiosity to experience different cultures - past and present

Curriculum:
Credit Units: 8 semester credit-units or 12 quarter credit-units
Course Goals: (1) Introduce students to field methods in archaeology (2) Give students a basic exposure to the materials and practice of Chinese archaeology
Week 1: Lectures and instructional museum tours, focusing on the Yangshao culture, the Yangguanzhai site, and general archaeological questions such as the origin of agriculture, animal domestication, sedentary villages, ritual, and craft specialization
Week 2-5: Guided survey and excavations at the site, accompanied by lectures and visits to museums

Further information at:
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