

**The AIA is pleased to announce the return of the third lecture!**

Starting 2005/2006, all local societies will receive three annual lectures.

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**We want to hear from you!**

If you are a member of a local AIA society, tell us about what your society has been up to, or future events you will be hosting. We encourage you to submit articles and event notices for publication in the *AIA Newsletter*.

Articles should be 150–300 words in length. We will also gladly accept shorter pieces. Digital images should be at least 300 dpi.

The AIA reserves the right to edit submissions for content and length.

**Do you know an exceptional AIA member?**

Let us know! Suggest the name of a member for a featured profile in the *Newsletter*.

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## Rockford Wins Local Society Incentive Grant

The AIA is excited to announce the Rockford, Illinois Society as the winner of the 2005 Local Society Incentive Grant. The winning proposal was for an all-day community film forum. The event, which will be held on Saturday, March 12th from 1–8 p.m. is entitled “Reel Archaeology: A Forum on Archaeology in Film” and will feature five noted scholars commenting on a range of popular contemporary films including *The Passion of the Christ*, *Gladiator*, *Troy*, *Alexander*, *Ben Hur*, *The Mummy* and others.

With the recent influx of historical cinematic projects, this is a unique opportunity to hear from experts, who will apply an in-depth, historical, and archaeological perspective to these films. The Rockford Society anticipates a large turnout, and promises a captivating and enlightening event for all attendees.

The Local Society Incentive Grant is a wonderful opportunity for local societies to put their best creative ideas for community outreach into effect.

The Grant provides \$1,000 to a local society for a project or program to be implemented between January and December 2006. The Grant is designed to encourage a local society to plan a project and apply for funding to help pay for its implementation. The funds may be used for any activity that promotes archaeology and the AIA's objectives for local community activities. The deadline to apply for the 2006 Local Society Incentive Grant is October 1, 2005. For more information, please visit the AIA's website at [www.archaeological.org](http://www.archaeological.org). ■

## Kilted Scots Invade the Western Illinois Society

TOM SIENKEWICZ

Dr. James Russell of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC, was recently the Vartan Gregorian Lecturer for the Western Illinois Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. Dr. Russell gave a lecture entitled “Rome and Her Caledonian Neighbors” at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, whose mascot is a Fighting Scot. When Tom Sienkewicz, the President of the local society, explained this to Dr. Russell and threatened to have him introduced by a piper, Dr. Russell promised that if he were introduced by a piper, he would wear his kilt. In this photo (right), Dr. Russell appears (in kilt) with the Monmouth College Piper who introduced him, Mark Mullaney, '08, of Gresham, Oregon. ■



## Incentive Grant Winner Update

The Tucson Society's “Reconstruction of an Ancient Greek Ceramic Kiln” has met with tremendous success. The Tucson Society was the winner of the first Local Society Incentive Grant in 2004, which they used to construct an authentic Ancient Greek-style kiln. The project was undertaken in order to educate and involve AIA members and local schools, as well as the community, in the techniques, manufacture, and firing of Greek-style pottery. After the kiln is completed, it will be used as a fundraiser for subsequent firings. K–12 schools will have the facility made available to them so that students can learn firsthand about this important aspect of ancient cultures.

After a dedicated educational outreach with site visits, lectures, and workshops to local high schools during spring 2004, the construction of the kiln started in fall 2004 at a local high school. The kiln is currently nearing the final stages of completion. The most difficult structural parts such as the combustion chamber, stoking channel, central column, and perforated floor are in place, leaving only the upper chamber of the kiln and the firing schedule to be finalized. Eleni Hasaki, Vice President of the Tucson Society, reports that “The learning experience was wonderful, and many people contributed materials, time, and knowledge towards this project.”

Additional information on the kiln project, as well as photo updates, are available on the society's website: [www.aiatucson.org](http://www.aiatucson.org). ■



Photo by Tom Sienkewicz



## Ottawa Honored by UNESCO

HEATHER LOUBE

On Tuesday, October 26 at the National Library in Ottawa, the Peter von Blanckenhagen Memorial Lecturer, Robert Cohon, was thanked by Canada's Secretary General for the Canadian Commission to UNESCO, David Walden. Mr. Walden also commented on the relevance of Dr. Cohon's research to UNESCO and graciously sponsored the reception following the informative and entertaining presentation. ■

Pictured (l to r) are David Walden, Heather Loubé (President, AIA Ottawa) and Robert Cohon. Photo by Alysouk Lynhiavuu.