**Restorations Begin on Ancient Boat Near Pyramids**

In Cairo, archaeologists are beginning to restore a 4500 year old wooden boat found next to the pyramid of Khufu, the second Pharaoh of the 4th Dynasty. The boat was discovered in 1954 with a second, larger boat, which is on display in a nearby museum. For more information, visit: [http://thedailynewsegpy.com/archaeology/archaeologists-begin-restoring-ancient-boat-near-pyramids.html](http://thedailynewsegpy.com/archaeology/archaeologists-begin-restoring-ancient-boat-near-pyramids.html)

**20,000 Year Old Huts Discovered in Jordan**

20,000 year old huts, now the earliest known in Jordan, were discovered at the site of Kharaneh IV. The site is believed to have been an enormous settlement used by hunter-gatherers during the Neolithic Period. Numerous artifacts were discovered in the two excavated huts, including stone tools, animal bones, and shells, indicating evidence of long distance trade. For more information, visit: [http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/2012/02/21/berkeley-archaeologists-jordanian-discoveries/](http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/2012/02/21/berkeley-archaeologists-jordanian-discoveries/)

**Theft at the Archaeological Museum of Olympia**

77 artifacts were stolen this month from the Archaeological Museum of Olympia. Stolen artifacts include a Mycenaean gold signet ring, 13 ceramic lanterns, a vase from Rhodes, 11 bronze wheels and over 30 ceramic and copper animal statuettes. For more information, visit: [http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-20/greece-releases-images-of-artifacts-stolen-from-olympic-museum.html](http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-20/greece-releases-images-of-artifacts-stolen-from-olympic-museum.html)

**Earliest Image of ‘Mother Goddess’ Discovered in India**

The earliest known ‘Mother Goddess’ image, carved into sandstone, was discovered in a remote corner outside the Sri Chalukya Kumara Bheemeswara Swamy Temple in Andhra Pradesh, India. The statue, dated to the 3rd Century BCE, is 150 cm tall, 67 cm wide and 28 cm thick, representing a life sized ‘Mother Goddess’ seated on a broad pedestal. For more information, visit: [http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article2897216.ece](http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article2897216.ece)

**Announcements:**

We will be watching another movie (TBA) on Thursday, March 22, at 6:00 in the seminar room (205I). Pizza and snacks will be provided!

**Lectures:**

We will be hosting an AIA lecture by Andrew M.T. Moore, “From the Euphrates to the Adriatic: Investigating the Origins and Spread of Farming” on Tuesday, February 28, 8:00 pm, FAB 249

The Langford Conference, “Emotions between Greece and Rome”, will be on February 24 - 25 at the Augustus B Turnbull Center. We hope to see you there!

**Featured Students:**

Congratulations to Hillary Conley, who was awarded an FSU Dissertation Research Grant for her project “Black-Gloss Ceramics from Monte Pallano, Abruzzo, and the Implications for a Samnite Economy and Identity: A Form and Fabric Typology.”

**Publications:**