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A NEOLITHIC “POMPEI”— The Archaeology of Alepotrypa Cave in Diros Bay, Mani

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 3:00 pm, Hellenic Link–Midwest will present Professor William Parkinson in a lecture titled “*A NEOLITHIC “POMPEI”—The Archaeology of Alepotrypa Cave in Diros Bay, Mani*”, Greece. The event will be held at the lecture hall of the Holy Taxiarchai and Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N Caldwell Ave, Niles, Illinois.

Dr. Parkinson will discuss the results of collaborative, Greek and American, archaeological research at Diros Bay, particularly in the massive cave of Alepotrypa, one of the largest Neolithic burial sites and one of the oldest prehistoric villages in Europe. The size of a football field, the cave lay undiscovered until the 1950s, as the entrance collapsed 5,000 years ago. Some archaeologists suggest that this cave with its own underground lake may be responsible for sparking the age-old myth about the Greek underworld god Hades. In this illustrated lecture, Dr. Parkinson will discuss the results of the collaborative Greek-American research that has occurred at the cave as well as his current project in southern Mani.

William Parkinson is Curator and Head of Anthropology at the Field Museum of Natural History, where he also is Associate Director of Research. Bill also is Professor of Anthropology at University of Illinois at Chicago. He and Attila Gyucha co-direct the Körös Regional Archaeological Project in Hungary. Bill also co-directs the Southern Mani Archaeological Project in Greece with Chelsea Gardner and Rebecca Seifried. His research explores the social dynamics of early village societies and the emergence of early states.

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