

Forum on Looted Art, Archaeology and Restitution: the Napoleon & Al Mahdi Cases

Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6pm

in the Hearth Room (room 340), Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas

Discussion led by **Vanessa Rousseau**, President, Archaeological Institute of America, MN Society and **Mark Stansbury-O'Donnell**, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Art History, University of St. Thomas

The (new!) Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) members' forum is designed to give local society members and students the opportunity to participate in meaningful conversations about archaeological issues and give feedback to the national AIA. This inaugural event will compare two cases of legal restitution or reparation in the aftermath of looting and the destruction of cultural property: The return of objects confiscated by Napoleon (the first case of wartime restitution), and the recent International Criminal Court conviction of Ahmad Al Mahdi for destruction of Muslim shrines in Timbuktu. Short preparatory materials are available to read prior to the event at aiamn.blogspot.com

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