



Jeremy Sabloff Biography



Dr. Jeremy Sabloff is an eminent archeologist best known for his work on understanding ancient Maya civilization. He conducted extensive field research in Mexico and Guatemala, focusing on the Maya lowlands and particularly on the transition from Classic to Postclassic civilization and the development and nature of the Postclassic Maya.

He co-directed the major field project at the Puuc region site of Sayil, Yucatan, in the 1980s before turning to administration and a ten-year term as the Williams Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum (1994-2004).

Dr. Sabloff received his B.A., from University of Pennsylvania in 1964 and his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1969. Throughout his career he has taught at Harvard University, the University of Utah, the University of New Mexico (where he was Chair of the Department), and the University of Pittsburgh (where he also was Chair) and was an Overseas Visiting Fellow at St. John's College, Cambridge, England.

As the Williams Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum from 1994-2004 (and Interim Director, 2006-2007) he and his development staff raised approximately \$70Mn during this period and built the new Mainwaring Collections Research and Storage Wing at the Museum.

A long-time leader in the academic community, he is a past President of the Society for American Archaeology, a past Chair of Section H (Anthropology) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and past Editor of American Antiquity. He was an Associate Editor of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and currently sits on several scholarly editorial boards, including Journal of Anthropological Research and Archaeology Magazine. He served as Chair of the Smithsonian Science Commission and currently is a member of the Visiting Committee for the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, as well as a Senior Fellow Emeritus of the Kolb Foundation (of which he was President from 1994-2004 and 2006-2007). He also served on the Board of Managers of the School of Advanced Research in Santa Fe, NM (of which he was Chair from 2006-2007) and sits on the National Advisory Board of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History and the Board of the SRI Foundation in Albuquerque.



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His election to numerous prestigious academic associations attests to the contributions of his work to the field of archeology. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences (elected in 1994) and the American Philosophical Society (elected in 1996), and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected in 1999). He is also a Fellow of both the Society of Antiquaries, London, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Sabloff has published more than 130 articles, book chapters, and reviews and is the author of numerous academic books. Translations in Spanish, Russian, German, Japanese, and Dutch reflect the significance of his work to the field. Selected books he has written include *Excavations at Seibal; Ceramics* (1975), *The Cities of Ancient Mexico* (1989; 2nd ed., 1997), *The New Archaeology and the Ancient Maya* (1990), and *Archaeology Matters* (2008). He is the co-author of *A History of American Archaeology* (1974; 2nd ed., 1980; 3rd ed., 1993), *A Reconnaissance of Cancuen, Peten, Guatemala* (1978), *Ancient Civilizations: The Near East and Mesoamerica* (1979; 2nd ed. 1995), *Cozumel: Late Maya Settlement Patterns* (1984), and *The Ancient Maya City of Sayil* (1991). Sabloff has also edited or co-edited 12 books, the most recent of which are two volumes from the SAR Press: *Tikal: Dynasties, Foreigners, and Affairs of State* (2003) and (with Joyce Marcus) *The Ancient City* (2008).