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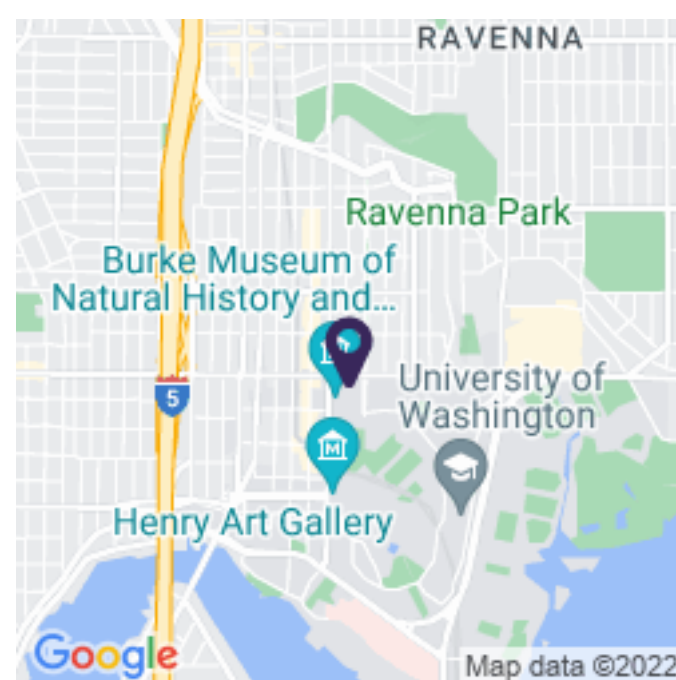
Archaeology Colloquium (FAALS): **Albert Hafner**. Title: **Early Farmers of the European Alpine Space: The Archaeology of Lake Shore Settlements and Relations to Climatic Changes of the Holocene.**

WHEN Friday, Oct 28, 2022, 1:30 – 3 p.m.**EVENT INTERVAL** Single day event**CAMPUS LOCATION** [Burke Memorial-Washington State Museum \(BMM\)](#)**CAMPUS ROOM** East Classroom**EVENT TYPES** Lectures/Seminars**EVENT SPONSORS** Department of Anthropology, Burke Archaeology**TARGET AUDIENCE** academic, public**DESCRIPTION** [If you wish to attend the lecture virtually, please register online: [https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://bit.ly/3TDXOT_!!K-Hz7m0Vt54!IVHxymBQ5v-3t0O4MaZjTeMsEHgbcCj4SfG6N0gbTNz7VRYQwOJf5BAxgxwaoj498z4d33wMVNzK_bmUhV25AQ-FYw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://bit.ly/3TDXOT_!!K-Hz7m0Vt54!IVHxymBQ5v-3t0O4MaZjTeMsEHgbcCj4SfG6N0gbTNz7VRYQwOJf5BAxgxwaoj498z4d33wMVNzK_bmUhV25AQ-FYw$)]

Prehistoric settlements in lakes and bogs from the period 5000-1000 BCE have been one of the most important archaeological sources on the early history of European agrarian societies since their discovery in the mid-19th century. The special preservation conditions under water and thus under exclusion of oxygen allow the preservation of organic material that is usually missing in other contexts. This concerns especially wood, but also textiles, and others. Large quantities of wood samples allow dendrochronological, year-precise dating which have been systematically applied for several decades. This allows us to decipher the architectural structure of settlements as well as their building history. The lecture will give an overview of underwater archaeological research in lakes of Switzerland and the Alpine region. Further, to deepen the topic of climatic influences, a short survey of a high alpine site in the Bernese Alps will be presented. The lecture completes with an outlook on an ongoing research project in lakes of the southern Balkans.

Albert Hafner is a full Professor and Director at the Institute for Archaeological Sciences at the University of Bern/Switzerland and a full member of the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research (OCCR). He studied Prehistoric Archaeology, Anthropology and Biology at the Universities of Tübingen and Freiburg/Breisgau, Germany and Zurich, Switzerland. For many years he was engaged in rescue and research excavations in Neolithic and Bronze Age wetland sites of Western Switzerland. In large-scale investigations of submerged settlements of the 4th to 1st millennium BCE he applied underwater archaeological methods and the setup of dendrochronological sequences. This allowed the complete recording of prehistoric structures and to reconstruct the architectural layout, construction history and duration of use of early agrarian settlements. His research combines archaeobiological information with off-site palaeoenvironmental data to investigate past adaptation strategies to the environment as well as the effects of past societies on their environments

For more on Dr. Hafner, visit: <https://anthropology.yale.edu/people/albert-hafner>

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