The Anthropology Alliance presents

Into The Mani: Archaeological Research in Diros Bay,
Mani Peninsula, Southern Greece

Wednesday, May 21st, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
The Field Museum Founders’ Room

Situated on the western shore of the Mani Peninsula on the southern Greek mainland is a massive cave that several thousand years ago was the site of a substantial early agricultural village. Alepotrypa Cave (Fox Hole Cave) is nearly half a kilometer deep, contains a cathedral-like main chamber, various smaller chambers, and a large freshwater lake. The cave also preserves several meters of archaeological deposits that date to the Neolithic Period (7,500-5,000 years ago) suggesting that it was home to some of the earliest farmers in Europe. People also came from distant places throughout the Aegean to bury their dead inside the cave. The remains of pottery, animals, and humans located on the surface of the cave floor suggest that the cave entrance collapsed at the beginning of the Bronze Age and that some individuals were trapped inside. The cave, which is a veritable Neolithic Pompeii, was discovered in 1958, but it is not widely known outside of Greece.

Dr. Bill Parkinson is working with Greek and American colleagues to develop a multi-disciplinary research project that will place the cave into a regional context by reconstructing the ancient landscape and documenting the archaeological sites that surround it.

RSVP by Wednesday, May 14th to 312-665-7137 or anthropologyalliance@fieldmuseum.org with guests’ names and if you require complimentary parking in the Museum’s West Lot.
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