From Clovis to Coronado:
An Introduction to Southwest Archaeology
February 3 – March 10, 2021
Wednesdays, 10 AM – 12 PM
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Course Description

This six-week online course provides an archaeological overview of American Indian societies in the Southwest from the earliest occupation at least 12,000 years ago through the colonial period, including where, when, and how they lived. Join University of Arizona Regents Professor Barbara Mills as she explores the great diversity of societies that occupied the Southwest. Learn to understand changing adaptations of southwestern peoples while looking at current debates and interpretations of the unwritten history of the past. Taught by one of the world’s leading experts in our region, the class will also look at how archaeologists piece together information from field and laboratory work, the intersection of archaeological and American Indian oral histories, and the relevance and uses of archaeology for contemporary communities.

February 3:
- The Environmental and Cultural Setting of the Southwest
- How Southwest Archaeologists Tell Time: The Tree-ring and Radiocarbon Revolutions
- Paleoindians and Megafauna Extinctions
- The Broad Spectrum Revolution: Archaic Foragers of the Early and Middle Holocene
February 10:
- The Transition to Agriculture
- Early Villages of the Plateau and Southern SW

February 17:
- The Hohokam World

February 24:
- The Chaco and Post-Chacoan Worlds

March 3:
- The Great Migration
- Pueblo IV Period Coalescence and Ritual Reorganization
- Coalescence in the South: Casas Grandes & Mesoamerican Connections

March 10:
- The Athabaskan Entry & Other Southwest Nomads
- European Contact & Colonialism
- Archaeology of the Pueblo Revolt
- SW Archaeology Today and Descendent Communities