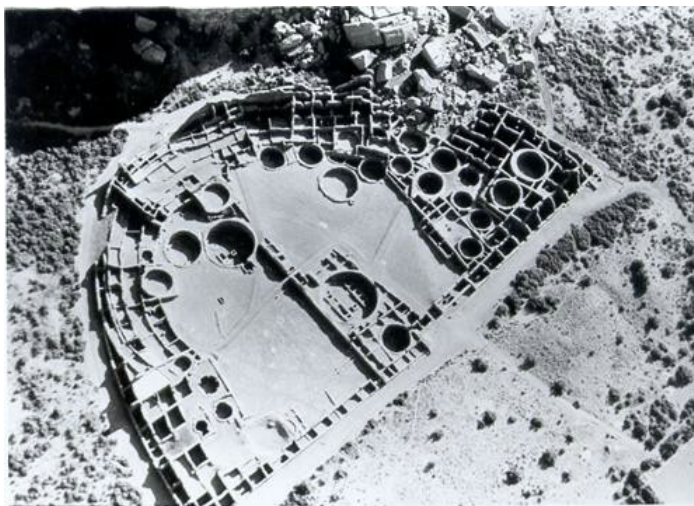




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HISTORY

The Chaco Synthesis Project was a multi-year project funded by NPS and managed by Stephen H. Lekson, University of Colorado-Boulder under a Cooperative Agreement between NPS and the University of Colorado. The Project consisted of six Chaco topically themed conferences, a panel discussion, symposium papers, and one SAR seminar brought Chacoan and non-Chacoan scholars together to evaluate what is known about Chaco in light of the work of the Chaco Project, 1971-1982. The final conference, Chaco Capstone summarized the findings and resulted in a School of American Research publication editing by Stephen H. Lekson, "The Archaeology of Chaco Canyon," 2006 (considered volume II). A companion "volume I" was written by F. Joan Mathien as part of the Publications in Archaeology Series (18H): "Culture and Ecology of Chaco Canyon and the San Juan Basin," 2005.

Many of the individual papers from the conferences have also been published in various journals. Scholars involved in this project include: Nancy J. Akins, Linda S. Cordell, Jeffrey S. Dean, Andrew I. Duff, W. Derek Hamilton, W. James Judge, John W. Kantner, Keith W. Kintigh, Stephen H. Lekson, William D. Lipe, Peter J. McKenna, Ben A. Nelson, Colin Renfrew, Lynne Sebastian, Mollie S. Toll, H. Wolcott Toll, Ruth M. Van Dyke, R. Gwinn Vivian, Carla R. Van West, Richard H. Wilshusen, Thomas C. Windes.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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DESCRIPTION The records pertain to the administration, budget, as well as the general project and conferences planning of the Chaco Synthesis Project. Each conference documentation consists of coordination, proceedings, and reports for the topically themed sessions, as well as associated events, such as the School of Advanced Research seminar, and a virtual e-conference. The collection also contains the papers generated for each conference, various journal articles, and publications which came from the efforts of the Chaco Synthesis Project. Audio and video recordings of the conferences were recorded on analog audio and video cassettes. Lastly, images of the Chaco Project Awards Dinner which followed the Chaco Capstone conference in 2002, are also contained in this collection. Many of the Chaco Synthesis Project participants were present at the dinner.

ORGANIZATION The records are organized into five series: Series I: Administration and Budget, Series II: Themed Conferences Planning, Proceedings, and Reports, Series III: Journal Articles and Publications; Series IV: Chaco Project Staff Awards Photography; Series V: Conferences Audio Recordings

PROVENANCE Stephen H. Lekson, Joan Mathien, Dabney Ford

RESTRICTIONS Yes

*ASSOCIATED
MATERIALS*

HIERARCHY

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SUBSERIES C: SOCIETY AND POLITY, 1998-1999

SUBSERIES D: CHACO WORLD, 1997-1999

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SERIES I: ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET, 1997-2004

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The arrangement is chronological.

The series pertains to the administrative and budgetary aspects of the cooperative agreement between NPS and the University of Colorado. It consists of correspondence, meeting notes, agreements, work plans, grant proposals, budget projections, and initial project planning.

SERIES II: THEMED CONFERENCES PLANNING, PROCEEDINGS, AND REPORTS, 1996-2004

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The series is organized into 8 subseries: Subseries A: General Coordination; Subseries B: Organization of Production; Subseries C: Society and Polity; Subseries D: Chaco World; Subseries E: Economy and Ecology; Subseries F: Chaco Architecture; Subseries G: Chaco Capstone Conference; Subseries H: Associated Events

This series documents the topically themed conferences which were the mainstay of the Chaco Synthesis Project. In addition to the coordination of the conferences and the five themed conference, there was also a summary conference and other associated gatherings, e.g. a seminar and an e-conference. The records consist of correspondence, agendas, outlines, publicity releases, participants list, papers, and reports pertaining to the planning, proceedings and reporting on the conferences.

SUBSERIES A: GENERAL COORDINATION, 1997-2004

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The arrangement is chronological.

This subseries documents the general coordination and organization of the topically themed conferences and associated gatherings. The records consist of correspondence, agenda outlines, notes, participants and reading lists, and publicity releases.

SUBSERIES B: ORGANIZATION OF PRODUCTION, 1998-1999

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The arrangement is chronological.

The subseries documents this topically themed conference regarding Chaco organizational models, chiefdoms, network vs. corporate systems, complexity of the system, pit structures, ceramics, household and society economies, ceremonies, burials, lithics, ground stone, turquoise, production workshops, and a lengthy summary of topics for which the participants worked on a consensus. The records consist of correspondence, agenda outlines, notes, papers, participants list, comments, and reports.

SUBSERIES C: SOCIETY AND POLITY, 1998-1999

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The subseries documents this topically themed conference regarding Chaco societal organization, including leadership and models of social organization. The records consist of correspondence, agenda outlines, notes, papers, participants list, comments, and reports.

SUBSERIES D: CHACO WORLD, 1997-1999

The Chaco Synthesis Project was a multi-year project funded by NPS and managed by Stephen H. Lekson, University of Colorado-Boulder under a Cooperative Agreement between NPS and the University of Colorado. The Project consisted of six Chaco topically themed conferences and one SAR seminar, they brought Chacoan and non-Chacoan scholars together to evaluate what is known about Chaco in light of the work of the Chaco Project, 1971-1982. The final conference, Chaco Capstone summarized the findings and resulted in a School of American Research publication editing by Stephen H. Lekson, "The Archaeology of Chaco Canyon," 2006 (considered volume II). A companion "volume I" was written by F. Joan Mathien as part of the Publications in Archaeology Series (18H): "Culture and Ecology of Chaco Canyon and the San Juan Basin," 2005. The arrangement is chronological.

This subseries documents the discussion on Chaco as a system, communities, great houses, the need to create a database where questions could be evaluated regarding the Chaco World, and how to move the discussion into the future. The records consist of correspondence, agenda outlines, notes, and participants and reading lists.

SUBSERIES E: ECONOMY AND ECOLOGY, 1999-2001

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The arrangement is chronological.

This subseries documents the discussion on Chacoan paleoenvironmental reconstruction, economic subsistence, and economic strategies and technology. The records consist of correspondence, agenda outlines, notes, and participants and reading lists.

SUBSERIES F: CHACO ARCHITECTURE, 1998-2000

The Chaco Synthesis Project was a multi-year project funded by NPS and managed by Stephen H. Lekson, University of Colorado-Boulder under a Cooperative Agreement between NPS and the University of Colorado. The Project consisted of six Chaco topically themed conferences and one SAR seminar, they brought Chacoan and non-Chacoan scholars together to evaluate what is known about Chaco in light of the work of the Chaco Project, 1971-1982. The final conference, Chaco Capstone summarized the findings and resulted in a School of American Research publication editing by Stephen H. Lekson, "The Archaeology of Chaco Canyon," 2006 (considered volume II). A companion "volume I" was written by F. Joan Mathien as part of the Publications in Archaeology Series (18H): "Culture and Ecology of Chaco Canyon and the San Juan Basin," 2005. The arrangement is chronological.

This subseries documents the discussion regarding Chacoan architecture and ethnography and travel to sites. Additionally, there was discussion regarding participants writing chapters for a book edited by S. Lekson regarding the topics of discussion at these conferences. The records consist of correspondence, agenda outlines, notes, and participants and reading lists.

SUBSERIES G: CHACO CAPSTONE CONFERENCE, 2000-2002

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This subseries documents the attempt to synthesis information from the previous five conferences, and to determine evidence meant for a broader interpretation of Chaco. They worked on a consensus or disagreements for future discussions, and to bring to publication a book of this material. The final day (October 19) was an open forum. The records consist of correspondence, agenda outlines, notes, and participants and reading lists.

SUBSERIES H: ASSOCIATED EVENTS, 1996-2003

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The arrangement is chronological.

This subseries documents the associated gatherings of an e-conference, a panel discussion-Chaco, Mesa Verde and the Confrontation with Time, papers presented at the Southwest Symposium, and a SARS seminar on the Chaco Synthesis. The records consist of correspondence, web site printouts, agenda outlines, notes, and participants and reading lists.

SERIES III: JOURNAL ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS, 1996-2006

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This series documents the scholarly articles and other publications that were generated by the papers submitted to the Chaco Synthesis Project conferences for discussion on Chacoan topics such as organization of production, society, politics, ecology, economy, communities, and architecture.

SERIES IV: CHACO PROJECT STAFF AWARDS DINNER PHOTOGRAPHY, 2002 October 18

In 2002, Bob Powers, Archaeology Program Manager for the Intermountain Regional Office, organized a dinner to honor former Chaco Project Staff members. The dinner was held at the Petroleum Club in Albuquerque. The dinner was a reunion for Chaco Project staff, and was at the end of the Chaco Capstone Conference October 18, 2002. This event was tied to the 2001 DOI Excellence in Service Citation presented to retired Chaco Center staff at the dinner. Disposable cameras were put on all the tables and the attendees took photos. People in the photographs include: Nancy Akins, Dave Brugge, Karin Burd, Cathy Cameron, Patricia Crown, Anne Cully, Dwight Drager, James Ebert, Dabney Ford, Art Ireland, LouAnn Jacobson, Jim Judge, Stephen Lekson, Florence Lister, Jerry Livingston, Joan Mathien, Peter McKenna, Earl Neller, Larry Nordby, Margaret Obenauf, Ernest Ortega, Natalie Pattison, Loren Potter, Willow and Robert Powers, Catherine Ross, John Schelberg, Lynne Sebastian, Mollie and H. Wolcott Toll, Marcia Truell, Carla van West, Gwinn Vivian, Wirt H. Wills, and Thomas Windes. The arrangement is by negative number.

This series documents the awards presentations and general photography of Chaco Project staff by other staff using disposable cameras at the reunion dinner following the conclusion of the Chaco Synthesis Project-Capstone Conference. The images are represented by large color thumbnail photo reproductions on paper, digital images, negatives, and prints. Of note, as of the writing of this entry the prints have not be located. As of July 2024, the color prints have also still not been located (AL).

SERIES V: CONFERENCES AUDIOVISUAL RECORDINGS, 1999-2003

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This series pertains to the recording of sessions at the Chaco Synthesis Project conferences and associated events. Each of the six conferences and associated events were recorded on analog audio cassette tapes and VHS video tapes. The recordings document the presentations by participants, commentary, and extensive discussion on topics surrounding Chaco organization of production, society, politics, ecology, economy, communities, architecture, and an attempt at a synthesis of this material.

FILE UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES I: ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET, 1997-2004

- 01. Cultural Resources Preservation Program-Chaco Culture NHP Proposal for Chaco Project Synthesis, Volume II, 1997**
- 02. National Park Service-University of Colorado, Boulder Cooperative Agreement Drafts and Modifications, Meeting Notes, and Correspondence, 1997-1998**
- 03. Chaco Synthesis Project Planning, NPS-University of Colorado Correspondence, Meeting Notes, and Conferences Listing, 1997-1998**
- 04. National Park Service-University of Colorado Cooperative Agreement Work Plan, Budget, and Correspondence, 1998**
- 05. University of Colorado Council on Research and Creative Work-Grant Proposal and Budget, 1998**
- 06. University of Colorado-National Park Service Cooperative Agreement and Budget Correspondence, 1998-1999**
- 07. Chaco Synthesis Project University of Colorado Financial Reporting Sheets, 1998-1999**
- 08. University of Colorado Karin Burd Logistics Meeting Notes, and Meeting with S. Lekson regarding Chaco Synthesis Project Planning Notes, 1998-1999**
- 09. University of Colorado Chaco Synthesis Project Fundraising and Budget Correspondence, Tables, and Lists, 1998-1999**
- 10. National Park Service-University OF Colorado Chaco Synthesis Project Planning and Budgetary Concerns Correspondence, 1998-1999**
- 11. National Park Service-University of Colorado Cooperative Agreement, University of Colorado Proposal, Budget, and Correspondence, 1998-2003**
- 12. National Park Service Overall Management of the Chaco Synthesis Project Correspondence, Conferences Details, and Supporting Materials, circa 1998**
- 13. National Park Service (Dabney Ford) Correspondence with University of Colorado (Stephen Lekson) Regarding Planning and Attending Chaco Synthesis Conferences, 1999-2000**

14. **University of Colorado-National Park Service Cooperative Agreement and Budget Correspondence, 1999-2001**
15. **University of Colorado-National Park Service Cooperative Agreement Correspondence, Progress Report, and Expenses Listing, 2000-2001**
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17. **University of Colorado-National Park Service Cooperative Agreement Extension Correspondence and Notes, 2002-2004**
18. **University of Colorado National Endowment for the Humanities Proposal and Correspondence Regarding Chaco Synthesis Documentary-The Ancient Mysteries of Chaco Canyon: The Chaco Project, 2002**
19. **University of Colorado National Endowment for the Humanities Proposal and Correspondence Regarding Chaco Synthesis Documentary-The Ancient Mysteries of Chaco Canyon: The Chaco Project, 2003-2004**
20. **University of Colorado (S. Lekson) Correspondence with the National Museum of Natural History (W. Fitzhugh) Regarding the Potential Chaco Project Exhibit, 2003**

SERIES II: THEMED CONFERENCES PLANNING, PROCEEDINGS, AND REPORTS, 1996-2004

SUBSERIES A: GENERAL COORDINATION, 1997-2004

01. **Conferences Planning Outline and Notes (K. Burd), 1997-1999**
02. **Planning for Conferences and Publications Correspondence, 1997-2002**
03. **Native American Perspective on Project Correspondence, 1997-1999**
04. **Chaco Reading List Sent to Conference Participants, 1998**
05. **Project Publicity Releases, Articles, and Correspondence, 1998-2004**
06. **Hopi Tribe-Chaco Synthesis Team Correspondence, 2000-2002**
07. **Interpretation Conference Proposal and Correspondence, 2001**

SUBSERIES B: ORGANIZATION OF PRODUCTION, 1998-1999

08. **Organization of Production-Conference Correspondence, Participants List, and Notes, 1998-1999**

09. **Organization of Production-Conference Agenda, Topics for Discussion, and Proceedings Report, 1999 March**
10. **Organization of Production Conference Papers (Catherine Cameron) - 1) Production of Ornaments and Religious Objects at Chaco Canyon - 2) Production and Use of Chipped Stone at Sites in Chaco Canyon, AD 990-1150 - 3) Pink Chert, Projectile Points, and the Chacoan Regional System, 1999 March**
11. **Organization of Production Conference Papers (H. Wolcott Toll) - 1) Organization of Production in the Chaco Sphere - 2) Overview of Ceramic Production in the Chaco World - 3) Making and Breaking Pots in the Chaco World, 1999 March**
12. **Organization of Production Conference Papers (Peter Peregrine) - 1) Organization of Chacoan Turquoise Bead Production: Some Preliminary Thoughts and Models - 2) The Pit Structure-Pueblo Transition and the Organization of Production in the Chacoan World - 3) Matrilocality, Corporate Strategy, and the Organization of Production in the Chacoan World, 1998-1999**
13. **Organization of Production Conference Papers (Timothy Earle) - 1) Thinking About the Economy of Chaco Canyon - 2) Economic Support of Chaco Canyon Society, 1999 March**
14. **Organization of Production Conference Paper (Colin Renfrew) - Production and Consumption in a Sacred Economy: The Material Correlates of High Devotional Expression at Chaco Canyon, 1999**
15. **Organization of Production Conference Paper (Melissa Hagstrum) - Household Production in Chaco Canyon Society, 1999 March**
16. **Organization of Production Conference Paper (T. Windes and P. McKenna) - Going Against the Grain: Wood Production in Chacoan Society, 1999 March**
17. **Organization of Production Conference Paper (F. Joan Mathien) - Organization of Turquoise Production and Consumption by the Prehistoric Chacoan, 1999 March**

SUBSERIES C: SOCIETY AND POLITY, 1998-1999

18. **Society and Polity Conference Planning Correspondence, 1998-1999**
19. **Society and Polity Conference Notes and Proceedings Report, 1999 May**

20. **Society and Polity Conference Correspondence and Paper (Linda Cordell) - How Were Pre-Columbian Southwestern Polities Organized?, 1999 May**
21. **Society and Polity Conference Paper (Mark Varien) - Chaco Society and Polity, 1999 April-May**
22. **Society and Polity Conference Paper (Norman Yoffee) - Revisiting the Chaco Rituality, 1999-2000**
23. **Society and Polity Conference Paper (Nancy Mahoney) - Monumental Architecture as Conspicuous Display in Chaco Canyon, 1999 May**
24. **Society and Polity Conference Paper (Tom Windes) - Pueblo II and III House Location Patterns in the Chaco Canyon Area, 1999 August**
25. **Society and Polity Conference Paper (John Ware) - Chaco Social Organization: A Peripheral View, 1999**

SUBSERIES D: CHACO WORLD, 1997-1999

26. **Chaco World Conference Planning Correspondence, Comments, and Agenda, 1997-1999**
27. **Chaco World Conference Talking Points, Notes, and Closing Comments and Proceedings Report, 1999 September**
28. **Chaco World Conference Paper (Nancy Mahoney) - Chaco Communities, 1999 September**
29. **Chaco World Conference Paper (John Kantner) - Was Chaco a System?, 1999 September**
30. **Chaco World Conference Paper (S. Herr) - Communities: A Position Paper, 1999 September**
31. **Chaco World Conference Paper (Ruth Van Dyke) - Architectural Variability: Explaining the Distribution of Bonito-Style Architecture at Chaco Canyon, 1999 September**
32. **Chaco World Conference Paper (Gilpin and Roler) - Session I: Function of Great Houses, 1999 September**
33. **Chaco World Conference Paper (Peter Peregrine) - (Draft) Political Strategy and the Organization of Production in the Chacoan World, 1999 May**

34. **Chaco World Post Conference Comments and Correspondence, 1999 Sept. Oct.**

SUBSERIES E: ECONOMY AND ECOLOGY, 1999-2001

35. **Economy and Ecology Conference Planning Correspondence, Outlines, Participants and Readings Lists, 1999 April-October**
36. **Economy and Ecology Conference Agenda, Notes, and Proceedings Report, 1999 October**
37. **Economy and Ecology Conference Paper (Gwinn Vivian) - Hydraulic Technologies, 1999 October**
38. **Economy and Ecology Conference Paper (Van West and Gwinn Vivian) - Agricultural Technologies and Strategies, 1999 October**
39. **Economy and Ecology Conference Paper (J.S. Dean) - Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction, 1999 October**
40. **Economy and Ecology Conference Paper (Tom Windes) - Wood Procurement and the Chaco Environment, 1999 October**
41. **Economy and Ecology Conference Paper (M. Toll) - Macrobotanical Remains, 1999 October**
42. **Economy and Ecology Conference Paper (Nancy Akins) - Chacoan Anasazi Animal Use, 1999 October**
43. **Economy and Ecology Post Conference Correspondence, 2000-2001**

SUBSERIES F: CHACO ARCHITECTURE, 1998-2000

44. **Chaco Architecture Conference Planning Correspondence, 1998-2000**
45. **Chaco Architecture Conference - Public Aspect Correspondence, 2000**
46. **Chaco Architecture Pre-Conference Comments and Thoughts and Notes From Participants Regarding Architecture, 2000**
47. **Chaco Architecture Conference Proceedings Notes and Report, 2000 Sep.-Oct.**
48. **Chaco Architecture Conference Paper (Stephen Lekson) - Lords of the Great House: Structures of Power in the Greater Southwest, 2000 September**

49. **Chaco Architecture Conference Paper (Ben Nelson) Causeways and Colonnades: The Meaning of Meso American Influence in Chacoan Architecture, 2000 October**
50. **Chaco Architecture Conference Paper (Philip Tuwaletsiwa) - 1) A Critique on Extending the 107-57-25 Meridian From Chaco Canyon to Aztec to Paquime - 2) A Unified Theory for Chaco: The Little Idea, 2000 September**
51. **Chaco Architecture Conference Paper (Patricia Fournier and Laura Chavez) - Tula: Early Postclassic Sacred and Secular Architecture in Central Mexico, 2000 October**

SUBSERIES G: CHACO CAPSTONE CONFERENCE, 2000-2002

52. **Chaco Capstone Conference Planning Correspondence, 2000-2002**
53. **Chaco Capstone Conference Schedule and Proceedings Report, 2002 October**
54. **Chaco Capstone Conference Papers (Stephen Lekson) - 1) Against Kivas - 2) Rude Stone Monuments: Monumental Architecture in Non-State Societies - 3) Meridian Addendum - 4) War in the Southwest, War in the World, 2002**
55. **Chaco Capstone Conference Paper (S. Lekson and T. Windes) - Architecture Talking Points, 2002 August**
56. **Chaco Capstone Conference Paper (Jim Judge) - A Trial Timeline Model for Chacoan Society and Polity, 2002 July**
57. **Chaco Capstone Conference Paper (John Kantner and Keith Kintigh) - The Chaco World, 2002 May**
58. **Chaco Capstone Conference Paper (Bill Lipe) - Chaco: Notes From the North, 2002 October**
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- 15. Culture and Ecology of Chaco Canyon and the San Juan Basin (F. Joan Mathien)-Publications in Archeology 18H, 2005**
- 16. The Archeology of Chaco Canyon: An Eleventh Century Pueblo Regional Center (edited by S. Lekson), and Chapter 1) Chaco Matters: An Introduction (S. Lekson), 2006**

SERIES IV: CHACO PROJECT STAFF AWARDS DINNER PHOTOGRAPHY, 2002 October 18

- 01. Chaco Project Staff Awards Dinner Images, 2002 October 18**
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SERIES V: CONFERENCES AUDIOVISUAL RECORDINGS, 1999-2003

01. Organization of Production Conference Recordings, 1999 March 20-23

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussions is available in the proceedings reports for each conference, as well as a daily agenda. For this conference there were approximately nine people in the room and over three days (March 21-23) they discussed Chaco organizational models, chiefdoms, network vs. corporate systems, complexity of the system, pit structures, ceramics, household and society economies, ceremonies, burials, lithics, groundstone, turquoise, production workshops, and a lengthy summary of topics for which the groups worked on a consensus. Of note: the sessions often used visual aids such as maps, book images, and outlines of discussion on a blackboard.

There is an audio cassette recording March 20th, a public lecture by Colin Renfrew, "Archeology and Language: The Puzzle of Indo-European Origins".

02. Society and Polity Conference Recordings, 1999 May 3-7

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussions is available in the proceedings reports for each conference, as well as a daily agenda. For this conference there were approximately eleven people in the room and over two days (May 4th and 5th) they discussed Chaco societal organization, including leadership and models of social organization.

Of note: Tape 1 is blank and did not record the morning session of May 4th.

03. Chaco World Conference Recordings, 1999 September 25-27

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussions is available in the proceedings reports for each conference, as well as a daily agenda. For this conference there were approximately twenty people in the room and over three days (September 25-27) they discussed Chaco as a system, communities, great houses, the need to create a database where questions could be evaluated regarding the Chaco World, and how to move the discussion into the future. The final day was dedicated to a public session. These recordings are in some parts inaudible, the recordings are muffled. Tape 5 and Tape 6 are audible.

04. Ecology and Economy Conference Recordings, 1999 October 28-30

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussions is available in the proceedings reports for each conference, as well as a daily agenda. For this conference there were approximately eight people in the room and over three days (October 28-30) they discussed Chacoan paleoenvironmental reconstruction, economic subsistence, and economic strategies and technology. These recordings are in some parts inaudible, they are very muffled. Tape 4 is audible.

05. Southwest Symposium Recordings, 2000 January 14-15

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussion is available in the proceedings report. In this symposium there were two Chaco Synthesis Project relevant papers presented on January 14 at the New Directions in Pueblo Research session. Nancy Mahoney presented Trashing the Chaco Phenomenon: Dissecting Middens in Great House Communities and Reintegrating Chaco into Puebloan Histories, and John Ware presented Ethnography as Destination: Alternative Pueblo Social Histories.

06. Chaco, Mesa Verde and the Confrontation with Time-Panel Discussion Recordings, 2000 February 25-26

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussions is available in the proceedings report and in the daily agenda. For this panel discussion there were approximately twenty people in the room and over two days (February 25-26) they presented and discussed their interpretation and perspectives on ancient Chacoan sites. The NPS representatives only participated in the discussion, no presentations were made by staff.

07. Chaco Architecture Conference Recordings, 2000 September 29-October 3

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussions is available in the proceedings reports for each conference, as well as a daily agenda. For this conference there were approximately twenty-four people in the room (as this was a field conference it was attended by numerous Ph.D. students) and over two days (September 29 and October 2) they discussed Chacoan architecture and ethnography, while the other days consisted of travel to sites. Additionally, there was discussion regarding participants writing chapters for a book edited by S. Lekson regarding the topics of discussion at these conferences. These recordings are in parts inaudible, they are very muffled.

08. Chaco Capstone Conference Recordings, 2002 October 16-20

An overview of the participants, presentations, and discussions is available in the proceedings reports for each conference, as well as a daily agenda. For this conference there were approximately twenty people in the room and over four days (October 16-19) they attempted to synthesize information from the previous five conferences, and to determine evidence meant for a broader interpretation of Chaco. They worked on a consensus or disagreements for future discussions, and to bring to publication a book of this material. The final day (October 19) was an open forum and is on tapes 11-13.

Additionally, there are three interviews regarding the Capstone conference summarizations and the history of both the Chaco Synthesis Project and the Chaco Project. The interviews are with S. Lekson-Tape 4; L. Sebastian-Tape 5; and G. Vivian-Tape 9.

Of Note: the sessions often used visual aids such as slide presentations, maps, book images, and outlines of discussion on a blackboard.

09. School of American Research (SAR) Chaco Synthesis Seminar Recordings, 2003 May 4-7

An overview of the participants and discussion is available in the daily agenda. For this exploration seminar there were approximately twelve people who meet over two days (May 5-6) discussed topics and questions on Chaco to result in a publication.

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