October 17th: Competing Priorities

READING:

- Joanne Farchakh-Bajjaly, “Who Are the Looters at Archaeological Sites in Iraq?” in *Antiquities Under Siege: Cultural Heritage Protection After the Iraq War*, Lawrence Rothfield, ed. Altamira Press, New York: 2008 (pp. 49-56);
- Julie Hollowell, “Moral arguments on subsistence digging,” in *The Ethics of Archaeology* (pp. 69-93);

IN-CLASS DEBATE: Should the past pay for the present?

1. In week 2 we read Joseph Sax’s nuanced analysis situating scholarship as one among many competing goods. **List the competing goods that “scholarship” may preclude or drive out.**

2. In this week’s reading we encounter several more competing goods that vie with the care and preservation of antiquities in today’s world. **List them.**

3. In week 4 we identified types and groups of principles that underlie the opinions and reactions to John Tierney’s article. **List them.**

4. For each of the competing goods that you listed in #1 and 2, identify at least one ethical and one legal principle both FOR and AGAINST prioritizing them over the care and preservation of antiquities.

***** BRING A WRITTEN COPY OF YOUR ANSWERS TO CLASS *****