

INTRO to ARCH

TRIANGULATING PIIPAASH HISTORY ALONG THE LOWER GILA RIVER, SOUTHWEST ARIZONA

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Contemporary Piipaash of the Gila River and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Communities have histories tying them to the lower Gila. These “down river” landscapes were their exclusive territories until they moved upriver for safety among their Akimel O’odham allies in the middle Gila River valley. Piipaash ancestors completed this profound demographic transformation less than a generation before the region’s annexation by an expanding U.S. Empire in 1848/1852. This paper synthesizes recent collaborative research that weaves together a Piipaash cultural landscape along the lower Gila River. Known for its immense galleries of rock imagery, the lower Gila also hosts ancestral Piipaash settlements. Attention to these settlements provides a better understanding of the history of the Piipaash and other riverine Yuman Tribes.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024 | 530PM - 830PM
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Light dinner will be served. For more information contact the THPO.