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## Inside and Out: Excavations of Early Mycenaeans at Ancient Eleon in Greece.

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11:30 am – 12:50 pm

Cornett Building: A129

The Eastern Boeotia Archaeological Project (EBAP) has been excavating at the site of ancient Eleon in the village of Arma since 2011. This project is a synergasia between the Canadian Institute in Greece/University of Victoria and Ephorate of Antiquities of Boeotia, Greece.

This talk will concentrate on recent fieldwork within and around an enclosure which we call the Blue Stone Structure (BSS), so named because of the polished blue limestone used to cap a large, rectangular perimeter wall. This structure was capped with a mound of clay marking an early Mycenaean cemetery of some significance dating to the formative period of Mycenaean society, ca. 17th c. BCE contemporary with the great Grave Circles of Mycenae. One of our research questions addresses the relationship between the construction of the BSS perimeter wall and individual burials. This work demonstrates that burials customs and patterns are not uniform in early Greece and that certain communities employ different strategies of inclusion and exclusion to burial zones.

**EVERYONE WELCOME.**

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