

THE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE PRESENTS

THPO TALKS

Heritage Preservation Speaker Series

Flows of Time: Ancestral O'odham (Hohokam) Irrigation along the Lower Salt River and Broader Understanding of Ancient Irrigation

Presented by Christopher Caseldine, Curator of Collections,
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Thursday, July 23rd | 530pm - 8pm
Ṣu:g / Kwishilaa Auditorium

Kavaḍ / Kushov Cultural Center - 1691 N. Longmore Road, Scottsdale 85256



Irrigation has been the foundation of life in the Phoenix Basin for thousands of years. The Ancestral O'odham, commonly known as the Hohokam, developed one of the most expansive and sophisticated irrigation systems in the ancient world. Contrary to popular beliefs, the Hohokam did not disappear, but live on through O'odham communities today. Christopher will discuss the history of irrigation along the lower Salt River through the present day. He will highlight ways that an extremely large flood

and highly interconnected irrigation canals contributed to the Hohokam Classic period. Further, he will discuss how combining understandings of Ancestral O'odham irrigation, historic traditional irrigators, and institutions provides insights into the management of irrigation systems in other ancient agrarian societies.

Light dinner will be served. For more information contact the THPO.