

## Dr. Lynn H. Gamble Biography

Lynn H. Gamble is Professor Emerita of Anthropology at the University of California, Santa Barbara and has been active in anthropological archaeology, with a focus in California, for over 40 years. Her interests include shell bead money and ornamentation, emergence of inequality, cultural and ritual landscapes, social identity, mortuary patterns, long distance exchange, culture contact, climate change, and long-term transformations among hunter-gatherer societies. She just completed a three-year commitment as the Editor of *American Antiquity*, one of the principal journals of the Society for American Archaeology. She is editor of the volume *First Coastal Californians*, which won the 2016 New Mexico-Arizona Book Award in Anthropology/Archaeology. She was the author of several chapters in this volume. Dr. Gamble published the book *The Chumash World at European Contact: Power, Trade, and Feasting Among Complex Hunter-Gatherers* in 2008, followed by a paperback in 2011, with University of California Press. In addition, she is author of over 70 articles, chapters, and monographs. One of her most recent peer-reviewed articles is "Finding Archaeological Relevance during a Pandemic and What Comes After." She co-authored this with the Editorial Board of *American Antiquity* (Lynn H. Gamble, Cheryl Claassen, Jelmer W. Eerkens, Douglas J. Kennett, et al.) in *American Antiquity* (2021) 86:2-22. She is the sole author of several peer-reviewed articles that have shifted thinking about a number of topics. They include the following: "The Origin and Use of Shell Bead Money in California" *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* (2020) 60:101237; "Feasting, Ritual Practices, Social Memory, and Persistent Places: New Interpretations of Shell Mounds in Southern California" *American Antiquity* (2017) 82:427-451; and "Archaeological Evidence for the Origin of the Plank Canoe in North America." *American Antiquity* (2002) 67(2):301-315. Another article of significance, "An Integrative Approach to Mortuary Analysis: Social and Symbolic Dimensions of Chumash Burial Practices," was published in *American Antiquity* (2001) 66:185-212, and was co-authored by Gamble with Phillip L. Walker and Glenn S. Russell.

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