

2027: Climate Change and the Crater Lake Rano Kao on Easter Island

Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m.



What happened to the trees on Rapa Nui (Easter Island)? Popular theory says the Rapa Nui people cut down their forests, causing ecocide and leaving a barren island with hundreds of stone moai lying facedown in testament. Newly uncovered evidence is changing that story into one of adaptation and hope. This is not a story of collapse, but rather one of a resilient place called “the Navel of the World.” This lecture is led by Dr. Candace Gossen, an environmental archaeologist who has worked on coring the crater lake Rano Kao on Easter Island for the last 15 years to find out what happened to its giant palm forests.

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