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Everyday Life and Everyday Science in the Precolumbian Maya World

Long before the first Europeans met Maya people around 1500 AD, the Maya were developing their own science and engineering, affecting all aspects of everyday life. Many people know the Maya were great astronomers-- but they were also specialists in farming technology, construction, and other techniques that affected people's quality of life.

Dr. Rosemary Joyce, an archeologist, has conducted fieldwork in Honduras since 1977. Her research interests include ceramic analysis, household archaeology, and sex, gender and the body, interests unified under the heading of social archaeology, not coincidentally the title of a journal of which she is a founding editor. She would like to be known for changing fixed ideas about sex and gender, but is resigned to being known for her work on the early history of chocolate! Her publications include *Ancient Bodies, Ancient Lives* (2008); *Embodied Lives: Figuring Ancient Egypt and the Classic Maya* (2003); *The Languages of Archaeology: Dialogue, Narrative, and Writing* (Blackwell, 2002); and *Gender and Power in Prehispanic Mesoamerica* (University of Texas, 2001). She received her PhD in anthropology from the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1985. You can keep up with Dr. Joyce and her activities through several links including the following: The Berkeley blog: <http://blogs.berkeley.edu/author/rjoyce/>, a Psychology Today blog: <http://www.psychologytoday.com/experts/rosemary-joyce-phd>, a Berkeley academic site: <http://berkeley.academia.edu/RosemaryJoyce>, and <http://ancientbodies.wordpress.com/>

