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Dear Lic. María del Perpetuo Socorro Villarreal,

I hope this finds you well.

I am working as a picture researcher for Thames & Hudson and writing to you as we would very much like to feature the images below in the forthcoming publication *Arts of the Ancient Americas,* written by James A. Doyle, and part of the recently relaunched World of Art series.

James Doyle is an archaeologist and museum professional whose curatorial practice activates objects for university teaching, scholarly research, and public education. He has conducted archaeological and conservation fieldwork, organized museum exhibitions, and published widely on the material and visual cultures of the ancient Americas. You may find some further information here:

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Scheduled for Autumn 2025 publication date,*Arts of the Ancient Americas* is a pioneering history of the art of the Americas from the 2nd millennium BC to the colonial period, examining art across all media from traditionally understudied regions. We hope to publish internationally, in English and further languages, in both print and e-book format.

The scholarly approach of*Arts of the Ancient Americas* includes innovative perspectives to generate a new reading of some of the world’s great visual traditions. A cross-regional, chronological organization from the 2nd millennium BC to the colonial period highlights contemporaneous societies and artistic choices across modern national borders. This provides a holistic, hemispherical view that transcends widespread delimitations such as Mesoamerica and the Andes, allowing readers to discover new civilizations in traditionally understudied regions. It will draw comparisons and contrasts to global traditions, underscoring the importance of the ancient American corpus for the entire field of visual studies. It will also move towards an Indigenous theory of art with ample discussion of continuities in creativity through centuries of colonization and into today’s living traditions.

The objective is to create the first text on the early Americas that could serve as a course book for introductory classes in global art history and archaeology.

We would very much like to feature the objects and photographs below in the publication:

Escultura antropomorfa

Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia

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Figurilla antropomorfa

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Ofrenda 4 de La Venta

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(the second photograph with the black background)

El Luchador

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Máscara de Pakal

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Cabezas de serpientes en pirámide de la zona arqueológica de Teotihuacán

Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia

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Escultura deidad o sobrenatural

Museo Nacional de Antropología

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Máscara antropomorfa

Museo de la Cultura Teotihuacana, Teotihuacán, Estado de México

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Lápida

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Pectoral de jaguar

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Urna

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Yugo

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Pectoral

Museo de las Culturas de Oaxaca, Ex Convento de Santo Domingo de Guzmán

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Atlante

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Coatlicue

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Escultura Xochipilli y Trono

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Antropomorfo Dios Jaguar del Inframundo

Museo de Sitio de Palenque, Alberto Ruz L'Huillier

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Diosa de jade o Tláloc verde

Zona Arqueológica de Teotihuacán

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The second image in the link below:

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Chalcatzingo Monument 9

A stone carved into a window

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Coyolxauhqui

Museo de Sitio del Templo Mayor

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Olla Tláloc

Museo de Sitio del Templo Mayor

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Tlaltecuhtli

Museo de Sitio del Templo Mayor

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<https://mediateca.inah.gob.mx/islandora_74/islandora/object/objetoprehispanico%3A23279>

It would be an honour to feature these important works in the publication and I hope you might be interested in contributing.

I appreciate your time and help with this extensive image enquiry. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Nikos Kotsopoulos