

For Brunilde Sismondo Ridgway on her goth Birthday



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Chinese-style roofs at Paestum. *Who would have imagined it?* Such were my musings as I strove to shift slides in four projectors to keep pace with Marni Goldberg's intriguing seminar presentation on archaic roofing systems in Magna Graecia. Bruni must have noticed a change in my expression and, even though I was only the undergraduate slide projectionist, asked me what I thought, inviting me to join the discussion. And so, in that moment and countless others during my time at Bryn Mawr, she encouraged me to take part in the conversation. Bruni Ridgway was without a doubt the inspirational catalyst that set me on a long and fascinating path as an archaeologist and teacher. *And who would have imagined that that teenager from Texas in the projection booth would one day be directing her own excavation at Paestum under the shadow of one of those Chinese roofs?* Perhaps only Bruni, who sees the potential in all her students, had an inkling.

With heartfelt thanks, I would like to add my voice to the strong chorus of all her friends and students in wishing Bruni a very happy goth birthday. You, Bruni, are a life-long inspiration to us all.

Auguroni per il tuo compleanno e per un anno pieno di felicità e gioia!

Rebecca (Miller Ammerman)



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a. Rebecca with her own student from Texas, Erica Hiddink, at Temple of Athena 2018

b. North Urban Paestum Project Team 2019

c. Rebecca in floppy hat at North Urban Paestum Project 2019 excavations

d. Rebecca's daughter, Dora, and son, Richard, sitting on blocks of Chinese roof at Paestum 2018