

# COUNCIL OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES NEWSLETTER

YOUR PHOTO COULD BE HERE!

JUNE

2018



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

## **SAA News:**

SAA's 84th Annual Meeting will be held in Albuquerque, NM from April 10 – 14, 2019. [Abstract Submissions](#) is open until September 6, 2018 at 3 pm ET. Read the [Call for Submissions](#) for more information.

This fall, participate in an Online Seminar or Knowledge Series lecture. On [September 12](#), SAA will have Archaeology in the Community's Dr. Alexandra Jones advising on building community-based archaeology projects (paid two-hour online seminar). On [October 24](#), Dr. Natasha Lyons, Dr. Kisha Supernant, and Dr. John R. Welch will present on a heart-centered toolkit for archaeologists (free one-hour online seminar, available only to SAA members). Both seminars are certified by RPA and Registered Professional Archaeologists can receive Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits for participating.

## **Volunteer for the 84th Annual Meeting**

SAA is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers for the 84th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Volunteer opportunities are open to both members and non-members who are eager to connect with colleagues.

In order for volunteers to have more meeting flexibility, SAA will only require two 4-hour blocks of volunteers' time! The complimentary meeting registration is the exclusive benefit for your time.

Training for the April 10 - 14, 2019, meeting will be provided via detailed manuals and on-the-job training. More information on the volunteer program and volunteer assignments can be found on [SAAweb](#).

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until February 15, 2019.

## **From the Chair:**

**Patricia A. Gilman**

### *New Leadership*

The members attending the annual meeting of the Council of Affiliated Societies (CoAS) elected some new leadership and re-elected some continuing leadership. The annual meeting occurred, as it always does, at the Society for American Archaeology conference, which this year was in Washington, D.C. Patricia Gilman ([pgilman@ou.edu](mailto:pgilman@ou.edu)) was elected chair, vice chair is Brian Ostahowski ([Brian.Ostahowski@gmail.com](mailto:Brian.Ostahowski@gmail.com)), and Wendy Lockwood ([wendylockwood47@yahoo.com](mailto:wendylockwood47@yahoo.com)) is continuing as secretary. Christopher Rowe ([crowe2@uwyo.edu](mailto:crowe2@uwyo.edu)) also is continuing as the CoAS newsletter editor. Please feel free to contact any of us to suggest activities or actions that CoAS might undertake to help the member societies and to improve archaeology.

Pat Gilman is a faculty member retired from the Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma. She has worked with avocational archaeologists for all of her long life in archaeology, and she continues to do so now. Brian Ostahowski represents the Louisiana Archaeological Society. Wendy Lockwood is a long-time member of the Texas Archaeological Society. She is serving her second term as CoAS secretary. Chris Rowe is a Master's student at the University of Wyoming. His research

involves comparing temporally diagnostic projectile point frequencies between public and private land and would not have been possible without the kind assistance of many local collectors and avocational archaeologists in northeastern Wyoming.

### *Annual Meeting*

At the annual meeting, the members attending discussed the new CoAS Policies and Procedures document that the SAA Board has approved and that was emailed earlier to all Affiliated Societies but can be found [here](#).

The CoAS chair, Teddy Stickney, reported on CoAS activities for the year. Wendy Lockwood reported on activity at the CoAS booth in the SAA exhibit hall.

Members representing the following Affiliated Societies gave brief discussions of their recent activities – Texas Archaeological Society, Colorado Archaeological Society, Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, D.C., Wyoming Archaeological Society, and Louisiana Archaeological Society.

Steve Tomka, SAA board member and liaison to CoAS, discussed passage of the CoAS Policies and Procedures.

### *Plans for the Next Year*

CoAS would like to work on a project or two for the coming year. These projects should benefit the Affiliated Societies and should promote the SAA goals and archaeology in general. For example, the Affiliated Society member from the

Colorado Archaeological Society has suggested that the CoAS web page provide links to videos of talks given at Affiliated Society chapters. This would allow other member societies access to these programs, and many societies already have such videos available on their web sites. The CoAS web page could serve as a clearinghouse for these links. Although we have not made any final decisions, this seems like a useful project, especially for chapters in rural areas who may not have easy access to many archaeologists who can give talks. In the future, perhaps some presentations given at the SAA conferences could be recorded for such purposes as well.

CoAS is also interested in promoting site preservation and we would like to hear from our Affiliated Societies about successful programs they have enacted that might be implemented elsewhere. Please contact any of the officers about such programs.

The officers would like CoAS to be an active society that works on behalf of the Affiliated Societies in terms of their needs and projects. Please tell us what your needs are, suggest productive projects, and please don't hesitate to volunteer your help!

### **From the Editor:**

#### **Christopher Rowe**

Just as the CoAS leadership has changed, so has the newsletter's cover! I think that it looks a bit empty though, so I would encourage you to get out there with your society and get some great photos doing what you love, as I will begin featuring the "best" photo submitted on the cover of each

future issue. The standard photo permission rules sent out with each call for submissions will apply.

If your society publishes its own newsletter or other documents, and they are available publically, I would encourage you to begin including a link to it with your submissions. This will help us in our goal of sharing information and ideas between societies while generating further awareness of your society's hard work.

As always, please let me know of any comments, questions, or suggestions you have regarding the newsletter! Enjoy!

## **Archeological Society of Maryland:**

### **Article adapted from the November 2017 edition of ASM, Ink**

#### *Dennis Curry gets 2017 ASM Marye Award; Announces Retirement*

Both Dennis Curry and the audience got surprises at this year's ASM Annual Meeting October 21. Curry was to hear that he had been awarded the Society's highest honor, the William B. Marye Award for outstanding contributions to Maryland archeology. The audience was to hear that he will be leaving his job as state archeologist with the Maryland Historical Trust at the end of October.

Curry was honored for "four decades of outstanding contributions to ASM and Maryland archeology, the last four as the state's chief archeologist at the Maryland Historical Trust" and is best known to ASM members for his 40 years of work on its field schools. He was the fellow in shorts, no

matter what the weather was. He also was editor of ASM's journal, *Maryland Archeology*, for 25 years, from 1989 until 2014, when his new duties at the Trust forced him to resign. He also was involved in officer and editing positions with the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference, the Eastern States Archeological Federation and the Council for Maryland Archeology. Among his publications is *Feast of the Dead*, a study of ossuaries.



*Marye Award Winner Dennis Curry  
(Photo by John Fiveash)*

ASM President Don Housley said, "This year's William B. Marye Award presentation was exceptionally special and well-timed to coincide with Dennis' announcement that he was retiring. What a fitting way for ASM to say thank you to Dennis for his many contributions to Maryland archeology and to ASM as its highly regarded Maryland Archeology editor, his calming influence during sometimes hectic field sessions and

all around kind and decent person to work with.” Another ASM member continued, “Dennis was always the one to turn to at field school when a question came up or an artifact surfaced that no one could identify; and I can’t think of one instance when he got mad when things went wrong or stupidity reared up.”

Dennis Curry, Chief Archeologist at the Maryland Historical Trust since 2013, retired on October 31. Elizabeth Hughes, Director and State Historic Preservation Officer at the Trust, hailed Curry’s “distinguished 40-year career in archeology with the State of Maryland” and said, “The Trust is committed to filling this position and is now in the process of seeking the approvals that are required in order to move forward with recruitment.”

With a BA and MA from Catholic University, Curry joined the archeology division of the Maryland Geological Survey and when the archeology functions were combined with those of the MHT in 1990, he was transferred to that unit with the title of senior archeologist.

**Article adapted from the April 2018 edition of ASM, Ink**

*Field Session Going to Return to Calverton in '18*

Last year’s field session was so pleasant that the Archeological Society of Maryland (ASM) has decided to go back to Calverton this year for more of the same. The waterfront site was the first seat of Calvert County and an old map gave clues of where

dwellings were and where people should be digging.

The session will last from May 25 to June 4 and be under the supervision of Calvert County archeologist Kirsti Uunila, who directed last year’s effort. The 2017 dig did not find a large concentration of 17th and 18th Century artifacts but there were enough diagnostic finds to conclude that at least a portion of the town survived three centuries of plowing. This year diggers and screeners will be trying to find more evidence of just how much is still buried there. As usual, the last Saturday of the dig will feature an al fresco dinner. A registration form is available on the ASM website given below. Please submit it by May 22. We also are providing on-line registration and fee payment for the field session. Registration forms and field session information can be accessed at:

<http://www.marylandarcheology.org/2018fieldsessionregistration.html>

**Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society**

**Barbara K. Montgomery, Ph.D.**

Senior Principal Investigator/Project Manager  
Environmental Planning and Cultural Resources  
Division  
Tierra Right of Way Services, Ltd., Tucson

The Board of Directors and members of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS) have been busy this spring! In addition to our monthly lectures and field trips, we’ve begun several projects and completed others. For example, AAHS

sponsors the Cocoraque Butte Rock Art Project. This project has recently been completed after five seasons of fieldwork by many devoted volunteers. Cocoraque Butte, near Tucson, has more than 10,000 petroglyphs along with grinding features, and “bell rocks,” which are boulders that produce a clear, bell-like tone when hit with a wooden mallet. These rock art and other features date from the Early Agricultural period (800 B.C.-A.D. 150) through the prehistoric Hohokam occupation (A.D. 150-1450). See the June 2017 issue of the CoAS newsletter for more background on this fascinating project.

AAHS recently began posting interviews of distinguished archaeologists and historians on the Society’s YouTube channel, and will be posted soon on our website at <http://www.az-arch-and-hist.org>. To date, Drs. Raymond H. Thompson, Bunny Fontana, C. Vance Haynes, and Jim Ayres have been interviewed. Interviews of additional senior colleagues are planned for the near future. These personal testimonies will provide a permanent record of the lives and work of these influential scholars.

The AAHS Board is working on a handout for distribution during field visits to archaeological sites that provides helpful tips on treating sites with respect. AAHS wants to educate the public about the prehistory and history of our region, but we are also responsible for protecting those cultural resources. If we are going to expose sites to the public, we must also educate the public and help them appreciate the unique value of each site.

Another example of a program that functions to educate the public involves high school students from the Hopi Tribe. The AAHS Board, working with Arizona State Museum (ASM) and the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office (HCPO), has developed a four-day fieldtrip for 10 Hopi high school students to visit the University of Arizona (UA) campus. The initial purpose of the fieldtrip was to provide an opportunity for these students to visit the Homol’ovi exhibit at the ASM. Homol’ovi Ruins, located near Winslow, Arizona, date from the 1200s to the late 1300s, and provide a pre-Hispanic record of the late migration period of the Hopi people. In addition to learning about their ancestors and visiting other exhibits at the ASM, the students will visit the UA Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research and the UA Biosphere.

For questions about our Society, check out the AAHS website at the address listed above or contact our AAHS Board liaison to CoAS, Dr. Barbara Montgomery, at [bmontgomery@tierra-row.com](mailto:bmontgomery@tierra-row.com).