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Cover image: Chipped stone biface recovered during construction of the Civil War-era Long Bridge where the 14th Street Bridges now span the Potomac River connecting Washington, DC, to Virginia. Courtesy of Smithsonian Institution. Topographic map of Washington DC (U.S. Geological Survey, 1886, Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division, <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3850.ct004431/>).



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From the President

Dear Colleagues,

SAA is looking forward to hosting the 83rd Annual Meeting in our headquarters city of Washington, DC—a vibrant and beautiful city with a great deal of history that will serve as the perfect setting to convene to share our research and reconnect with colleagues.

The meeting's location in the nation's capital could not be more opportune, given the current political climate. The Society is encouraging attendees to schedule Capitol Hill visits with senators and representatives to share professional perspectives about the value and importance of archaeology and cultural heritage preservation. To assist individuals with their visits, SAA will provide talking points; pre-visit morning briefings on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the meeting; a one-hour recorded seminar on how to make a Hill visit as effective as possible; and SAA lapel pins to wear on the Hill. I urge you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity while in DC to do your part to speak up for our profession.

The DC meeting features a wide range of sessions, workshops, networking opportunities (including the Student Member Welcome Reception), and excursions. I hope to see you at the President's Forum, "What We Have Learned," on Wednesday evening. In this forum, archaeologists with diverse perspectives, experiences, and situations will explore what we have learned through the lens of the archaeological record that is useful and important for society today.

I look forward to seeing you in April in Washington, DC.

*Susan M. Chandler, RPA
President*



From the Annual Meeting Program Chair

Dear Colleagues,

The 83rd Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC. With 3,480 initial submissions received this year, the Program Committee is hard at work. A total of 232 forums, electronic forums, organized paper sessions, poster sessions, and Lighting Rounds were submitted for consideration in addition to 56 general sessions. Sessions will run from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Sunday. When planning your schedule, please don't forget that the President's Forum, "What We Have Learned," will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday; the Annual Business Meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday; the Ethics Bowl will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday; and the "Posters After Hours" session is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

See you in Washington, DC!

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From the Local Advisory Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to Washington, DC! It has been 44 long years since the SAA Annual Meeting has been held in Washington. As the political hub of the United States, Washington offers archaeologists a great chance to share the value and insights of our discipline in this important setting.

We have a number of exciting tours planned for interested conference participants. These include a tour of the archaeology of George Washington's Mount Vernon; this tour focuses on the archaeology of this remarkable estate, which had occupations spanning the Archaic period through the twentieth century. Tours of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) and National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) collections facilities in Suitland, Maryland, are also being offered. These tours will provide an unparalleled opportunity to see amazing archaeological objects from North America and around the world. Finally, we are offering a tour focused on the repatriation practices of the Smithsonian's NMNH and NMAI—two of the world's largest museums.

Spring is a beautiful time in Washington, DC, marked by the blooming cherry blossom trees and some of our best weather of the year. I look forward to seeing you all in April!

*Torben C. Rick, Local Advisory Chair
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