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Awards Presentation & Annual Business Meeting

APRIL 20, 2012

5 PM Call to Order

Call for Approval of Minutes of the
2011 Annual Business Meeting

Remarks

President W. Frederick (Fred) Limp

Reports

Treasurer Christopher D. Dore
Secretary Janet E. Levy
Executive Director Tobi A. Brimsek

5:30 PM Presentation of Awards

Presidential Recognition Awards
Gene Stuart Award
Archaeology Week Poster Award
Student Paper Award
Ethics Bowl Trophy
Scholarships & Fellowships
Dissertation Award
Book Awards
Award for Excellence in Archaeological Analysis
Award for Excellence in Public Education
Crabtree Award
Fryxell Award for Interdisciplinary Research
Lifetime Achievement Award

New Business

Ceremonial Resolutions

6:30 PM Adjournment

2012 AWARDS

SAA award recipients are selected by individual committees of SAA members—one for each award. The Board of Directors wishes to thank the award committees for their hard work and excellent selections, and to encourage any members who have an interest in a particular award to volunteer to serve on a future committee.

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Recipient: Barbara M. Arroyo

For her initiation of the idea of the Conferencia Intercontinental, her tireless efforts working with the Society's Board to define the character of the conference, and her continuing superb advice and guidance throughout the process, we proudly present this award to Barbara M. Arroyo.

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Recipient: Tomás Enrique Mendizábal Archibold

For his outstanding contributions and tireless efforts to the success of the first Conferencia Intercontinental, including arranging local sponsorships, navigation of and coordination with local agencies and authorities, assistance in translation and many other actions both large and small, we proudly present this award to Tomás Enrique Mendizábal Archibold.

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Recipient: Daniel H. Sandweiss

For his tireless organizational efforts and superb coordination, his promotion of the program, his review process of the abstracts and construction of the program and his many other tangible contributions that have made the Conferencia Intercontinental a success, we proudly present this award to Daniel H. Sandweiss.

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Recipient: Christopher D. Dore

For his leadership and efforts in the identification of the need for a new journal for the society, for his market research defining the role and objectives of the journal and for his comprehensive fiscal planning, all of which have placed the new journal in an excellent position for its long term success and continuing value to the membership, we proudly present this award to Christopher D. Dore.

GENE STUART AWARD

Recipient: Mike Toner

Mike Toner, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and writer for *American Archaeology*, has earned the 2012 Gene S. Stuart Award for his responsible and entertaining writing about the inherent problems associated with shipwreck and underwater archaeology. "The Battle for the Dunkirk Schooner" presents an ethically responsible and engaging view on the issues of antiquity ownership and the dangers of raising a shipwreck. His article describes an early 19th century

schooner that lies at the bottom of Lake Erie, and explores the legal issues that have arisen between a private salvage firm and the state of New York, both claiming rights to the wreck. Mike Toner has brought an archaeological find and preservation issues to the attention of the public in a way all archaeologists can be proud of. This is Mr. Toner's second Gene S. Stuart Award.

DIENJE KENYON FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: Angela R. Perri

FRED PLOG MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: Joshua Watts

DOUGLAS KELLOGG FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: Joe D. Collins, Jr.

ARTHUR C. PARKER SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRAINING FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS

Recipient: Ashleigh Thompson (Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians)

NSF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRAINING FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND NATIVE HAWAIIANS

Recipient: Joshua Castleman (Muscogee (Creek) Nation)

Recipient: Joel Nicholas (Hopi)

Recipient: Autumn Whiteway (Metis)

SAA NATIVE AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATE ARCHAEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Laura Jane Brandon (Waywayseecappo First Nation)

SAA NATIVE AMERICAN GRADUATE ARCHAEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient: Nicholas Laluk (White Mountain Apache)

STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Recipients: Sean B. Dunham

This year's SAA Student Paper Award is presented to Sean B. Dunham of Michigan State University for his paper "Late Woodland Landscapes in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan." Dunham's thoughtful examination of the relationship between people and their physical environment in the Great Lakes challenges the assertion that Native Americans lived in a "pristine wilderness" in the era prior to European colonization and suggests that Late Woodland peoples actively shaped their environment. He specifically employs General Land Office surveys, habitat information, and site distribution to reveal evidence for anthropogenic modification of the landscape in the Late Woodland. His conclusion that human agency in the form of dynamic subsistence practices and conscious habitat maintenance characterizes the Late Woodland has significant implications for landscape studies in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and throughout the Eastern Woodlands.

DISSERTATION AWARD

Recipient: Christopher Morehart

Christopher Morehart's dissertation, *The Archaeology of Farmscapes: Production, Place, and the Materiality of Landscape at Xaltocan, Mexico* (Northwestern University, 2010) details the evolution of a Postclassic Period agricultural landscape in the area of Xaltocan in the Basin of Mexico. Synthesizing remote sensing, survey, soil chemistry, archaeobotanical, and excavation data, the author meticulously reconstructs how farmers dealt with shifting material, social, political and ideological factors in developing and experiencing the chinampa farmscape. The work connects daily agricultural practices with larger political processes, including Aztec conquest, by revealing how political relations, communal relations, and systems of property, were manifested in the fields and their use. Guided by innovative conceptualizations of "choreogeography" and materiality, the author shows how chinampa system dynamics can be understood only through synthesizing ecological with practice-oriented, phenomenological perspectives. In its multifaceted and multiscalar approach, the research illustrates the potential of agriculture landscapes for re-envisioning the dynamics of prehistory.

BOOK AWARDS

The Society for American Archaeology annually awards a prize honoring a recently published book that has had, or is expected to have, a major impact on the direction and character of archaeological research, and/or is expected to make a substantial contribution to the archaeology of an area. The Society for American Archaeology also annually recognizes a book that has made, or is expected to make, a substantial contribution to the presentation of the goals, methods, and results of archaeological research to a more general public.

BOOK AWARD

Recipient: Matthew Richard Des Lauriers

Island of Fogs: archaeological and Ethnohistorical investigations of Isla Cedros, Baja California is an important study of maritime adaptations along the West Coast of North America over about 12,000 years, which draws on sophisticated theoretical arguments, the author's own research, and a wide range of archaeological data and ethnohistorical sources from elsewhere along the coast. Clearly written and beautifully argued, the book argues that the first settlers of the island were fully-fledged maritime hunter-gatherers. It also develops telling analyses of the gradual population growth and more specialized adaptations that followed. This is a very important monograph that will exercise a profound influence both on California and Baja archaeology, and also on the study of maritime hunter-gatherers generally.

BOOK AWARD: PUBLIC AUDIENCE BOOK AWARD**Recipient:** Terry Hunt and Carl L. Lipo

Statues That Walked tells a story of state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary research and sophisticated settlement archaeology. In the process, Terry Hunt and Carl Lipo have revolutionized our knowledge of Easter Island's first settlement and later past and effectively raised serious questions about, and, indeed, probably have debunked, the long-held theory that Easter Island is a classic case of ecological Armageddon. Previous research has been much preoccupied with the unique statuary on the island. Hunt and Lipo place the great figures in a much broader context, and, in the process, have set future research, not only on Easter Island but throughout Polynesia, on a new footing. And they succeed in doing all this in a way that is accessible to the widest possible audience.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS**Recipient:** James Skibo

James Skibo has earned the SAA's Award for Excellence in Archaeological Analysis for his life-long contributions to the field of archaeological ceramic studies. Through a combined approach relying on ethnoarchaeological and experimental research, Dr. Skibo's many publications have provided concrete examples of how the methodological analysis of ceramics can be bridged with theory and how it can be used to address questions of broad anthropological interest. He has authored dozens of articles and an impressive ten books, including the 1992 book *Pottery Function*, which remains the definitive work on pottery use-alteration. The substantial impact of his work is reflected in the large numbers of citations that it has received by scholars working throughout the world. The SAA is proud to present this award to Dr. Skibo.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Recipient: Education Outreach Program of the Office of Archaeological Studies
For its leadership in archaeology education, including its interactive programs for sharing archaeology throughout the state and engaging New Mexicans in protecting the archaeological record, we proudly present this award to the Education Outreach Program of the Office of Archaeological Studies.

CRABTREE AWARD**Recipient:** John T. Dowd

John T. Dowd is a well-known and respected avocational archaeologist whose archaeological activities began in the 1960s and continue today. He has personally recorded 90 sites in 66 Tennessee counties, but he is particularly regarded for his publications on Middle Archaic and Mississippian sites in middle Tennessee, especially his monograph on the Anderson site. He has consistently published the results of his field investigations and continues these efforts today with two recent publications and another forthcoming in the e-journal *Tennessee Archaeology*. Mr. Dowd has spent most of his life developing archaeological skills and encouraging avocational archaeologists to thoroughly document their

work. He has served as a founder, active member, contributor, and officer in many Middle Tennessee archaeological organizations, and he has regularly presented archaeological programs to local groups. Mr. Dowd stands as an exemplary model for the best kind of avocational archaeologist and is fully deserving of the Crabtree award

THE FRYXELL AWARD FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Recipient: Christine Hastorf

Christine Hastorf has earned the SAA's Fryxell Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research in the Botanical Sciences for her significant contributions to archaeological method and theory on two fronts: her investigations and their publication, and her teaching and mentoring. Through the rigorous application of paleoethnobotanical data and direction of interdisciplinary research projects, Dr. Hastorf has made significant contributions to the archaeological study of food systems, household production, gender, and political complexity. Her work has been particularly influential in Andean South America, but she has also contributed to North American and Near Eastern paleoethnobotany and archaeology. While her numerous published books and articles have advanced interdisciplinary archaeological research, she has also done so through regularly organizing collaborative symposia and projects with her colleagues, and is a tireless mentor to both undergraduate and graduate students. Dr. Hastorf's career exemplifies how biological approaches to the archaeological record contribute to theoretical topics in anthropology, as well as a wide range of regional archaeological studies.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recipient: Bennie C. Keel

We give Bennie C. Keel the 2012 SAA Lifetime Achievement Award for his lifelong service to the profession. Dr. Bennie C. Keel has shaped cultural resource management in the United States. He oversaw large-scale preservation projects in Southeastern archaeology; he helped found the field of cultural conservation; and he established federal archaeology across several agencies (Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, Department of Defense). He helped write the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and the Abandoned Shipwreck Act; he helped craft the first national regulations for burials and sacred objects involving federal action or public lands; and he supervised the development of the first National Archaeological Database and Archaeological Sites Management Information System. Bennie C. Keel is also a fine teacher and active scholar. He is devoted, accomplished, and encouraging to his students. His contributions to Southeastern archaeology have made him a leading expert in Cherokee and North Carolina archaeology. Dr. Keel's passion for public archaeology, for the preservation of America's cultural heritage, and for archaeological professionalism is a model for future generations.