

Florida Anthropological Society 2023 Slate of Officers for Election by the General Membership

President – Jen Knutson

Jen Knutson is the Assistant Director of the University of South Alabama Archaeology Museum in Mobile, Alabama (B.A., University of North Florida). Originally from north Alabama, Jen is a Project Archaeology certified Master Teacher and public archaeologist. She has worked at sites across northern Florida from St. Augustine to Pensacola, including her M.A. thesis research at the University of West Florida on the French Huguenot Colony of Campbelltown in British West Florida. She has served the FAS board in several capacities since 2013 including as an FAS Education Committee member, Chapter Representative for the Pensacola Archaeological Society, FAS Board of Directors, and 1st Vice President.

1st Vice President – Maranda Kles

Maranda Kles is Vice President of Archaeological Consultants, Inc. in Sarasota, Florida and formerly, Assistant Professor at University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Ph.D., Bioarchaeology, University of Florida). Maranda has been involved in FAS since 2001, when she gave her first presentation at the meeting in St. Augustine and has continued to participate in conferences and serve on the FAS Board of Directors as well as two years as 2nd Vice President. Maranda brings varied experience in academia, professional archaeology, and public outreach. She seeks to grow FAS through strengthening its constituencies and advocating to create new opportunities for engagement and education, while continuing to honor the history and the founding principles of FAS.

Second Vice President – Linda Geary

Linda Geary is an archaeologist for the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy on a project in downtown Miami and formerly for SEARCH Inc. in Newberry. Linda has also served as curator of the Lawrence E. Will Museum in Belle Glade and The Historical Society of Martin County's two museums, Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge and The Elliott in Stuart. A member of FAS since 2006, she served on the board of directors from 2013-2015. Linda is also a member of Southeast Florida Archaeological Society (SEFAS) for many years and is currently its president. Linda has bachelor's degrees in Photography/Anthropology (Texas A&M) and Archaeology (University of West Florida), and a Masters Certificate in Museum Studies from Florida International University.

Recording Secretary – Rudolph “Rudy” Pascucci, Jr.

Rudy Pascucci is Executive Director of the Palm Beach Museum of Natural History and formerly, Director of the Graves Museum of Archaeology and Natural History. A Vietnam veteran with degrees in anthropology (B.A., Florida Atlantic University) and speech arts (B.A., Hofstra University), Rudy has taught science and English literature at public and charter schools in Broward and Palm Beach Counties and Military Science through ROTC. He has participated in archaeological projects in Ecuador and organized and/or led paleontological field expeditions in the western U.S. and Haiti. He served as President of the Broward County Archaeological Society from 1997 to 1999. Rudy seeks to contribute to FAS through development of new

programs designed to reinvigorate and strengthen FAS chapters statewide. He holds a strong interest in the preservation of archaeological sites, too often destroyed in Florida's development.

Treasurer – Joanne Talley

Joanne Talley has served as the Treasurer of FAS for sixteen years. She retired as Administrative Assistant at the Jupiter Island Club in 2009 and currently works as a volunteer for the Palm Beach County archaeologist. She works diligently to raise awareness of and protect archaeological resources in southeast Florida and has contributed to numerous excavations including Mount Elizabeth and Joseph Reed in Martin County. In 2018, she received the Lazarus Award from FAS for her tireless efforts. During the next year, Joanne will assist in the transition of Bonita Lee to the FAS Treasurer position.

Treasurer *elect* – Bonita Lee

Bonita “Bonnie” Lee is interested in social and economic exchange between Florida's prehistoric communities. Her expertise is in Landscape Archaeology, Data Science, GIS and remote sensing. Her approach is to determine the cost of mobility between archaeological sites - cost in terms of time and energy to travel. She has an extensive background in computer science. She holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Florida, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Wisconsin, and is a candidate for an M.S. in Anthropology from Florida Atlantic University. She has archaeological experience as a crew member on South Florida sites along the Loxahatchee Slough and River, Las Olas River and Caloosahatchee River.

Director-at-large – Austin Bell (third of three year term)

Austin Bell is the Curator of Collections at the Marco Island Historical Society and a Consulting Scholar with the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Austin holds degrees in museum studies (M.A.), anthropology and classical Studies (B.A.) from the University of Florida. He is author of *Images of America: Marco Island* (Arcadia Publishing, 2018) and *The Nine Lives of Florida's Famous Key Marco Cat* (University Press of Florida, 2021). Austin serves on the Collier County Historic and Archaeological Preservation Board as well as being an active member of the museum community in Florida.

Director-at-large – Eric Prendergast (second of three year term)

Eric Prendergast is a Senior Archaeologist at Cardno working primarily on projects in Florida spanning historic and pre-colonial time periods. In the Tampa Bay area, in cooperation and consultation with descendant communities, Eric has gained particular expertise in relocation, excavation, and community-led management of lost and/or erased tribal and African American cemeteries. Eric has been an active participant in FAS meetings since 2012 and with his local chapter. Extending his interest in community service to FAS, he writes “I have come to understand that FAS is an organization with a legacy and continued ability of bringing together people who share a joy in archaeology.”

Director-at-large – Dr. Brad Biglow (first of three year term)

Dr. Brad Biglow is Professor of Anthropology at Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) where he teaches courses in Biological-Physical Anthropology, Archaeology, Cultural, and

General Anthropology. His background includes Applied Anthropology and research in Native American and Latin American studies in the U.S., Mexico, and Peru. Dr. Biglow holds a doctorate in Anthropology from University of Florida (2001), a Master's in Applied Anthropology from Northern Arizona University (1995), and Bachelor's from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1992). He currently serves as head of the Anthropology program at FSCJ, receiving a Distinguished Faculty Award in 2020. As a founding member of the FAS Education Committee, he is deeply committed to preserving and educating the public on Florida's heritage.

2023 Appointments by the Board of Directors

Membership Secretary – Amy Dwyer

Amy Dwyer is a current Anthropology M.A. student at the University of Central Florida. She received her B.A. in Anthropology from Florida Gulf Coast University and a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences from the University of South Florida. Amy brings experience and knowledge in Florida archaeology gained from working as an on-site archaeologist and invited field crew member on sites throughout southwest Florida. Her interests include Florida archaeology, coastal archaeology, shell middens, and GIS. She is committed to archaeological stewardship and public education. Amy lives in Punta Gorda, Florida with her husband Robert where she is an active board member for the Warm Mineral Springs Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society and the Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society. She is also Certified Florida Master Naturalist and enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors.

Respectfully submitted by the 2023 Nominations Committee on April 7, 2023.

Theresa Schober, Chair
Michele Coty
Gloria Fike