



Florida Anthropological Society

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By Land & Sea

THE 76th ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE
Pensacola, Florida – May 10-12, 2024

This year's conference will be held at the University of West Florida's Downtown Campus in historic Pensacola. Participants can enjoy a free Friday reception and Saturday night's award banquet at Apple Annie's, in the Seville Quarter entertainment complex, which includes historic structures and architectural features from across the Gulf coast. Sunday morning tours will highlight the unique archaeology of Pensacola.

FAS 2024 CO-HOSTS



The FAS 76th Annual Meeting will also have special guest co-hosts, the Alabama Archaeological Society (AAS), in addition to the Pensacola Archaeological Society. This year AAS will combine their summer meeting with the FAS annual meeting.

The 76th FAS meeting will be held in historic Pensacola, Florida, on the University of West Florida's Downtown Campus. Meeting spaces include the classrooms in UWF Historic Trust's Bowden Building, the Florida Public Archaeology Network's Coordinating Center classroom, UWF Historic Trust Museum of Commerce, and UWF Historic Trust Voices of Pensacola Multicultural Center. All meeting spaces are within walking distance of each other, as well as within walking distance of several hotels, restaurants, scenic locations, and local shops.

Please visit the link above to register. For general registration, cost is \$55 for members and \$70 for non-members. The student rate is \$20 (students are required to upload a picture of their current student ID). These prices are effective until April 1, 2024, the deadline to pre-register. Registration after this date will be accepted at an increased rate of \$65, \$80 and \$30, respectively.



2024 Student Opportunities

FAS Chapters Helping Students

NEW APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2024!

Eugene Lyon Education Fund 2024 Project Awards

The St. Augustine Archaeological Association (SAAA) is making available up to \$500 to provide support for scholarly activity across all disciplines of archaeology, anthropology and history relating to St. Augustine or Northeast Florida. Applications will be accepted from students - or anyone involved in such research. These funds can be used to cover costs associated with research, archaeological fieldwork or travel, and other expenses connected with presentations at professional meetings. The entire amount may be given to a single individual or divided among applicants at the discretion of the SAAA Eugene Lyon Educational Award Committee. For further information and an application go to <https://www.staugarch.org/> or contact staugarch@gmail.com (attention: Courtney Crum-ELEF).

Cornelia Futor Memorial Student Research Grant

This grant offered by Time Sifters Archaeology Society (TSAS) provides up to \$2,000 to eligible students to attend field school. It is open to students currently enrolled at a Florida university or college who have begun their junior year of undergraduate studies, MA students, and Ph.D. candidates who are pursuing a major in anthropology with a focus on archaeology. The 2024 grant is specifically funding participation in field schools that include training in excavation techniques. There may be more than one award made.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2024. See more details at <https://www.timesifters.org/>

Louis D. Tesar 2024 PAST Scholarly Assistance Award

The Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee (PAST) is offering an award of \$1,000 to assist a worthy applicant seeking financial assistance in their archaeology related scholastic efforts. The prize is open to graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled in a collegiate program in archaeology, history, or a related field. Students who wish to apply for the award must be enrolled in a college or university located in Florida or engaged in fieldwork in Florida. Applicants will submit a short essay addressing the question "How will receipt of this award further my scholastic progress and benefit the historic preservation and conservation of archaeological sites in Florida?" **ESSAYS WILL BE NO MORE THAN 5 PAGES IN LENGTH (INCLUDING REFERENCES AND IMAGES) AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO FLORIDAPAST@GMAIL.COM BY MAY 15, 2024.**

The recipient of the award will be asked to summarize their paper in an oral presentation, to be given during an upcoming meeting of PAST in Tallahassee, either in person or via Zoom. The Tesar Award honors Louis D. Tesar, one of Florida's foremost archaeologists. His contributions span a career with the Florida Division of Historical Resources from 1971 until his "retirement" in 2010, and his current work as a volunteer in the field. Mr. Tesar will judge the written essays based on the following criteria: quality of arguments and supporting data, overall contribution to our understanding of historic preservation in Florida, and overall content. With permission of the author, the winning essay will be published on the PAST website.

Pensacola Archaeological Society Student Research Awards

PAS is pleased to provide up to two \$500 awards in Spring and Fall each year to UWF anthropology students pursuing research and or travel related to their thesis or to a major class project. This award is intended to enable students to perform research in non-local archives or collections repositories, present papers/posters at conferences, conduct costly analyses, or other needed studies. Applicant must be a currently enrolled UWF student in the Anthropology Department, either undergraduate or graduate. While all projects will be considered for the award, projects involving Pensacola/Northwest Florida topics will be given preference.

THE PAS STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MARCH 12TH MEETING. PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY 5:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 29TH. [Download an application.](#) Proposals should be turned in electronically to April Holmes (pensacolaarchseologicalsociety@gmail.com).



Time Sifters Archaeology Society's Marion Almy Receives Sarasota County Heritage Award in Archaeological Conservancy



Marion Almy, one of Time Sifters founders, has been recognized for significant achievement in Archaeological Conservancy for outstanding efforts to preserve and document prehistoric sites in Sarasota County and the Tampa Bay region and for decades of effective advocacy of archaeological conservation and historic preservation in Florida.

Marion is author or co-author of numerous papers in *The Florida Anthropologist* that identified archaeological sites in the Tampa Bay Area and made significant contributions to our understanding of prehistoric Florida with the identification (with George Luer) of a previously undefined culture, which they named the Manasota. Committed to the preservation of archaeological and historical sites, Marion authored or co-authored various historic preservation brochures for the general public. These include "Protecting the Past for the Future" (with Time Sifters Archaeological Society), and "Offenses Concerning Dead Bodies and Graves," explaining Florida Statutes 872.02 to 872.05, which was distributed to developers, contractors, and interested individuals throughout the state. With

a deep understanding of both federal and state preservation statutes, Marion led the project to create the first cultural resource procedures manuals for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the Florida Division of Historical Resources.

Marion is the founding principal and President of Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (ACI), Florida's oldest full-service cultural resources management firm. As managing partner, she has overseen the recording of hundreds of historical structures, archaeological sites, and historic districts and nominated historic structures and archaeological sites to the National Register of Historic Places for government agencies, private clients, and non-profit organizations.

An early ACI project led by Marion was the excavation of the midden at Historic Spanish Point and creating the Windows to the Past exhibit there. At a more modern historic site, ACI holds the distinction of working as part of the mitigation team to document the decommissioning of NASA's space shuttle program, specifically Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and associated launch complexes. Marion's public service work is vast. It has included serving on the boards of the Florida Anthropological Society from 1980-1983 (including as President); the Florida Public Archaeology Network from 2006 to present (and also on the steering committee 2004-2005); the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, the Florida Historical Commission, and the Florida Historic Preservation Advisory Council, among many others.

Marion is currently back on the Time Sifters board. Looking toward the future of archaeology in the state, she has led the creation of fundraising efforts for a new grant program designed to support students attending accredited field schools.

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News and Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUSTIN BELL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THE BOARD

After more than 10 years as the Curator of Collections for the **Marco Island Historical Society**, Austin Bell (FAS Director at Large) has accepted the position of Chief Curator for the **Museum of Florida History** in Tallahassee. This new position begins April 1st and Austin is looking forward to continuing his support of FAS while in this job and place.

INVESTIGATING ROCK ART PAINTED BLUFF

DITTO LANDING,
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

JUNE 11-13, 2024



PROJECT
ARCHAEOLOGY

For questions about this workshop, please
contact Sarah Bennett, Project Archaeology,
sarah.bennett.archaeology@gmail.com and
Jennifer Knutson, University of South Alabama,
jknutson@southalabama.edu.

TEACHER WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

Discover the past through evidence from a rock art site in Alabama! Join PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY for a FREE three-day teacher workshop to explore the intersections of art, culture, and the past. The Project Archaeology: Investigating Rock Art curriculum engages upper-elementary teachers and their students. The curriculum guides students through a complete archaeological investigation of Painted Bluff, a Native American rock art site that overlooks Lake Guntersville near Huntsville, Alabama. The course and curriculum will teach integrative, inquiry-based methods for social studies and art instruction. Teachers working in upper elementary settings are especially encouraged to apply.

EVENT DETAILS AND APPLICATION

ON THE ALL NEW PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGY WEBSITE



GET MORE EXPOSURE FOR YOUR CHAPTER!

Join Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage

Non-profit Organization Membership is only \$50 per year. Members get up to 50 copies of the most recent Trail brochure and rack card, plus inclusion on the Trail website and social media. The Trail's website sees more than 5,000 visitors a month, and their Facebook page has an average post reach

of 3,500 people. As a Member, you may request your program announcements be shared to both the Facebook page and Instagram profiles.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TRAIL AND JOIN ONLINE](#)

FAS BOARD ELECTIONS

THE FOLLOWING NEEDS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THIS NEWSLETTER PER OUR BY-LAWS

Section 3. The President shall publish the slate of candidates for Officers and Directors-at-Large in a Newsletter to all members of the Society as soon as possible after reception of the slate from the Nominating Committee. Section 4 of this Chapter of the By-Laws shall also be published in the same Newsletter so that members may be aware of how nominations other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee may be made. In addition the slate of candidates shall contain brief biographies of each person on the slate. The President shall also include in the Newsletter the list of Chapter Representatives on the Board of Directors as selected by each Chapter.

Section 4. Nominations of persons for Officers and Directors-at-Large, other than those submitted by the Nominating Committee, may be made by petition in writing by at least ten (10) members of the Society who are currently eligible to vote. These petitions shall be in the possession of the President of the Society within twenty (20) days of the mailing of the Newsletter containing the proposed slate. The date of mailing should be indicated on this Newsletter.



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 VP.

First 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 – Eric Prendergast

Eric Prendergast is a Senior Archaeologist at Stantec 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.”

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 – 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 – Christian Davenport (replacing third of three year term vacated by Eric Prendergast)

Christian Davenport is the County Archaeologist/Historic Preservation Officer for Palm Beach County and holds Associate Graduate Faculty status at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). Chris received his Master's in Anthropology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Among his many projects in south Florida, Chris oversaw the Boyer Survey of Lake Okeechobee following a record drought from 2007 to 2009, that resulted in the recordation of 33 new sites from the Belle Glade Period through the early pioneer era. He also continues work at the Dubois Mound. In 2019, Chris was awarded the Ripley P. Bullen Award by the Florida Anthropological Society.

Director-at-large – Dr. Brad Biglow (second 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.

Director-at-large – April Holmes (first of three year term)

April Holmes is a faculty research associate and archaeologist at the University of West Florida Archaeology Institute (Anthropology M.A., UWF). For over a decade, she has primarily worked on archaeological sites in the heart of the Colonial Forts and Town of Pensacola. April has been a member of FAS since 2016, after becoming involved as a student member and conference attendee. She has been a member and volunteer with the Pensacola Archaeological Society (PAS) since 2003, serving in multiple capacities on the PAS board (Correspondence Secretary 2015-2018, Recording Secretary 2018-2021, Treasurer 2021-present). She is also the PAS Chapter Representative to the FAS Board and she is currently active on the 2024 FAS Conference Committee. She has long supported the main goal of FAS to provide all people interested in Florida's anthropological and archaeological studies with a platform to come together and learn from each other.

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources, and community education. FAS members receive the Society's journal, *The Florida Anthropologist*, and the FAS Newsletter. Join Now, or Renew your Membership at www.fasweb.org/membership.

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FAS MEMBER DUES RATES

\$20 - Student, \$40 - Regular, \$50 - Family, \$50 - Institutional, \$100 - Sustaining

*Student membership is open to graduate, undergraduate and high school students. A photocopy of your student ID must accompany payment. Add \$25.00 for foreign addresses.

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