

# TEXAS<sup>®</sup> ARCHEOLOGY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT, JAMES EVERETT!

### James Everett

The new President of the Texas Archeological Society (TAS), James Everett, joined the Tarrant County Archeological Society (TCAS), the Dallas Archeological Society (DAS), and TAS in 1970. Subsequently, he served in various roles for those organizations, including President and Vice-President of TCAS, Vice-President of DAS, and Regional Vice-President and Regional Director of TAS. He served as Camp Boss or Assistant Camp Boss for four TAS Field Schools and directed the Children's Program for four other TAS Field Schools in the 1980s.

In 2016, James joined the Iraan Archeological Society, and he became a member of the Concho Valley Archeological Society in 2017. He is currently the President of the North Texas Archeological Society and also serves as an Archeological Steward for the Texas Historical Commission.

James has a BA in Spanish from the University of Texas at Arlington and an MA in Spanish from Indiana University. He taught Spanish at the secondary level in Dalhart, Texas and at Highland Park in Dallas before being hired as a bilingual for the Social Security Administration (SSA). During his 32-year career with SSA, James worked in

three Regions and SSA Headquarters. He retired as SSA's Regional Commissioner for the 6-State Denver Region, and then worked in the private sector, where he managed a tax office and later conducted investigations for Federal security clearances. For 4 years, he taught leadership, management, communication, and meeting

facilitation skills nationwide and internationally for a company called The Graduate School.

As President-Elect of TAS, James spent much of 2019 examining TAS's financial procedures with his Financial Procedures Assessment Team of Bonnie McKee and Steve Chapman. He also arranged for a financial audit of TAS to be conducted in 2020. In remarks he made at the Annual Meeting banquet in Amarillo, James explained his priorities as TAS President. He plans to focus on the long-term

solvency of TAS and on increased transparency in how TAS operates. In both initiatives, he will continue and will build on activities begun over the past few years.

To help ensure the financial solvency of TAS for years to come, James is looking forward to analyses, input, and recommendations from two key Committees: the Fiscal Overview Committee (FOC), whose Chair is Steve Chapman, and the ad hoc Business Advisory Committee (BAC), under the leadership of Bonnie McKee. With the assistance of those Committees, James hopes to clearly define the TAS restricted funds in terms of how much of each fund is principal, how much interest income is available, and what procedures should govern how each fund operates. He wants to closely examine the  
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## TAS BOARD MEETINGS

*January 11, 2020- Texas State University*  
*April 18, 2020- Mayborn Museum, Waco*  
*June 14, 2020- TAS Field School, Kerrville*  
*September 12, 2020 - Texas State University*  
*October 22-25, 2020 - Annual Meeting, Houston*

## TAS 91<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

October 22-25, 2020 - Houston, Texas

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investment strategy of TAS and revise the financial reports used by the Board to make decisions affecting TAS. Because TAS will have an audit in 2020, James will work with the FOC and the BAC to implement any recommendations received from the auditor. James recognizes the improvement in the TAS budget process during the past few years and expects the Board to continue its recent commitment to budget discipline in the future. Finally, fundraising will become an even more important component of TAS's financial health, requiring careful planning since most grant/donation requests need to be submitted up to a year before the money is actually needed.

James intends to focus on continuing to increase the transparency in the way TAS operates. The TAS website implemented in 2019 under the guidance of Immediate Past President Jason Barrett is proving to be an essential tool in this effort. Minutes from Executive Committee and Board meetings are being posted to the website in a timely manner, as are reports from the organization's officers. In 2020, more and more financial reports will be posted on the website. Also, in an attempt to increase



*Evans Turpin, James Everett, and C. A. Maedgen at an Iraan Society Meeting in 2019. Photo courtesy the author.*

transparency, members should receive more all-member emails in the future to keep them better informed.

Like each year of TAS's long history, the coming year will present many challenges for TAS. James Everett believes that thanks to the commitment of the officers and the members of TAS, the organization will enjoy continued success in 2020 and will position itself for another 90+ years of actively preserving the archeological heritage of Texas.

## TAS 2019 Annual Meeting Wrap Up

**October 11-13, 2019, Amarillo, TX**

**Sarah Chesney**

The 2019 TAS Annual Meeting in Amarillo was a great event! The Panhandle outdid itself: the weather was cool and beautiful, and the meetings were fantastic! At the 2019 Annual Meeting we celebrated a number of milestones: the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Texas Archeological Society, 35 Years of the Texas Archeological Stewards Network, and the retirement of our fantastic State Archeologist, Pat Mercado-Allinger! Sessions were held in honor of the TASN, the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Female Legends of Texas Archeology, the 2019 TAS Field School at Palo Duro Canyon, and the Historical Archeology of the Lower Pecos.

At our annual TAS Business Lunch, a new set of officers were elected for the upcoming term, and changes were



*Session Sign at 90th Annual TAS Meeting, October 11-13, 2019, Amarillo, TX. Photo by Susan Everett.*

approved to our Bylaws – a hearty THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time and energy on the Bylaws Committee, and welcome to our new TAS Officers, Regional Directors, and Committee Chairs!

A great time was had by all in Amarillo, and we look forward to seeing everyone in Houston in 2020!

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TAS Annual Meeting registration table. Thank you to everyone who volunteered! Photo by Susan Everett.



Title Slide from Dr. Tamra Walter's presentation in the Legacies and Legends: Contributions by Women in Texas Archeology, October 12. Photo by Sarah Chesney.



Rick Day and Bryan Jameson. Photo by Susan Everett.



Outgoing TAS President Jason Barrett leads a toast to Pat Mercado-Allinger at her retirement reception. Photo by James Everett.



Wendy Lockwood, Teddy Lou Stickney, and Evans Turpin at the Public Forum, October 11. Photo by Susan Everett.



TAS Past President Paula Vastine, Incoming TAS President James Everett, and Retiring Texas State Archeologist Pat Mercado-Allinger, October 12. Photo by Susan Everett.

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Outgoing TAS President Jason Barrett shares some wisdom with Incoming President-Elect Sarah Chesney. Photo by Liz Coon-Nguyen.



Elton Prewitt beginning his Resolutions. Photo by Susan Everett.



Outgoing TAS President Jason Barrett makes a last decree with the TAS Gavel. Photo by Liz Coon-Nguyen.



Doug Boyd (wearing "the shirt") presents Bryan Jameson with the C. K. Chandler Award. Photo by Susan Everett.

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Left: Doug Boyd presents Sylvia Gunn with the Field School Award for being the Registrar Extraordinaire. Photo by Susan Everett.

Right: Past, Present, and Future of the TAS Presidency: Incoming President-Elect Sarah Chesney, Incoming President James Everett, Outgoing President Jason Barrett, and Outgoing Immediate Past President Paula Vastine. Photo by Susan Everett.

## 2020 TAS Academies are Filling Fast!

### Jimmy Barrera

The Texas Archeological Society is offering three excellent Archeology Academies for the 2020 academy season: Geoarcheology Academy (February 15-16, 2020), Ceramics Academy (March 28-29, 2020), and Archeology 101 (May 1-3, 2020). Registration links, TAS **scholarship information**, updates, and other information can be found on the academies webpage:



Museum of the Coastal Bend at Victoria College, Victoria, Texas. Photo courtesy Ken Lawrence.

[CLICK HERE FOR ACADEMIES](#)

The Geoarcheology Academy: *Recognizing and Evaluating the Archeological Potential of the Landscape: An Introduction to Geoarcheology* will be held at the Victoria College in Victoria, Texas, with class and field instruction by Charles Frederick and Karl Kibler. The Coastal Bend Archeological Logistics Team (CoBALT) and the Museum of the Coastal Bend at Victoria College are



Instructors Charles Frederick and Karl Kibler visiting the CoBALT lab at Victoria College in advance of the academy. Photo courtesy Ken Lawrence.

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our amazing hosts for the Geoarcheology Academy (Figures 1 and 2). On Friday February 14, 2020, at 5:30 pm Dr. Frederick will present “*Burnt Clay: Insights Into Texas’ Prehistoric People*” at the museum as part of Victoria College’s John W. Stormont lecture series. The February 14<sup>th</sup> presentation is open to the public and all Geoarcheology Academy participants are welcome to attend this extracurricular activity. Victoria College graciously reserved a room block for academy participants at the Fairfield Inn in Victoria; see the Geoarcheology Academy webpage for lodging link and upcoming academy details. Please reserve your spot soon as this academy will fill up quickly.

Next in the 2020 academy season will be the Ceramics Academy: *Stories Found in Pottery* held at the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark (NHL) in San Angelo, Texas, with class and hands-on instruction by Chris Lintz, Marybeth Tomka, and Becky Shelton. The Concho Valley Archeological Society (CVAS) and the Fort Concho NHL will host the Ceramics Academy. An extracurricular tour

*Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, courtesy of Fort Concho NHL.*



of Fort Concho or nearby Fort Chadborne will be scheduled for participants on Friday, March 27, 2020, stay tuned to the TAS website for updates. The

City of San Angelo Convention & Visitor’s Bureau reserved a room block at the Springhill Suites San Angelo, lodging link is on the Ceramics Academy webpage.

The 2020 Archeology 101 Academy will be held at the esteemed San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site in San Felipe, Texas.

Classroom instruction including hands-on activities will be taught by Jon Lohse while field excavations at the San Felipe de Austin site will be overseen by Sarah Chesney with assistance from the Houston Archeological Society. Once field excavations wrap up on Sunday an extracurricular tour of the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site is planned.



*Replica cabin inside museum at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, courtesy Texas Historical Commission.*



*Museum at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, courtesy Texas Historical Commission.*

## **TAS colleagues: please consider renewing your 2020 TAS membership at a more supportive level, such as a Contributing TAS Member.**

For example, instead of a Family membership at \$90, renew at a Contributor rate of \$125. The TAS Academies are a well-established and strong mechanism that bring in new members to the TAS. Should the academy registration fees be increased, then it is likely that the costs may become prohibitive to some and, as a consequence, limit potential new TAS members in the long-term. Your efforts as a Contributing Member of TAS broadly support all programs and are greatly appreciated across this admirable organization. *-Jimmy Barrera*



## Please join TAS and HCAA on the banks of the Guadalupe River for the

### 2020 TAS Field School in Kerrville!

**June 13-20, 2020**

In June of 2020, the Texas Archeological Society will host our annual summer field school in Kerrville, TX. TAS has joined forces with the Hill Country Archeological Association to make significant contributions to the history of the Hill Country. This year field school participants can choose to spend the week excavating a prehistoric archeological site or historic archeological site, processing and analyzing artifacts in our field laboratory, or discovering and recording new sites with our survey team.

The primary focus of the field school will be a large prehistoric site on a private ranch just west of Kerrville and 1/2 mile up-river and on the same river terrace as the Gatlin Site (41KR621), a significant Early Archaic occupation site. The HCAA has been conducting test excavation at this site for several years and TAS is excited to join them in their effort to build upon what was learned and what remained unanswered by the Gatlin site investigations of the 2000s. Our historic site investigation will focus on a historic ranching community center that was once home to a school and dancehall.

This will be a field school to remember!

Please check the TAS website soon for updates and camp information.

*-Tiffany Osburn, Chair, Field School Committee*

*Photo courtesy Marvin Gohlke.*





## CEMETERY WORKSHOP

The 2020 TAS Field School in Kerrville will also offer a unique opportunity to participate in a cemetery workshop hosted by the Texas Historical Commission's Cemetery Preservation Program. The workshop will include on-site, hands-on learning opportunities covering cemetery topics such as research, site recording, archeological investigations, preservation, remote sensing demonstrations, and tours of local cemeteries with various challenges and/or cultural influences. This low-impact workshop will be offered during our workday on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and participants of any skill level can join us for one, two, or three days. If you are interested in attending any of the cemetery activities, **please check the Cemetery Workshop box on the TAS field school registration form** and you will be contacted via email with details and availability.



Photo courtesy Marvin Gohlke.

Top Down: Jenny McWilliams, Christopher Goodmaster, and Carlyn Hammons. Photos courtesy THC.



## 2020 TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FIELD SCHOOL REGISTRATION

KERRVILLE, TEXAS, JUNE 13-20

**MAILED REGISTRATION DUE ON OR BEFORE MAY 30. \$10 LATE FEE PER REGISTRANT IF POSTMARKED AFTER MAY 30**

**DO NOT MAIL AFTER JUNE 3. FEE REFUND DEADLINE: CANCELLATION IF POSTMARKED BY MAY 30.**

**REGISTER ONLINE at [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org) to pay by Credit Card**

Complete all applicable sections on both sides of the form. **PLEASE PRINT AND USE INK.** TAS MEMBERSHIP is required for Field School attendance. Join online at [www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org) or send membership forms and dues to TAS. Anyone **UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE** unaccompanied by parent or guardian must be a TAS member and have an adult TAS sponsor. The **SPONSOR AGREEMENT** on the reverse side must be **COMPLETED, NOTARIZED, and INCLUDED** with this form.

| 1. FEES (MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE – See No. 5 below) |  |  |          |  |             |  |                            |   |   |           |   |   | 2. FIELD WORK |   |   |                                |                             | 3. T's  |                                     |      |   |                            |
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| REGISTRATION:                                       |  |  | 1-3 DAYS |  | Over 3 DAYS |  | MEALS                      |   |   | BREAKFAST |   |   | DINNER        |   |   | ACTUAL<br>DATES<br>IN<br>FIELD | Archeological<br>experience | ASSIGN TO:<br>EH – Historic<br>Excavation<br>EP – Prehistoric<br>Excavation<br>S – Survey<br>L – Lab<br>Y – Youth<br>N – No<br>Preference | Youth<br>7-13<br>Years              | Camp | T-Shirts:<br>Indicate<br>Qty. per<br>size |                            |
| Adult.....  |  |  | \$120    |  | \$170       |  | Adult.....                 |   |   | \$4.00    |   |   | \$7.00        |   |   |                                |                             |   |                                     |      |   |                            |
| Youth 7-17.....                                     |  |  | \$45     |  | \$70        |  | Youth under 12.....        |   |   | \$4.00    |   |   | \$5.00        |   |   |                                |                             |   |                                     |      |   |                            |
| Nonparticipant.....                                 |  |  | \$60     |  | \$80        |  | Children, 6 and under..... |   |   | No charge |   |   |               |   |   |                                |                             |   |                                     |      |   |                            |
| Name(s) to appear on badge(s)                       |  |  | Fee      |  |             |  | S                          | S | M | T         | W | T | F             | S | # | Fee                            | Total                       | June<br>First Last  | none<br>some<br>lots<br><br>specify | Age  | Tent<br>RV<br>Popup<br>Motel              | Kids-S<br>Kids-M<br>Kids-L |
|   |  |  | \$       |  |             |  | B                          | B | B | B         | B | B | B             | B |   | \$                             |                             |   |                                     |      |   |                            |
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|   |  |  | \$       |  |             |  | B                          | B | B | B         | B | B | B             | B |   | \$                             |                             |   |                                     |      |   | XXXL                       |
|   |  |  | \$       |  |             |  | D                          | D | D | D         | D | D | D             | D |   | \$                             |                             |   |                                     |      |   |                            |
| Registration Total                                  |  |  | \$       |  |             |  | Meals Total                |   |   | \$        |   |   |               |   |   | T-Shirt Quantity               |                             |   |                                     |      |   |                            |

#### 4. YOUR MAILING ADDRESS:

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. REVERSE SIDE:** Sign ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT and LEGAL RELEASE; complete other applicable sections.

#### 5. SUBTOTAL FEES: IMPORTANT – SEE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Late Registration (+\$10/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Add if you register after **May 30**)  
Meals Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
T-Shirt Qty. \_\_\_\_ x \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (T-shirts must be reserved by **May 30**)  
**TOTAL FEES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6. TEACHER CREDIT (CPE) ☐

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

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Cell: (832) 472-1981 or E-mail: [gunngal42@gmail.com](mailto:gunngal42@gmail.com)

#### 7. CEMETERY WORKSHOP ☐

(First installment must be 50% of total fees)

Enclosed 1<sup>st</sup> payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due June 11 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

*(Required for registration)*

Individually and on behalf of any family members and sponsored minors attending the TAS Field School with me, I hereby pledge and agree:

- To pay for all meals I/we eat that are provided by TAS.
- To respect the rights of other participants, keep the camping area clean, and avoid disturbing other campers.
- To abide by the rules and codes of conduct of the TAS Field School, to obey the instructions of directors and other officials of the Field school, and to perform such archeological work and camp chores as may be assigned to me/us by Field School Directors and officials.
- To care for and turn in all equipment, records, and supplies that do not belong to me/us; to collect and excavate archeological materials only when and where instructed by Field School officials; to properly record and turn in all artifacts and to keep records and controls in all archeological work.
- To abide by the terms and conditions of the Texas Antiquities Statutes.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO ALL ITEMS:**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## LEGAL RELEASE

*(Required for registration)*

- I hereby release the Texas Archeological Society and the property owners from any and all liability for the safety and wellbeing of me or members of my family while attending the 20\_\_\_\_ TAS Field School. I/We will respect the rights and property of landowners and will not damage or destroy public or private property.
- I approve the use by TAS and other sponsoring organizations of any photographs of me or members of my family taken by the official Field School photographers during scheduled Field School activities for use in publications or publicity and promotional projects.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO ALL ITEMS:**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

## AIDE TO YOUTH PROGRAM

*(For parents or sponsors of Youth Group participants)*

Parents or guardians are encouraged to sign up to work with the youth group. Parents or guardians can sign up for a single day, but the youth group supervisors encourage participation for the duration of your field school.

## SPONSOR AGREEMENT

*(Required for persons under 18 years of age unaccompanied by parent or guardian; must be completed, notarized, and included with registration form)*

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ in the city and state of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby release the Texas Archeological Society and the property owners from any and all liability for the safety and wellbeing of said minor while he/she is attending the 20\_\_\_\_ TAS Field School. I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ adult sponsor for this minor, and the sponsor has agreed to assume this responsibility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian (\_\_\_\_\_) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public In and For the State of \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having been appointed adult sponsor of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, by his/her parent or guardian, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to this appointment and further agree to assume the responsibility of said minor at the 20\_\_\_\_ TAS Field School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor (\_\_\_\_\_) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public In and For the State of \_\_\_\_\_

# 91st TAS Annual Meeting

**Houston, Texas**  
**October 23 – 25, 2020**

**Linda Gorski**

The Houston, Brazosport and Fort Bend Archeological Societies look forward to welcoming you to Houston, Texas, for the 91st annual meeting of the Texas Archeological Society! The meeting will be held October 23 – 25, 2020 at the gorgeous Omni Hotel and Resort on Houston's Westside, at I-10 and Eldridge Road. Best news about this location – you will not have to tackle Houston traffic to get there! It's on the far western outskirts of downtown and there are 600 free parking spaces! Possibly the best news is the price tag -- \$119 per night! The OMNI has already set up a website for the TAS meeting and you can

[RESERVE HERE!](#)

Those of you who attended the 2015 meeting here in Houston will remember the great experience we had at the Omni. You'll be one of the first to experience the recent \$11 million renovation – including a larger **BAR!** The peaceful water garden in the atrium lobby is still there and welcomes you with cascading waterfalls, exotic foliage and tropical fish in a beautiful serene setting. There's a spa, an outdoor pool, and many other amenities. This spectacular luxury hotel rests on lush

greens and is surrounded by a picturesque two-acre lake. At the Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, unparalleled hospitality complements priceless accommodations to create the ultimate experience. Y'all come!

Our LAC team is already hard at work! HAS members Linda Gorski and Bob Sewell are heading up the Local Arrangements Committee. HAS and BAS member Sue Gross has volunteered to run the Silent Auction again (it was a HUGE success in 2015) and is prepared to take donations starting immediately. You can email her at [suegbobs@comcast.net](mailto:suegbobs@comcast.net). We already have several silent auction items donated including exciting raffle packages. Sandy Rogers is once again going to be our Book/Exhibit/Vendor room coordinator so if you'd like to reserve a table for your organization contact Sandy at [sojourne@att.net](mailto:sojourne@att.net). Jay Roussel and his FBAS team will be timekeepers and room monitors during the event. Our program co-chairs, Dr. Jason W. Barrett and Dr. Gus Costa, are already working on a system for accepting papers, poster presentations and workshop proposals and that information will be published shortly. It's going to be a great meeting!

Houston awaits, and we hope you will make plans now to join us in 2020. We're working with all the area museums and attractions to ensure special rates for meeting attendees. Plus, we have a few other surprises up our sleeves! Please email me at [lindagorski@cs.com](mailto:lindagorski@cs.com) or Bob at [Robert-sewell@att.net](mailto:Robert-sewell@att.net) if you have any questions.





# FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS 91<sup>st</sup> TAS ANNUAL MEETING

HOUSTON, TEXAS  
OCTOBER 23-25, 2020

Gus Costa and Jason W. Barrett, 2020 TAS Annual Meeting Program Co-chairs

Abstracts and creative ideas are sought for papers, symposia, and posters to be presented at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas Archaeological Society on October 23-25, 2020 in Houston, Texas. TAS encourages presentations by avocational, student, and professional archaeologist members on any topic of archaeological interest. **According to TAS policy, all presenters must be TAS members and be register for the meeting. The Registrar and Program Committee will ensure membership compliance.**

Papers will be allotted 15 minutes, a limit that will be strictly enforced. Because simultaneous sessions will be held, the program schedule will be adhered to so that TAS members can move from room to room to attend talks of interest. A five-minute opening is scheduled between the end of one paper and the beginning of the next. **The final deadline for receipt of paper abstracts is September 1, 2020.**

Symposia may be organized around any topic, area, major project, and/or time period. **Due to scheduling concerns, symposium organizers must ensure that all abstracts for symposia and symposium papers meet an earlier deadline of August 15, 2020.**

Poster presentations can effectively convey visual, graphic, and quantitative information and posters reach a larger audience than oral papers. Members are encouraged to consider poster presentations as an alternative to papers. **Poster abstracts must be received by September 1, 2020.**

Other presentation formats such as discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on workshops may be conducted on approval of the Program Co-Chairs and Annual Meeting organizers. **Alternative presentation formats require additional planning, so proposals for such presentations must be received by August 8, 2020.**

Abstracts must be submitted through the online web form available at the 2020 TAS Meeting URL.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACT](#)

Meeting rooms will be equipped with data projectors and laptop computers. Additional audiovisual needs may be accommodated given prior notice. Contact the Program Co-Chairs with questions about submission dates, formats, and/or equipment. Authors will be notified in early to mid-September if their paper has been accepted for presentation. We look forward to your contribution to this year's meeting.

## GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTERS

To sharpen conference standards and stimulate session impact, the Program Co-Chairs recommend these guidelines for poster presentations.

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## Meet Our New Administrative Director, Lea Sanchez!

### Lea Sanchez

My name is Leanne Sanchez (Lea). I have a BS in Microbiology and an MS in Biochemistry, both from Texas State University. My major experience has been in education, having taught for 15 years. My first love is science and I have shared my knowledge with students in public middle schools and high schools throughout Central Texas. I have also lectured for the Department of Biology at Texas State University, teaching Modern Biology I and II. In addition, I have worked as Academic Advisor for Pre-Med undergraduate students and as Grant Coordinator and Business Manager for the Texas State University Department of Education's Clinic of Autism Research, Evaluation and Support (CARES Clinic). Most recently, I have been working in corporate training and instructional design, where I gained new experiences in creating web-based courses.

I am married to Benjamin Sanchez and we both enjoy the company of 5 children who keep our days full and exciting. One interesting note is that last year I discovered that I am 54% Native American. With research, I have found our family's lineage to the Lipan-Apache tribe of Texas.

I enjoy good BBQ and traveling throughout the Texas Hill Country as well as the vast wilderness of the Rocky Mountains. Now, I am looking forward to working with TAS members as the new Administrative Director for TAS.



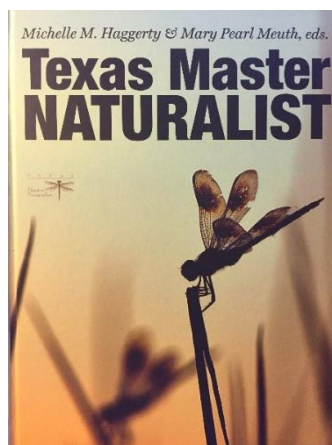
**WELCOME, LEA!**

## Master Naturalists Trained by TAS Members

### Pam Stranahan

Kudos to Herb Uecker, Chris Lintz and Todd McMakin for writing Unit 2 in the Texas Master Naturalist Statewide Curriculum (2015). The "Archaeology" unit, pages 37-76, incorporates all the goals that TAS supports.

Instructional goals include (1) understand archeological concepts and methods, (2) become familiar with Texas cultural history, (3) become familiar with the Texas Archeological regions and (4) become familiar with



antiquities laws. These programs could lead folks to TAS and, in fact, chapters require TMN members to record volunteer hours and some allow archeological work to qualify as those hours.

Many TAS members already partner with local chapters to introduce these ideas to folks training to become master naturalists. TAS instructors include Jenni Kimbell, Brett Lang, Linda Gorski, Louis Aulbach, Jason Barrett, Sharon Menegaz, Joe Braley, Susan Clark, Francoise Wilson, Leslie Bush and Pam Stranahan (and probably more whose names we've missed).

If you would like to assist in Master Naturalist training, please contact Master Naturalist program coordinator Michelle Haggerty, [mmhaggerty@tamu.edu](mailto:mmhaggerty@tamu.edu), (830) 896-2504 and let her know your location so she can connect you with a chapter.



# Fact Sheet for Recent Precedent-Setting Case Against Looters of Archeological Sites in Texas

Tiffany Osburn, THC Archeologist and Steve Stoutamire, THC Steward, Kerr County

(Case Decided February 4, 2019, Cause B17-672, 198<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Kerr County, Texas)

- Looting of archeological sites on PRIVATE land is common in Texas. Looting can cause thousands of dollars of damage, theft, vandalism, and loss of priceless artifacts and invaluable information contained within archeological sites.
- Previously misdemeanor-level laws were the only recourse for looting cases. Typical maximum punishment was only a \$1000 fine and 30 days in jail - *Texas Natural Resources Code, Title 9, Ch. 191*.
- There is a connection in Texas between artifacts such as arrowheads and methamphetamines. Often, looters have a drug connection, and are seeking cash for drug manufacture or purchase. Artifacts are sold for cash.
- In 2017, a Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) Officer (i.e., a Game Warden), arrested 2 looters in the act of digging on an archeological site in a remote portion of Kerr County, on a private ranch.
- Game Warden sought guidance from Archeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to seek stronger punishment for this crime.
- District Attorney expressed a willingness to bring the case to court and agreed that the looters should be assigned responsibility for the damage to the portion of the site where they were apprehended.
- A THC Regional Archeologist and the Game Warden determined that use of the existing Texas Criminal Mischief Law (willful and wanton destruction of private property without the

owner's consent- *Texas Penal Code Ch. 28*), would be the most effective to achieve Felony level punishment of archeological looting on private land. District Attorney agreed.

- THC Archeologist and a local volunteer Archeological Steward viewed the damage to the site and took the measurements and observations necessary to complete a damage assessment report.
- They used methods for determining Archeological Value for damage assessments on federal lands based on the Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa-470mm; *Public Law 96-95 and amendments*) and Department of Interior Guidelines (*NPS Technical Brief 20*).
- This well-established methodological precedent served as a guide for use on private land and was necessary to arrive at a value of damages for the Criminal Mischief charge.
- The local District Attorney agreed to pursue felony conviction and take the case to a Grand Jury.
- With the testimony of the Game Warden and the THC Regional Archeologist, the Grand Jury indicted both looters with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony Criminal Mischief, with damages assessed at >\$300,000.
- In February 2019 both looters submitted a plea bargain to the State, pleading guilty to a lesser punishment level under the Criminal Mischief Law.
- Both looters received significant Deferred Adjudication (Probation) terms with conviction penalties including fines and prison time if terms of strict probation are violated. Both must also pay \$1550 in restitution for site backfilling and erosion control in areas of damage.
- **This unique and first-time use of the Criminal Mischief Law in a looter case on private land now gives Law Enforcement Officers, District Attorneys, and Landowners the impetus to catch, seek prosecution and indict/convict looters with Felony penalties, and will hopefully deter future looting within the State of Texas.**

## DONATIONS- THANK YOU!

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## Strake Foundation Grant to TAS

### Pam Stranahan

This fall TAS received a grant from the Houston-based Strake Foundation. The funds will partially support several aspects of the 2020 Field School to be held in Kerr County, Texas: the principal investigator, artifact preparation and curation and scholarships.

The Strake Foundation is known for giving primarily to secondary and higher educational institutions, and for cultural and social services, including programs for youth. The Strake Foundation was established in the 1950s by George W. Strake, who discovered the Conroe Oil Field in Montgomery County, Texas. He and his wife were active as civic leaders and served on the boards of

numerous social services, youth, and Catholic organizations. Strake descendants and foundation board members continue to nurture the philanthropy instituted by the founders.



## Thoughts about Field School and Scholarships

### Katrina Nuncio

As an adjunct college instructor, I have a lot of students that pass through my anthropology classes that aren't necessarily interested in pursuing archeology as a career or even as a hobby. So, when six of my students, some current and some former, were able to attend the 2019 TAS Field School, I was absolutely thrilled. Three of my students were recipients of the North Texas Archeological Society (NTAS) scholarship program. My lectures and enthusiasm for archeology didn't fall on deaf ears after all!

I am very thankful that my local society, NTAS, offers scholarships to students who couldn't otherwise afford

to attend the annual TAS Field School. As many of you know, there isn't extra money floating around in most community or four-year colleges to send students to these type of events. And, it is these types of events like Field School that can so enrich and expose students to many of the aspects of choosing archeology as a career path.

I think some of us who have been involved in archeology for many years forget how enthusiastic and excited we were at the beginning of our own careers to get to do anything that was archeologically involved. I am reminded of this when my students come up to me at the end of a hard day in the field and are so excited to tell me what they experienced that day at Field School. For me as an instructor, this type of enthusiasm from my students makes my job so very rewarding.

## 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Edited by Alexandra Ma

### Ashley Green

The NTAS scholarship I received to attend TAS field school this year gave me another amazing opportunity to further learn and experience archeology first-hand, for the second year in a row. Last year I worked on an excavation crew and this year I got the chance to get out with a survey team and learn about a whole new aspect of the process. I was part of the most amazing crew that was patient with me being new and that also took the time to answer all the questions I threw at them. It is one thing to learn the lingo from a book, but field school gives you the chance to learn from immersion. With the NTAS scholarship I once again got the chance to be around a wonderful group of people that are passionate about a field that I too am loving more and more. I will cherish the memories made and use the knowledge gained as I move through my studies. I'm looking forward to many more field schools to come!

Thank you, NTAS!



### Vincenzo Ramos

Thanks to the NTAS scholarship I was able to attend my first TAS Field School. This field school gave me my first hands-on experience in the field. Throughout this week I met some great people who gave me advice as well as ideas on how to approach the world of archaeology and all its different aspects. This experience meant the world to me and I have never before experienced anything like it. I knew going in that I would be striving for a career in the field of archaeology and this only solidified my belief that I do want to pursue this as a career. I am truly grateful for the experience and hope to have many more just like it.

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### Kristin Koasa

I have had a passion for anthropology for a long time, but my experience has been limited to what I have learned from lectures and textbooks. I haven't had the opportunity in my life to experience the more rugged aspects that come along with this field. There have been moments that I worry that I am wasting my time and money by focusing on something that can be very rigorous or that I might not enjoy in practice. I did not know what to expect, but going to the TAS field school not only reinforced that I am making the right choice in my major, but it was absolutely one of the best experiences of my life. Every part of it was an entirely new experience for me, and I learned so much. Without the NTAS scholarship, I would not have been able to go. I am so grateful for the experience because I feel like I have found my place and I cannot wait to go again.



### Lori Connolley

There are not enough words to express the immense wealth of information I received at the 90th Annual TAS meeting in Amarillo, TX. I was so honored to learn from those with a lifetime of experience to share, and the friendships I made are priceless! None of it would not have been possible without the help from a NTAS Scholarship! I encourage everyone to learn more about the available scholarships, I'm so glad I did!

### NTAS Scholarship Recipient By Gen Freix

At last month's meeting, James Everett awarded Lori Connolley an NTAS Scholarship to the 90th TAS Annual Meeting in Amarillo, TX. Lori is an undergraduate student studying Anthropology and GIS and she is looking forward to the Annual Meeting.



### Ewan Edwards

The scholarship I received, the Palo Duro field school scholarship, was my absolute very first scholarship. I had heard of the scholarship in the first place from my professor, Katrina Nuncio. I'd like to thank her for introducing me to the TAS and for giving me enough confidence to apply for the scholarship in the first place! At Field School, I was finally able to dig into something that I deemed far more interesting and productive than simple college work. The Palo Duro Scholarship gave me an opportunity to really understand just what types work an anthropology major can do. I was also able to meet and convene with the best (and I'd say that means all) of the amazing folks at TAS and TPWD during the trip. Also, I felt like I was coasting along without much direction or a clue on where to go, even through college, until that amazing summer week pushed me toward a proper path, hopefully one that will let me have a fulfilling, enjoyable career. On another note, the arduous but enjoyable week-long camping session at Palo Duro Canyon also built in me a greater respect for nature that I rarely got to build in a regular suburban life. Overall, I want to encourage many more people, who, like me, feel unsure or largely confused about what goal they want to pursue, to consider applying for future field school scholarships!



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### Kayla White

My three-day trip to TAS field school was generously paid for by Comanchero Canyons Museum and Canyonlands Archaeological Society. After arriving at the field school, I was welcomed into Joe Roger's excavation group. I was assigned to excavate a square with some very nice people. During the excavation, we found bone fragments, so I had to be slow and careful while using my trowel to take off the layers of dirt. Joe showed me things I had never learned about before, like the Munsell color chart and how to fill a bucket of dirt the most efficient way. I loved hiking to the dig site every morning and looking at the landscape. My fellow group members identified different plants and flowers on the hikes, which we enjoyed in between excavation. Near the end of my stay, I attended a meeting where all of the work done by the TAS groups was discussed. The amount of surveying, recording, and excavation that we all accomplished was amazing. The kind and interesting people I met were the best part of my trip.



*Palo Duro Scene by Kayla White.*



*Kayla White and Rick Day (president of Canyonlands Archaeological Society). Photo taken by Julie Childs of Canyonlands Archaeological Society.*



*Sean Farrell, Erin Knight, and Reece Black, TAS Academy Scholarship Recipients, at the 2019 Lithics Academy in San Marcos*

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### Cristian Swift

I am Eagle Owl or *áłtsá Inę âhs jaa'* of the *tichíí' Tł ááshchl'* (Red Bottom Clan) *Navajo Nation*. I live in Corpus Christi, TX. I have been a *Texas Archeological Society (TAS)* Native American Scholarship recipient along with my brother for the past seven years. I do enjoy “digging up the past”; I call it playing in the dirt with respect. I enjoy meeting and training newcomers at field school. Learning from our predecessors and from professionals like “the Dougs” (Boyd and Green), Margaret Howard, Trudy Williams and Marni Francel teaches us to be custodians of the earth. Our teachers in Corpus Christi are always excited to hear about our (pre)historical finds and experiences. My 7<sup>th</sup> grade Texas history teacher, Mrs. Aviles, plans on becoming a *TAS* member to participate in field school 2020. My first find was in 2013 when I found a piece of **daub**. I knew it was not clay; yet, I knew it was some type of different soil component. I found out later from our experts that daub has been used for 6,000 years to seal shelters. It is made of wet soil, sand, animal dung and dried grass. We will be presenting our *TAS* experiences to the *CCISD NASP* (Native American Studies Program), the *Sierra Club* and soon to the ladies of *Delta Kappa Gamma International Honorary Society*. Closing at the end of a good, dirty dig day with a cold swim in one of our site’s water sources is “priceless”. Lunch always seems to taste so much better.

*About the author: Cristian Swift is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Grant Middle School. He is an honor student and a fine artist. He had a piece of his art selected to be shown at Texas A&M in Corpus Christi. He is also a cross country runner and has run Beach to Bay Marathon since 1<sup>st</sup> grade. He has had Perfect Attendance for 6 years.*



Samuel and Cristian Swift

### Samuel Swift

*Yá'át'ééh* (Hello in *Navajo*), my name is *dahóyánígíí yázhi* (Young, Wise One) of the *tichíí' Tł ááshchl'* (Red Bottom Clan). I am a junior at *Moody High School* in Corpus Christi, TX. I'm in the STEM CITGO Innovative Academy majoring in aerospace engineering. However, I do like archeology. We met Margaret Howard and Marni Francel at the 2012 POWWOW in Austin, Texas. Both ladies were manning the *TPWD* table. They informed us about *TAS* Native American Field School Scholarships. My family and I love hiking in AZ's Grand Canyon and learning about cultures and early tribes everywhere. As a recipient youth, I continue learning about the history, culture, and lifestyles of the *First People* that survived on the land. Finding an artifact that was held by someone “100s” of years ago is humbling and haunting. I appreciate my ancestral heritage that struggled to protect their property, their customs and their lifestyles from encroaching Europeans in the Canyons. Our agrarian way of life was tending to sheep, livestock, our crops (3 sisters), surviving and always loving our family. I keep in the forefront of my mind that the clues of the *Ancient Ones'* survival are critical to our future. My first “bell ringer” was in 2013 in Hondo, TX when I found a Perdiz Point. I was hooked on “hunting for the past”. It gives me a sense of pride in knowing that our ownership of our past paves the way for our future. We are stewards of the land. Our responsibility is to maintain the relics of our past for future generations. The “hustle and bustle” of the dig is very exciting. Yet, I also enjoy the quiet that exists when all have left except for the Swift family, Marni and Doug. We are the last to leave and to ensure that Doug's trailer is safely packed until next year!

*About the author: Samuel Swift is a CCISD Native American Studies Program Board Member, Track & Field/XC Student for 9 years, a National Honor Society member, an Ambassador to the CCISD Superintendent's Council, recipient of the Presidential Citation Award in 2014 and the Principal's Distinguished Honor Award for Academic Excellent, 2015-17 (Perfect STAAR scores), and a 7 year member of the Sierra Club. He is also a fine artist, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2019 State Choir competition. He also has had Perfect School Attendance for many years.*

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## Scholarship Opportunities

### North Texas Archeological Society

If you are interested in a North Texas Archeological Society Scholarship, go to the website, [NTAS.org](http://NTAS.org) and review the scholarship information and application form.

### Texas Archeological Society

TAS scholarship information and applications can be located at this link:

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

### Houston Archeological Society

The Houston Archeological Society plans to offer two scholarships for the 2020 TAS Annual meeting which will be held in Houston October 22 – 25, 2020. The annual meeting scholarship will be awarded to two college students who are presenting a poster or a paper at the annual meeting. The paper and/or poster must be approved by the program chairs. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$500 which will cover a two-night stay at the Omni Westside in Houston, registration fees, and fees for the Banquet on Saturday night. It will also include TAS membership fees for a year. For more information about this scholarship, please contact HAS Education Coordinator Sharon Menegaz at [smenegaz@rcseaglesonline.org](mailto:smenegaz@rcseaglesonline.org)

## Infecting Students With Field School Fever

### Katrina Nuncio

To a student, an awarded scholarship is sometimes the only way they can possibly afford to attend an event like the annual TAS Field School. This year I am personally thankful and proud that one of my students was the recipient of a TAS scholarship that granted him the financial support he needed to attend Field School. Thank you TAS!

I also had two other students along with their families that were not able to apply for scholarships by the deadline. These students were determined to attend the 2019 Field School so they paid the necessary fees in good faith and not knowing what the experience was going to hold for them and their families. I am pleased to report that all members from both of these families very much enjoyed their field school experiences. Their enthusiasm is apparent when reading what these two students wrote about their first experiences this year attending Field School. These are their words:

### Autumn McGaha and family

"This was the first year I've attended the TAS Annual Field School! Originally it was just going to be a great opportunity for me to get more experience doing archaeology in Texas, but then I realized that there was a children's program. So, what started out as a trip for me ended up becoming a mini family vacation. My niece loved the children's program. They were super supportive of the kids, and they always had something new to learn and find! My dad got to excavate with me. I got to teach him the ropes, and it was really cool to show him the thing I'm so passionate about. My dad told me it was the most fun he has had in years, and he never felt out of place or unwelcome. He knew absolutely nothing coming into this, and he feels like he could go out to any dig and know what to do. Next year we're bringing the entire family!"

### Robert Mayben and family

"We had a great time, and my two daughters, a teenager and a preteen, really enjoyed TAS Field School. Being in the field was a first-time experience for all three of us. I personally really enjoyed the excavating. Both of my daughters want to attend next summer and maybe stay the entire week. My youngest daughter didn't want to leave this year. *(continued, page 22)*

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Thanks again for inviting us to the TAS Field School, everyone was very welcoming and extremely nice to us.”

As their instructor, it gives me great comfort to know that I can recommend the TAS Field School as an experience that is suitable for the whole family to attend. And from me, thank you TAS for once again arranging a wonderful Field School experience for all that attended and putting together year after year the finances, location, personnel, and countless hours it takes to host these annual Field Schools. All of these things are much appreciated, if seldom mentioned.

## SPRING 2020 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS IN TEXAS

#### David Foxe

The National Forests and Grasslands in Texas (NFGT) is looking for volunteers this upcoming Spring for archaeological field projects on the Sabine National Forest and Davy Crockett National Forest. These projects will involve relocation, delineation and evaluation of sites which had been previously recorded but for which previous investigations were insufficient.

Forest Service Heritage personnel are planning the project work for the following dates: March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> of 2020 on the Sabine National Forest and March 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> on the Davy Crockett National Forest. Volunteers are welcome to join in for just a few days or for the entire duration of each field session.

Work will involve walking through the woods carrying shovels and screens, excavating shovel test and recording the results on project forms. Excavation units may be placed in some of the sites if deemed necessary and time allows. Email David for further information and to volunteer at [David.fox@usda.gov](mailto:David.fox@usda.gov).



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# Oklahoma Archaeology Conference: Call for Papers

**March 5-7, 2020**

**Tulsa, Oklahoma**

The Oklahoma Archaeology Conference (OAC) is a biennial conference devoted to Oklahoma archaeology and archaeologists. This conference aims to bring together diverse stakeholders in the archaeological record, creating community and sharing knowledge around a mutual love of the past.

The next Oklahoma Archaeology Conference will be held at the University of Tulsa from March 5-7<sup>th</sup> 2020 (see attached poster). The conference begins on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, at Gilcrease Museum for the opening reception and poster session. It continues on Friday and Saturday at the Helmrich Center for American Research (on Gilcrease Museum campus).

We are currently inviting submissions for paper presentations and posters at the conference. Topics may include research related to Oklahoma archaeology and cultural heritage, as well as U.S. or international research conducted by archaeologists currently residing in Oklahoma. Anyone is welcome to submit an abstract for a paper or poster and we strongly support diverse representation at the conference. Deadline for abstract submission is **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and must include a title, names of all authors and their affiliations, as well as contact details of the presenting author. Please also clearly indicate whether you are submitting for a paper presentation or a poster. If you are submitting your abstract to be considered for one of the student awards, please indicate this in your submission. Abstracts can be submitted to: [okarchaeologyconference@gmail.com](mailto:okarchaeologyconference@gmail.com).

We are also pleased to announce that there will be a student paper award this year, sponsored by the

Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network (OKPAN), with a first prize of \$500 and a second prize of \$250.

Conference registration can be found at: <http://www.ou.edu/okpan/oklahoma-archaeology-conference>. Further details regarding hotel accommodations, workshops, and conference dinner location are also on the website. Event details will also be posted on the conference facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2488327688104387/>. Please send any inquiries or questions to Danielle Macdonald at: [danielle-macdonald@utulsa.edu](mailto:danielle-macdonald@utulsa.edu).

We hope to see you at the OAC in March!

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Caddo Conference and 27<sup>th</sup> East Texas Archeological Conference

**February 28 & 29, 2020**

**Tyler, Texas**

**Thomas Guderjan**

The joint Caddo Conference and East Texas Archaeological Conference will meet at the University of Texas at Tyler. The theme of the joint meeting will be understanding Caddo Mounds State Historic Site in light of the destruction of the site museum by the 2019 tornado.

A major focus of the Friday academic conference will be contemporary Caddo archaeology highlighted by sessions on recent research in Oklahoma, organized by Dr. Amanda Regnier (Director, Oklahoma Archaeological Survey), and Arkansas. The keynote speaker, Dr. George Sabo (Director, Arkansas Archaeological Survey) will discuss the Spiro Site, probably the best-known Caddo site, on Friday evening.

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On Saturday, Dr. Sabo will discuss the archaeology of Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. In addition, Dr. Jeffrey Williams (Stephen F. Austin State University) and Anthony Souther (Caddo Mounds State Historic Site) will discuss the devastation at Caddo Mounds and the planning to build a new museum on site. Highlighting the day will be public dances by the Caddo Culture Club and exhibitions of works by Caddo artists. Many of the artists will “take the microphone” to discuss their work on Saturday afternoon.

**CALL FOR PAPERS:** We are still soliciting presentations for the conference on Caddo archaeology, history and culture and any topic related to the archaeology of east Texas.

The organizers of the conference are Dr. Keith Eppich (Tyler Junior College), Dr. Thomas Guderjan (UT Tyler), Colleen Hanratty (UT Tyler), Dr. Cory Sills (UT Tyler) Anthony Souther (Caddo Mounds) and Sponsors for the conference include The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler

Junior College, Arkansas Archaeological Survey, Kevin Stringly, the East Texas Archeological Society, Maya Research Program, Caddo Mounds State Historic Site, and the Caddo Conference Organization.

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