



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

**COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE CHAIR  
 SPRING 2023 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Due to CAS Chair and Board Liaison on February 7, 2023**, for inclusion in the materials for the Spring Board of Directors Meeting. Your report serves to inform the SAA Board of the committee/task force’s accomplishments and as background for the action items. The Board asks all committee and task force chairs to use this Word document to report to your Board Liaison (anna.prentiss@mso.umt.edu).

- Reports are required in the spring of each year and optional in the fall.
- **Starting in 2022, Executive Director will post reports on Committee pages to improve transparency and assist incoming future chairs.**
- **Starting in 2023, Award and Scholarship Committee Chairs should send the winning applicant package to the SAA Manager, Communications and Fundraising for archiving at the National Anthropological Archive with all SAA official records.**
- If you are able to join us in Portland, Committee and Task Force chairs are invited to join the Board for **breakfast on Saturday April 1.**

Report of the	Kenyon Fellowship Committee
From Chair	Rebecca Dean
Date	January 27, 2023

**1. Membership and terms for your committee:**

*So that the SAA Office’s records are as complete as possible, please list your committee members and their terms here. Please also note if there are anticipated changes in a member’s status before their term end date.*

Rebecca Dean, Chair, ends 3/31/2023  
 Emily Jones, ends 3/31/2023  
 Amy Nicodemus, ends 4/5/2024  
 Briana Pobiner, will be chair after 3/31/2023  
 Meredith Reifschneider, ends 4/5/2024

**2. Executive summary of Committee's/Task Force's activities over the past year:**

*Please note that the activities summary should not exceed 250 words. Should the committee or task force be responding to a Board request for a draft document or report, refer to it in the summary and forwarded with this form as an attachment. If no such document was requested by the Board, the executive summary should be confined to the word limit.*

For the 2022-2023 Academic Year, the Kenyon Committee asked for applications for two scholarships of \$2,000 each. Our call for applicants went out over social media, zooarchaeology-specific list-servs, faculty who had previously written letters of recommendation for this scholarship, and to the committee members' contacts. We received a similar number and diversity of applicants as in previous years. We were able to fund two excellent fellows: Christine Conlan and Sylvia Wemanya.

**3. Items for Board Consideration, if applicable. These are recommendations and requests that specifically require Board approval.**

*These items range from statements that you may wish to be disseminated, requests to undertake projects, requests to disseminate results, or any other action for which a committee or task force needs specific Board guidance/approval. Please do not embed such items in your activities summary. These items must be separately listed in this section. These are actions you are asking the Board of Directors to take. Please also include a discussion of fiscal impacts, if any, but note that budget requests occur in advance of the Fall Board meeting (and not as part of this report).*

*Should you have questions about whether any of your Committee's items require Board approval, please consult with your Board Liaison prior to submitting your report. We also recommend that you run a draft of your report by your liaison before you "officially" submit it.*

N/A

**4. Draft motions, if appropriate. (Optional)**

*Drafting a suggested motion or motions for any requests noted above will help the Board more clearly understand your request and increase the “fit” between the request you make and corresponding Board action. Please keep in mind that suggested motions may be revised or not accepted by the Board, whose responsibility it is to consider the full range of member needs. If you choose to include suggested motion(s) with your report, it is essential that you work with your liaison before you submit your report. They will be able to provide examples of motions that you can use as models for the ones you create.*

N/A

**5. For Award and Scholarship Committee Chairs: Number of Applicants/Nominees and Name(s) of the Recipients(s).**

*The Board has requested that Award and Scholarship Chairs report annually on the total number of applicants/nominees received for each award/scholarship. Also, please send the recipient(s)' application/nomination package(s) to the SAA Manager, Communications and Fundraising (Emma\_Sunseri@saa.org) for archiving at the National Anthropological Archive with all SAA*

*official records.*

The Kenyon Committee received 30 complete applications from women students in zooarchaeology. These applicants came from 14 different nations, including nations in North and South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. The two finalists were Christine Conlan, from Simon Fraser University, and Sylvia Wemanya from Rice University.