



## 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	Minority Scholarships Committee
From Chair	Sara Juengst
Date	Feb. 6, 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.*

Sara Juengst – Chair, 2020-2023 (cycling off)  
 Carla Hernández Garavito – member 2020-2023, in-coming chair 2023-2026  
 Christine Lee – member, 2020-2023 (cycling off)  
 Corina Kellner – member, 2020-2023 (cycling off)  
 Claudia Lauriers-Garcia – member, 2020-2026 (continuing)  
 Danny Zborover – member, 2020-2026 (continuing)  
 Akshay Sarathi – member, 2023-2023 (incoming)  
 Ranjan Datta – member, 2023-2026 (incoming)

**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.*

In 2022-2023, the MSC facilitated the first year of the Student Diversity Networking Program (SDNP), awarded 12 HUGS and 1 DirectAMS award, and changed the name of HUGS (Historically Underrepresented Groups Scholarship) to SEAS (Student Excellence in Archaeology Scholarship), in order to emphasize the quality of work being performed rather than the demographic status of the awardees. The SDNP was very successful, enrolling 28 students, hosting two virtual meetings in January and February 2022, and an in-person networking event in Chicago.

**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.*

**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.*

**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.*

In 2022, we had 23 HUGS applicants and awarded 12 scholarships. The recipients were:

*HUGS for Undergraduate Students*

Maryam Biyabani

Mavis Chan

Alejandra Garcia-Silva

Illeana Sanders

Sasha Thompson

Maxwell Ward

*HUGS for Graduate Students*

Abilene Ayala

Leann Castillo

Simone Muhammadf

Estevan Ramirez

Ciele Rosenberg

Ximena Smith