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Chacoan masonry walls, photograph by Matt Schmader.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

SAA returns to New Mexico for the first time in over 50 years! We respectfully acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of scores of Native American communities. I hope that meeting participants will visit some of the traditional communities and important archaeological sites in close proximity to Albuquerque.

As you can see from this Preliminary Program, the meeting features a broad range of sessions, workshops, excursions, and networking opportunities (including the Student Welcome Reception hosted by SAA Board of Directors and Cambridge University Press).

We will begin on Wednesday April 10th, with my President’s Forum, “Learning from the Past, Looking Towards the Future: Archaeological Ethics and the SAA.” This forum will provide an opportunity for the Society’s members to consider what ethical concerns might inform the process of evaluating and revising SAA’s ethical principles to reflect today’s standards. I hope you will join us.

I also draw your attention to the SAA President-Sponsored Session, “Protecting the Greater Chaco Landscape: Native Voices,” when a panel of Native American speakers will convey the deep spiritual importance and the best management practices for preservation of this ancient cultural landscape.

Posters After Hours returns on Thursday night. You won’t want to miss this event, complete with a cash bar! I also encourage you to attend SAA’s annual business meeting on Friday evening.

The SAA is dedicated to a harassment-free meeting experience for everyone (see p. 3 to read the policy). Individuals who can be considered safe authorities to whom incidents can be reported will wear green “Talk to Me” buttons.

I look forward to seeing you in April 2019 for what promises to be an outstanding Annual Meeting!

*Susan M. Chandler, RPA
President*



FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

The 84th Annual Meeting heads to the beautiful city of Albuquerque/Bee’eldííl Dahsinil (Navajo)/Arawageeki (Eastern Keres)/Vakêêke (Jemez Towa)/Gołgéeki (Jicarilla Apache). With over 3,500 presentations—from the Pleistocene to the present and representing nearly every continent on the planet—there is something for everyone! Presentations include 275 organized paper or poster sessions and over 1,000 contributed papers and posters.

This year’s President’s Forum, “Learning from the Past, Looking Towards the Future: Archaeological Ethics and the SAA,” will be held on Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On

Thursday, be sure to check out the annual Ethics Bowl from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the very popular Posters After Hours from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. In addition, there will be 33 concurrent sessions running from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. on Thursday; 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Sunday. And don’t forget to visit the Silent Auction benefitting Native American scholarships in the Exhibit Hall, along with all the wonderful vendors. See you in ABQ!

*E. Christian Wells, Program Committee Chair
University of South Florida*



FROM THE LOCAL ADVISORY CHAIR

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Albuquerque is excited to host the SAA Annual Meeting in 2019! It has been 14 years since the SAA’s were held in the American Southwest.

Given the region’s archaeological richness and ethnic roots, it will be an exciting change of venue.

As scholars of present and past cultures, the primary thought all visiting SAA members should have is that we are privileged to be in the homeland of beautifully vibrant native communities. Albuquerque is situated on lands still regarded as ancestral to many pueblo groups and indigenous communities. I would hope that reminder is always close to us during the conference and will

resonate through the sessions. Certainly, our choice of outings reflects and celebrates the area’s cultural diversity: Acoma Pueblo, the longest continually occupied settlement in the nation; Bandelier National Monument, home of centuries-old cliff dwellings; Pecos National Historical Park, where a colonial mission church overlays older pueblo occupation; and Petroglyph National Monument, with its 20,000+ sacred images on the edge of Albuquerque.

Combine these cultural treasures with legendary cuisine, great craft brew, and our gorgeous high desert physical setting, and we’re sure to have a memorable meeting—see you in April!

*Matthew Schmader, Local Advisory Chair
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