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President's Letter

Hello again and thank you for the vote of confidence to continue as the AAS president. Our winter meeting at Archives was a success – we raised almost a thousand dollars from our silent auction book sale. I hope everyone enjoyed checking out the new "First Alabamians" gallery, the "behind the scenes" tour of Archives, and all the presentations.

I still have a few goals to pursue that hopefully will benefit AAS in the long run. First among them is to continue our outreach activities and hopefully expand our membership -bringing archaeology to the citizens of Alabama with field trips (site surveys and excavations) and artifact identification events. I added AAS to the list of organizations participating in the Archeological Institute of America's 2nd annual "National Archeology Day" on October 20 (www.NationalArchaelogy Day.org). AAS is planning to sponsor several activities, including tours of archaeological sites, public lectures, artifact identification events, and visits to classrooms by archeologists. If you want to help or are interested in hosting an event or an archaeologist for a classroom presentation, please contact any AAS officer or Board member ("contact AAS" tab at www.alabamaarcaheology.org).

Another goal is to start AAS on the path to financial stability by increasing donations to our general fund. The annual membership dues only cover a small portion of our budget and needs, the majority of which are used to publish and mail the *Journal of Alabama Archaeology* and the "Stones and Bones" newsletters. Over the last ten years, the costs of printing and mailing our publications has slowly risen, and we suspect that these costs, as well as the internet subscription, will continue to go up – however we don't want to raise our dues again (still dirt cheap!)

Our outreach efforts (field trips) are working to bring in new members, but we still struggle with finances every year. Therefore, to carry out the work of the Society for the benefit of the members and the citizens of Alabama (our Alabama's

heritage!), we are proposing an extra program that will hopefully raise funds and draw attention to Alabama archaeology. Our "Get the Point" campaign will be dedicated to building a better Alabama Archaeological Society. We also propose to start a "Wills and Legacies" program. There will be more information about these two new programs in the coming months.

Also- – on April 28, four or five of us will be in Geneva at the 37th annual 'Festival on the Rivers' for an artifact identification event and to chat with visitors about AAS and archaeology in Alabama. If you live nearby, come by and see us.

Keep checking the website for news updates and more field trips.

Sincerely, Teresa Paglione, AAS President



Annual Winter Meeting

The Annual Winter Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society on February 11th, was a success by all counts! The meeting was held at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery.

Speakers this year included Jason Mann (Troy University), Paul Eubanks (University of Alabama), Hunter Johnson (Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research), Erik Porth (University of Alabama), Rachel Briggs, Erin Phillips, David Anderson (Fathom Exploration), Brandon Thompson, Steven Meredith (Panamerican), Dean Wood (Southern Research Historic Preservation Consultants), and John Cottier (Auburn). Research presented this year focused mainly on the Middle Woodland through the early historic with several papers discussing aspects of the Late Woodland and Mississippian periods.

A highlight was the presentation by David Anderson on the identification and survey of the shipwreck of the *Amstel*

which ran aground in Mobile Bay in 1861 during the early part of the Civil War blockade.

The business meeting was held after lunch. Eugene Futato presented the Treasurer's report, and Society President Teresa Paglione presented the AAS awards. Paul Eubanks, a student in the PhD program at the University of Alabama, was awarded the \$500 Steve and Christine Wimberley Scholarship. Steven Meredith was recipient of the Mahan Research Award; the \$500 award will be used for expenses relating to C-14 dates on a Monroe County site he and AAS volunteers have tested in the last year. Elections were also held for all officers and four new Directors at Large (see below). The proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws posted in the last newsletter were also unanimously adopted.

Another highlight was a behind-thescenes look at the archaeological collection at the Archives. Much of the Alabama Anthropological Society collection from the first decades of the 20th century is housed at the Archives. Anyone who participated in the tours couldn't help but be impressed by the abundance of protohistoric Alabama River Phase pots and other artifacts in the collection.

Many of those in attendance also visited the excellent new Archives exhibit "The First Alabamians" which features many of the finest specimens from the Archives collection.

The silent book auction was also a success, with several box-loads of volumes donated by members including lots of out-of-print classics from Roger Nance.

Overall, there was enough to do at the meeting to fill two days! The presentations were very engrossing, the conversations were great as always, and I'm sure there will be lots of return visits to the Archives by attendees that couldn't take it all in during the meeting. It was a great opportunity to socialize, network, and catch up on all the great things that are happening with archaeological research in Alabama! Much thanks to the Archives for hosting the event, and to MRS Consultants, Environmental Engineers, Tennessee Valley Archaeological

Research, and New South Associates for their donations in support of the meeting!

Stewardship Awards

The Alabama Archaeological Society believes strongly in Stewardship since cultural resource protection on private lands preserves the past as a legacy for future generations. Certificates of Recognition for Stewardship are given to individuals that protect historic properties as well as private and commercial organizations that support preservation.

At our Winter Meeting last month, the AAS Board of Directors and Officers officially recognized the following five individuals and one organization for their efforts in the preservation of archaeological resources:

Mike Jenkins has supported archaeological research and interpretations at Fort Toulouse/Jackson National Historic Landmark. He has also provided valuable contact information for numerous archaeological surveys along the Alabama River.

David Johnson, Sr. and David Johnson, Jr were recognized for their personal commitment to the research, interpretation and preservation of the Johnson Ridge archaeological sites.

David Anderson, CEO of Fathom Research, was recognized for his commitment to support the research, interpretation and preservation of Alabama's submerged archaeological sites.

The Cahaba Foundation was recognized for their continued commitment to the research, interpretation and preservation of Old Cahawba. The Foundation has raised funds to purchase lots within and adjacent to Old Cahawba, the first state capital.

State Senator Arthur Orr was recognized for his commitment to support the research, interpretation and preservation of Alabama's archaeological sites, especially with the 2012 Alabama Historical Commission Grant Awards.

Any member of AAS can recommend a property owner or private or public group or even commercial entity that endeavors to preserve the archeological heritage of Alabama. If you would like to suggest a nominee, please contact any AAS Officer or Board member.

2012 Election Results

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To fulfill terms that expire at the end of this year, Carey Oakley was nominated to replace Sharyn Jones (resigned), and Matt Gage was nominated to replace Erin Phillips (who resigned since she already serves as Secretary). Four new Directorsat-large were elected to serve until 2014: Kristi Shuler, Richard Kilborn, Cathy Meyer, and John Hall.



Erin Philips presents Paul Eubanks with the 2012 Wimberley Scholarship.



The Roots of Old Time Southern Music

by Barbara Filion, Museum Education Curator

Ever hear of strawbeating? Well people who attended a recent lecture at the University of South Alabama's

Archaeology Museum not only learned about it - they also got to hear it! On February 28, in celebration of Black History Month, USA's African-American Studies Program, and the Archaeology Museum jointly presented Fiddlers, Banjo Players and Strawbeaters: Black Fiddlers at the Roots of Country Music, with Joyce and Jim Cauthen. The audience was able to deepen their knowledge of Southern old-time fiddle music. The lecture was made even more dynamic with live performances of old tunes played with fiddle, banjo, and guitar. Songs played were ones mentioned in historical texts or learned from recordings of African-American fiddlers and white fiddlers who were influenced by African-American fiddlers. There was some serious toe-tapping going on throughout the talk! This presentation was part of the Alabama Humanities Road Scholars speaker program.

New Archaeology Museum to Open this Year

Did you know that the University of South Alabama will soon have an Archaeology Museum? Follow our progress toward a 2012 grand opening by visiting our website at: http://www.usouthal.edu/archaeology/museum.html.

Our museum shop is now open, as is our unique Native Plant Garden that surrounds the Alfred and Lucile Delchamps Archaeology Building. We are also planning a variety of special events.



The Delchamps Archaeology Building

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Alabama Archaeologists Contribute to the Success of the MAA Annual Meeting

by Barbara Thedy Hester, President of MAA

Archaeologists from the University of Alabama and the University of South Alabama joined their peers from the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, University of Southern Mississippi, and Tulane University in making the annual meeting of the Mississippi Archaeological Association a great success. The meeting took place over the weekend of February 3-5, 2012, at the Gulf Hills Hotel in historic Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Featured events began with a welcome reception on Friday night. Professional archaeologists, students, and avocationals presented papers on Saturday, followed by the business meeting, and evening banquet. The meeting concluded on Sunday with three archaeological site tours.

Saturday's presentations began after Pam Lieb of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) presented her "State of the State" address. The papers covered many interesting and relevant topics, such as analyses of pottery from the Fatherland site in Natchez, Grand Bay shell middens in the extreme southeastern corner of the state, and Ship Island, a barrier island off the Mississippi coast; studies of lithics from the Lyon's Bluff site in east-central Mississippi; geophysical investigations at the Shady Grove site in northwestern Mississippi and in the Mill Creek drainage of the Tombigbee National Forest; sediment studies at Carson Mounds and bioarchaeological research at the Shady Grove ossuary, both in northwestern Mississippi. Following the Saturday evening banquet, Dr. Gregory Waselkov, Director of the Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama, delivered the keynote address entitled "Archaeological Research in Eastern Mississippi Territory: The Creek War and Old Federal Road."

Sunday's events began with a presentation by Dr. Jay Johnson of the University of Mississippi on the geophysical work conducted at Graveline Mound, La Pointe-Krebs House, and Grand Bay shell middens, the locations of the three scheduled site tours. Archaeological excavations of these sites in the summer of 2010 were funded through MDAH. MAA meeting attendees caravanned to the sites

for on-site presentations by excavation directors. The first tour of Graveline Mound, a Late Woodland platform mound located in a residential neighborhood of Gautier, Mississippi, was conducted by Lauren E. Downs, doctoral student at the University of Alabama. Bonnie Gums, University of South Alabama, led the second site tour at La Pointe-Krebs House, a late eighteenth-century structure believed to be the oldest standing structure in Mississippi. The last tour of one of the Grand Bay shell midden sites was conducted by Dr. Ed Jackson, University of Southern Mississippi. The Grand Bay site was accessible only by boat, which was graciously provided by the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.



MAA members arriving at the Grand Bay shell midden.



 $MAA\ tour\ of\ La\ Pointe-Krebs\ House\ in\ Pascagoula, Mississippi.$

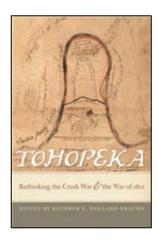


New Book on the Creek War

[From the *University of Alabama Press* website]

"Tohopeka: Rethinking the Creek War and the War of 1812", edited by Kathryn E. Holland Braund (Auburn University) contains an interdisciplinary collection of essays with new insights into a troubled time for both the Creek Nation and newly arriving American settlers. Topics such as historical documents, material culture, and archaeological excavation add new information concerning this conflict of cultures. The Creek War escalated after the August 1813 battle at Fort Mims (with over 250 people killed) and turned into an American military campaign to destroy the Creeks. Battles between the Redstick faction of the Creek Nation and American troops include the famous Canoe Fight, the Battle of Holy Ground, and the Battle of Tohopeka (also known as Horseshoe Bend) that ended the Creek War in March 1814.

Contributors to this new book (due out in July 2012) include AAS members James W. Parker (Alabama Historical Commission), Craig T. Sheldon Jr. (Auburn University Montgomery, emeritus), and Gregory A. Waselkov (University of South Alabama). Creek Indian contributors include Robert Thrower from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Ted Isham from the Muskogee (Creek) Nation.





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Book Review

by Ben Hoksbergen

Across Atlantic Ice:
The Origin of America's Clovis Culture.
Dennis Stanford and Bruce Bradley.
(Foreword by Michael Collins)
University of California Press
2012

This long-awaited volume, just published this year, is a comprehensive overview of Stanford and Bradley's theory that Clovis originated from a North Atlantic migration of an Upper Paleolithic Solutrean population. It is the culmination of twenty years of research by the authors during which they boldly bucked the American academic mainstream with their unorthodox proposition that the first Paleoindians did not cross the Beringian land bridge from eastern Siberia, but rather traveled from the Iberian Peninsula by boat along the now submerged coastlines and glacial margins of the north Atlantic.

I cracked the cover of the book as a skeptic, mainly because of the 3500-year time gap between the end of the Solutrean in Europe and the beginning of Clovis in North America, but by the time I put the book down, I whole-heartedly agreed with the authors that, at the very least, their theory needs to be taken seriously and be systematically tested.

Stanford and Bradley present their evidence (which is surprisingly extensive and multifaceted) in a well-organized and easily-understood way, and provide backgrounds in archaeological theory, lithic analysis, and cultural history that make the book accessible to the general audience. They address each criticism that has been offered up by their theory's detractors over the last two decades, and incorporate the latest data including genetic research and recent pre-Clovis finds such as the Solutrean point from the submerged Cinmar Site, 100 km off the coast of Maryland.

If there is one criticism, it is the authors' frequent reliance on very small samples and patchy archaeological evidence, but as anyone who has studied anything from remote antiquity knows, that's often the nature of the beast.

At worst, this book will bring the Solutrean theory from the academic fringe into the realm of plausibility; at best, I may hear the seismic rumbles of a shifting paradigm.

Archaeology in the Media

by Teresa Paglione

The archaeological community is in an uproar over new cable TV shows (National Geographic Channel's *American Diggers* and Spike TVs *Diggers!*) that shamelessly glorify the vandalism of archaeological sites and the search for artifacts purely to sell them for profit. Programs such as these send messages directly contrary to the ethics of professional and avocational archeologists, as well as the mission of AAS to promote the importance of the archaeological record.

Unfortunately, other than PBS (Time Team America - www.pbs.org/opb/ timeteam), TV stations and programmers are not creating, producing or even broadcasting shows about archeological sites and investigations. Fortunately, however, if you are connected to the internet, there are many web sites that do promote ethical archaeology. The Archaeology Channel premiered on the web in 2000 (archaeologychannel.org.) There are over 200 videos streaming on demand. Their monthly Video News from TAC show (cable TV and Internet) is in its 18th edition and shown on 20 cable TV stations across the country. They are in contact with the major cable TV systems (AT&T, Comcast, Time Warner) and Internet broadcasters (Hulu, Netflix, Yahoo, YouTube) to set up expansions of our programming the Archaeology Channel on TV and over the Internet. They even have an in-house film production program which sends film crews around the world to capture footage of important archaeological sites and excavations. Their work and research is such that later this year they may be producing a PBS documentary.

So if you want to see a show about archeology that adheres to ethics and standards – not profits – check out The Archaeology Channel website. And maybe send a word or two to your cable or satellite operator that you'd like to see more shows like The Archaeology Channel productions than SpikeTVs wrestlerturned-artifact collector and seller (Nat Geo's show has not been renewed – maybe partially because of the outcry over legitimizing such a show, but also because the duo failed to receive permission from the landowner - the State of Montana - to metal detect and dig on a site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places!).

Chapter News



Larry Beane presenting to the Coosa Valley Chapter

News from the AAS Coosa Valley Chapter by Michelle Atkins: The Coosa Valley Chapter met Thursday January 26th on the JSU campus in the Archaeology lab, room 142, Martin Hall. Dr. Harry Holstien-Department of Archaeology introduced Chapter President Dr. Phillip Koerper who called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Following the closing of business, a very informative presentation was given by Mr. Larry Beane, a seasoned ranger formerly of Russell Cave National Monument and now serving the community at Little River National Preserve. The opening of the program was a general overview of the many archaic artifacts retrieved from the strata of Russell Cave as well as his extensive knowledge of the finds, many of which now reside in the Smithsonian Institute. In his conclusion he spoke enthusiastically of his current position with Little River Canyon National Preserve. Having participated, along with JSU, in many archaeological survey tests at this site, he stressed the importance of notification to Tribal Offices, State Historical Societies and preservation minded institutions upon the discovery of even the smallest artifact. Noting the recent discovery of a Trail of Tears crossing site; careful well documented handling of artifacts will be crucial, to afford future generations the opportunity to excavate with ever precise technologies. Committed to cultural resource management, he outlined the many active projects moving forward with in the park, including the grand new Canyon Center and the riverside boardwalk overlooking the falls, both of which are interactive and bring visitors closer to the majestic beauty of the wildlife who call the park their home. The chapter would like to thank Mr. Beane for presenting for us and for his dedication to our cultural resources. For more information visit www.jacksoncountychamber.com,National Geographic October 1956 issue or AAS Coosa Chapter Facebook page. We welcome you to our next meeting featuring Dr. Joe Morgan presenting: "The uses of GIS in Archaeology and other disciplines", March 8th, 7:00pm room 142 Martin Hall on the Jacksonville State University campus.

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News from Cullman Chapter by Robbie Camp: The Cullman chapter met on Thursday, February 16th and had the pleasure of a great presentation by archaeologist Lawrence Alexander. The Davis site, east of Chattanooga, TN was excavated in 2007 and is now a Fed Ex distribution center, but Lawrence and his staff spent several months excavating what turned out to be a large Dallas complex site while finding proof of contact with some of the earliest Spanish explorations of the 1500's. A discussion of the housing structures, burial practices, trade items, artifacts recovered, and general way of life helped the group have a much better understanding of these people. A short discussion was held on the highlights of the winter AAS meeting in Montgomery by those who attended. It was a great meeting, and the chapter would like to extend our appreciation to all of those who helped organize and conduct it. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 pm at the Cullman County Health Department Community Meeting Room.

News from East Alabama Chapter by Teresa Paglione: The East Alabama Chapter meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month (Sept-May) at the Lee County Historical Society's "Old Trade Center" in Loachapoka. In February, Dr. Jon Marcoux (AUM) spoke about the results of a magnetometer survey and recent archaeological investigations of the Lord Ashley Site, a late 17th Century trade center on the Carolina Frontier. At our March meeting, Eric Sipes (Southern Research Historical Consultants) discussed his personal research of Civil War skirmishes along the railroads in the Auburn-Loachapoka area - "Yankee's in our Backyard: Rousseau's' Raid through East Alabama, July 1864." In April, Dr. Larry Crowley (Auburn University) will present the results and interpretations of the search for the Ellicott Mounds - the dividing line between Spanish Florida and the US (Alabama).



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Gifts and Donations

AAS has a number of gifts and donations to recognize this month.

The Longboots have made a substantial donation to the Mahan Research Fund in memory of Tom Moebes.

Mary and Lee Swetman have contributed to each of the three grant funds, something they do each year.

Teresa Paglione, the AAS President, has contributed to the Publicity fund, underwriting the cost of advertising the Winter Meeting on Alabama Public Radio.

Several archaeological and environmental consulting firms also helped underwrite the cost of the Annual Meeting. These folks include: Environmental Engineers, MRS Consultants, New South Associates, and Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research. We certainly appreciate their generous assistance.

We want to acknowledge all of these individuals who have assisted the various programs AAS offers its members.

Thanks!



New Members and Renewals

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AAS Research Grant

The AAS will grant an award of \$500 this year to a deserving archaeological research project. Grant proposals must be submitted to the Archaeological Resources Chairman by October 1st. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals and announce the winner at the Winter Meeting. Minimum criteria for the grant are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the AAS; 2) the project must be located in Alabama; 3) the project director or his or her representative will be required to present a paper on the archaeological project at the Winter Meeting; 4) the project director or other personnel working on the project must submit a written report for publication in the Journal of Alabama Archaeology within twelve months of receiving the grant.

Public Education Grant

The AAS will award public education grants this year in the amount of \$500. Single grant awards shall not exceed \$500. Proposals for grants must be submitted to the Chair of the Public Education Committee (see below) by October 1st. The Board will announce the grant recipient(s) at the Winter Meeting. Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the AAS; 2) the public education project must be located in the state of Alabama.

AAS Scholarships

The AAS will award up to two scholarships this year in the amount of \$250 each to undergraduate and/or graduate students attending an Alabama college or university. Scholarship nominations are to be submitted to the Archaeological Resources Committee Chair (see below) by October 1st. Each eligible student nominee must have an academic sponsor who must submit the nomination on the student's behalf. The nomination must take the form of a letter addressed to the Chair of the Archaeological Resources Committee. The letter must clearly identify both the nominee and the academic sponsor and must include pertinent contact information for both. The nomination letter must indicate the academic degree being sought and progress made to date toward that degree. The letter should include and discuss all the information necessary for the committee to evaluate the nominee. The sponsor should summarize the academic credentials and achievements of the nominee in the body of the nomination letter. The student must also be a member of the AAS.

<u>Submit applications and questions</u> to Erin Phillips, phill018@crimson.ua.edu, or Erin Phillips, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, P.O. Box 870210, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

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