

NOMINEES FOR OFFICE, 2015
SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Submitted by Nominations Committee (Susan Alt [Chair], Scott Hammerstedt, and Meg Kassabaum) to President Greg Waselkov and Secretary Ann Cordell 07/30/2015.

NOMINEES

Treasurer-Elect:

Nick Herrmann

Social Media Editor-elect:

Karen Smith

Executive Officer I:

Lance Greene,
Shannon Hodge
Michaelyn Harle

NOMINEES' STATEMENTS

Treasurer-Elect:

Nick Herrmann

PhD, University of Tennessee - Knoxville 2002; MA, Washington University – St. Louis 1990; BA, Washington University – St. Louis 1988.

I am currently an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Mississippi State University and a lifetime member of SEAC. I will be relocating to the Department of Anthropology at Texas State University in January 2016. My research has primarily focused on bioarchaeological questions in the southeast and beyond, but I have diverse research interests including geophysical prospection, eastern Mediterranean bioarchaeology, computer applications in archaeology and skeletal biology, cave and rock art, and southeastern archaeology in general. I have worked in CRM throughout the southeast for private firms, university-based units, and federal agencies. At Mississippi State University and the University of Tennessee, I managed large and small archaeological contracts and grants dealing with regional archeological fieldwork or collections. These opportunities allowed me to work with archaeologists across the southeast, highlighting their dedication to southeastern archaeology and reinforcing the reasons why I enjoy working in the southeast. While I have not served SEAC in any capacity, I feel that the Treasurer-elect position provides an excellent opportunity to give back to SEAC.

Social Media Editor-elect:

Karen Smith

PhD, University of Missouri 2009; MA, University of Alabama 1999; BA, University of West Georgia 1995.

It has been a pleasure to serve SEAC over the last several years, first as treasurer and then as chair of the website redesign committee and interim social media editor. Over the last two years, I have worked with Web Developer Steve White, Treasurer Kandi Hollenbach, a website redesign committee, and the SEAC Board to develop a new web presence for the organization and its membership. Part of this ambitious overhaul involved easing the burden of information collecting on the part of the Treasurer and the annual meeting organizers. If you have been

involved in either one of these volunteer efforts in the recent past, you know well that major changes were needed. And so together we dug in and built something new. Though we continue to tweak the website and web forms based on your feedback, I think we achieved what we set out to do, and, frankly, in a rather stylish way! If elected, I will continue to serve this organization that, to quote President-elect Jay Johnson, is my favorite professional association! My research interests in southeastern archaeology are diverse, covering the Woodland, Colonial, and Antebellum periods, and have become even more diverse since moving from museum-based archaeology at Monticello to compliance-based research archaeology at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. A consistent thread throughout, however, is a commitment to the use of comparative, multi-site datasets to address archaeological and historical questions. I also have a strong interest in collections-centered research and in the interplay of field and laboratory methods.

Executive Officer I:

Lance Greene

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2009; MA, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 1996; BA University of Tennessee, Knoxville 1987.

I am an assistant professor at Wright State University. My focus is historical archaeology. Most of my research has focused on Removal and post-Removal era Cherokee sites in western North Carolina and on Camp Lawton, a Confederate POW camp in central Georgia. I am fascinated in the ways that, in both of these instances, people openly resisted military power. SEAC has been my favorite conference since I began attending in the early 1980s. Not only because of the camaraderie, but also because of the high standards of research and scholarship for which the conference is known. I would love to help maintain these high standards by serving as an Executive Officer. I have a wide range of experience in CRM and academia, and look forward to using some of these skills and experiences to serve SEAC.

Shannon Hodge

PhD, Tulane University 2005; MA, Tulane University 1998; BA University of Kansas 1991.

I am an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Middle Tennessee State University, where I teach courses in bioarchaeology, human osteology, and the archaeology of death. My research concerns the bioarchaeology of Mississippian and Middle Archaic societies and, most recently, that of enslaved African Americans. I have also worked for the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers conducting Section 106 reviews and before that for the non-profit Center for American Archaeology in Kampsville, Illinois where I worked on CRM archaeological projects and taught summer field schools. I am also active in local and state archaeological societies, and sit on the Boards of the Tennessee Council for Professional Archaeology and the Wilson County Black History Committee. My first SEAC was the 1999 meeting in Pensacola. With few exceptions, I've been to every SEAC since, and each year I continue to be impressed with the quality of research, the collegiality, and the impact SEAC is having in the region and beyond. Like many of you, I'm convinced I wouldn't be the archaeologist, scientist, or professional I am today without SEAC. It has provided a platform for my research and a network of colleagues and contacts unavailable in any other forum. I would be honored to serve as your Executive Officer and give back to the organization that has had such a profound influence on my professional growth and development.

Michaelyn Harle

PhD, University of Tennessee, 2010; BA, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2000.

I was honored to be nominated for the Executive Officer. I first attended SEAC as a graduate student in 2002 and have been a loyal attendee ever since. Attending these meetings has played a large part in shaping my professional career and I am excited about the opportunity to give back. My research focuses on applying skeletal and mortuary analysis to archaeological considerations of gender, identity, and sociocultural interactions of late prehistoric period Southeastern communities. I am currently an archaeologist at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) specializing in NHPA compliance. During my tenure at TVA, I have been a passionate advocate of public outreach. For example, this year my colleague and I developed a volunteer archaeological site stewardship program that brought together members of the public, tribal representatives, archaeologists, and law enforcement to work together to protect archaeological sites on TVA land. Prior to working at TVA, I have taught at a large university and a small community college, served as assistant to the archaeological curator at the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, and worked for various private and public CRM companies. With my varied experiences, I believe I could be a good representative of the issue and concerns of the diverse SEAC members.