

**NOMINEES FOR OFFICE, 2017**  
**SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

**NOMINEES**

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**NOMINEES' STATEMENTS**

SECRETARY-ELECT:

JODI A. BARNES

PhD, Anthropology, American University, 2008  
Grad Cert, Women & Gender Studies, 2002  
BA, Anthropology, University of South Carolina, 1999

I attended my first SEAC in 2000. I was working as a field tech with the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program. Adam King and Keith Stephenson organized the meeting, so my fellow field techs and I helped with registration and such that year. I met archaeologists I admired from reading their work and danced with some of them at the dance. Over the years, I've realized that nothing compares to SEAC. I look forward to seeing all of my dedicated, smart colleagues each year, to learning about their research, and talking into the wee hours of the morning. My admiration and commitment to this organization has only gotten stronger as SEAC has committed to working with descendants and the public, and to studying and raising awareness about sexual harassment within the discipline.

Currently, I am the Station Archeologist at the University of Arkansas at Monticello Research Station of the Arkansas Archeological Survey. My research ranges from the archaeology of the African diaspora to World War II Home Front heritage. As a post-doctoral fellow at the University of South Carolina, I organized a small conference and published the edited volume, *The Materiality of Freedom*. I was also the Staff Archaeologist for the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office. I am dedicated to public archaeology and to creating programs that accomplish important research while involving descendants, students, and other interested publics. For example, with my colleagues at the Arkansas Archeological Survey, I recently received the SEAC Public Outreach grant to develop a fifth-grade social studies curriculum, *Gathering, Gardening, and Agriculture: Plant-based Foodways in the Southeastern United States*.

I believe in the importance of service. I revitalized the Society for Historical Archaeology's Gender and Minority Affairs committee in 2010. I continue to be a member of the committee working on mentorship and anti-racism training. In addition, I participate actively in the Academic and Professional Training Committee. Currently, I am President of Preserve Arkansas, a state-wide nonprofit organization focused on preserving Arkansas's architectural and cultural resources. It would be an honor to serve as Secretary-Elect for SEAC.

#### H. EDWIN JACKSON

PhD, University of Michigan, 1986

MA, Tulane University, 1977

BA American University, 1975

I attended my first SEAC meeting in 1975, sealing my interest in southeastern archaeology for the next 40 plus years. I have had the opportunity to work in CRM between stints in graduate school, as a research archaeologist for the Arkansas Archeological Survey and for the past 30 years as an academic archaeologist at the University of Southern Mississippi. In the latter capacity, I have trained dozens of graduate students, most of whom followed CRM tracks, and many of whom are members of SEAC. That training included participation in both academic research, such as the long-term excavation project at Winterville Mounds, as well as CRM projects locally, so I am well aware of the roles and importance of both kinds of archaeology. As past and present president of the Mississippi Association of Professional Archaeologists, I have a good understanding of the issues confronting the practice of archaeology in today's environment. In past years, I have served SEAC in the capacity of meeting organization and serving on the nominating committee, but welcome the opportunity to give back to the organization as its secretary. It would be an honor to serve in this capacity.

#### CHRIS RODNING

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004

AB, Harvard University, 1994

I am a professor in the Department of Anthropology at Tulane University. My research interests include culture contact and colonialism, landscape and architecture, and the southern Appalachians, with emergent and aspirational interests in the Lower Mississippi Valley and coastal Louisiana. I first attended the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in 1994; since then, annual SEAC meetings have been important events and energizing experiences for me, and the SEAC community has helped me greatly as I have grown up from when I was a young student to the point where I am now. It is my hope that SEAC will nurture, support, challenge, and inspire others, as it has done for me, and that is why I would like to give back by standing for election and, if elected, serving as SEAC Secretary-Elect and Secretary. In the past, I have served as an Executive Officer for SEAC, as the nominations committee chair for the Archaeology Division of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), as program chair for the 2014 annual conference of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA), as a member of

task forces and committees for SAA and the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), and as a member of several committees at Tulane University. Current issues that I consider important—in addition to our collective interest in and commitment to studying the past and preserving archaeological and historical sites and collections in the Southeast—include problems related to sexual harassment and gender discrimination in archaeology, as well as the ways in which we can apply our knowledge about the past towards understanding problems in the present and future of our global community and our planet. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the SEAC membership and to work with current and future members of the SEAC executive board. Thank you for your consideration.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER I:

PAUL EUBANKS

PhD, University of Alabama, 2016

MA, University of Alabama, 2010

BA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008

I am an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) specializing in late prehistoric and early historic archaeology. Much of my research has dealt with the production, trade, and use of salts and minerals in the southeastern United States. Recently, I began running MTSU's annual archaeological field school. Thus far, our efforts have been concentrated at the previously unexplored mineral springs at the Castalian Springs Mound Site in north-central Tennessee. This field school also incorporated a weekly outreach component where members of the public were invited to visit the site and participate in our excavations.

SEAC has always been one of the highlights of my fall semesters, and I have attended every year since my first meeting in 2006. Over the past several years, I have been involved with mentoring undergraduate students on various research projects, and as a SEAC executive officer, I would welcome the opportunity to take a leadership role in encouraging undergraduate participation at the SEAC meetings. In the past, I have helped to run several workshops on finding a career in archaeology after graduation, and I would be happy to run similar workshops at SEAC or to serve on committees dealing with this issue or other issues of importance to the SEAC membership. In sum, the continued prosperity of SEAC and its members is important to me, and it would be an honor to contribute to the success of this organization.

## SCOTT HAMMERSTEDT

PhD, Pennsylvania State University, 2005

MA, University of Alabama, 2000

BA, Pennsylvania State University, 1995

I am a research archaeologist at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, University of Oklahoma. My current research is focused on Spiro and related sites in eastern Oklahoma and adjacent portions of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Missouri. This work combines geophysical survey, excavations, and the study of museum collections. I joined SEAC nearly 20 years ago, recently became a life member, and welcome the opportunity to give back to this vibrant organization that has meant so much to my career. My responsibilities at OU include a mixture of academic and public archaeology—teaching, research, and outreach—that complement my previous positions in cultural resource management. This blend of academic and contract experience has given me respect for the variety of issues that face the different sectors and has prepared me well to represent SEAC's diverse membership.

## ELIZABETH T. HORTON

Ph.D., Washington University in St. Louis, 2010

M.A., Washington University in St. Louis, 2003

B.A., Webster University, 1996

I serve as the station archaeologist for the Arkansas Archeological Survey's Toltec Mounds Research Station. Prior to my current position, I held a postdoc with the Survey after finishing my PhD in 2010 at Washington University in St. Louis. My research interests primarily focus on communities of practice and plant utilization, as seen through basketry, textiles, fiber use, and the social roles of textiles and basketry. I also am involved in experimental studies of plant management, early plant domestication, and the Eastern North American "Lost Crops." In addition to helping manage Toltec Mounds State Park's cultural resources, I am extensively involved in public archeology, outreach, and education. My paleoethnobotanical research and public education intersect in my work in the Plum Bayou Garden at Toltec Mounds State Park. With funding from the Arkansas Humanities Council and National Endowment for the Humanities, I founded the Plum Bayou Garden as a permanent living interpretive landscape and experimental archeology laboratory to highlight the several thousand year history of plant domestication, gardening, and farming in Arkansas (<http://archeology.uark.edu/learn-discover/current-research/plum-bayou-garden/>). In another recent public outreach project, I worked with colleagues in the Survey to create a 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, *Gathering, Gardening, and Agriculture* (funded by SEAC and the Arkansas Archeological Society). The curriculum can be viewed at <https://archeology.uark.edu/gga/>.

I have had the honor of serving SEAC as a member, and now chair, of the Patty Jo Watson Award committee. Following the lead of my mentors, I believe it is my responsibility to engage in thoughtful and ethical citizenship in the profession. It is for this reason that I accepted Maureen Meyers' request to join her and other colleagues as a member of the SEAC Sexual

Harassment Study team. I would be privileged to serve as Executive Officer I and assist my peers in building on the strong traditions and principles of SEAC as it take steps to strengthen its effectiveness in public outreach and collaboration, promote and sustain professional standards, support the work of our peers, reduce barriers to success due to discrimination, and mentor the next generations of Southeastern archaeologists (or archeologists as the case may be).