

***SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING 2020  
MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS***

**Catherine Clinton Meyer (by Marla Spry)**



Whereas throughout her career, Catherine (Cathy) Clinton Meyer made significant and lasting contributions to Southeastern Archaeology; and

*Whereas*, she began her career in 1989 at the University of Alabama's Office of Archeological Research in Moundville participating in various archaeological survey, testing, and mitigation projects; and

*Whereas*, in 1989, Cathy worked briefly for the newly founded Panamerican Consultants, Inc in Tuscaloosa; and then returned to the University of Alabama in 1991 to undertake research projects and assist in maintaining the Alabama State Site File, a database of archaeological sites in the state; and,

*Whereas*, she continued in the legacy of her grandfather, renowned Tuscaloosa historian Matt Clinton; and conducted archaeological and historic research throughout Alabama and the Southeast for over 30 years; and,

*Whereas*, together with her partners, Beth Ryba, Marla J. Spry and later, her husband Jeff Meyer, Cathy co-founded MRS Consultants, LLC in September 2000; and provided professional consulting in cultural resource matters pertaining to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; and,

*Whereas*, during her extensive career, Cathy authored, co-authored, and edited hundreds of technical archaeological reports and research volumes including a widely cited ceramic analysis of the Tombigbee-Black Warrior River Valleys in 1998; and

*Whereas*, Cathy was a member of several professional organizations, usually in some leadership capacity; and she served on the Board of the Alabama Archaeological Society from 2004 until the time of her passing, as well as holding the position of Treasurer and previously an Assistant Editor of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology; and, she also held memberships in the Archaeological Institute of America, the

Southeastern Archaeological Conference, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation; and,

*Whereas* in response to threats to cultural resources in Alabama, Cathy co-founded the Coalition to Protect Alabama's History, a grassroots organization dedicated to protecting Alabama's irreplaceable cultural heritage; and she fought fiercely to protect Alabama's history; and, locally, she led the charge to save Tuscaloosa's Old Jail and other structures near Capitol Park; and,

*Whereas* Cathy notably nurtured, mentored, encouraged, and inspired others, especially women in the Southeastern archeological community; and, to them she offered unfailing support and advice, buoyed flagging spirits, and set an example; and, a colleague recalls that "her life was a testament to her morals and professionalism and she made me want to be a better person,"; and,

*Whereas* her colleagues, family and friends knew her as a cheerful, enthusiastic, and effective team leader, and dependable partner whose joyful attitude became a source of energy and motivation for everyone; then

*Therefore, be it resolved that* the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends our deepest sympathies to Cathy's family and friends and expresses our sincere appreciation for her contributions to Southeastern Archaeology.