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## 2020 Lifetime Achievement Grant

Dr. Lynne Sullivan has been selected for this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. As the heartfelt comments of her colleagues demonstrate, Dr. Sullivan is both well regarded and richly deserving of this award from our professional community.

Dr. Sullivan (Lynne) has a distinguished record of research, teaching, and service to the archaeological profession and to the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in particular. She is Emeritus Curator of Archaeology at the Frank H. McClung Museum at the University of Tennessee, where she worked from 1999 until her retirement in 2013, following senior curatorial positions at the New York State Museum and the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University.

She has spent much of her career documenting the archaeology of Eastern Tennessee, promoting the sound curation and use of archaeological collections, advancing the archaeological examination of gender, and the history of Southeastern archaeology, particularly the role of women in that development. She continues to do fieldwork and analysis, mentor students, and produce influential articles and books at a high level, as well as provide service in national professional organizations like the Society for American Archaeology, where she currently serves on the Executive Board.

Within SEAC, Lynne served as Editor of *Southeastern Archaeology* from 2002-2005, and Associate Editor for Book Reviews for *Southeastern Archaeology* from 1994-1999. She has served on the SEAC's highly successful Investment and Finance Committee from 1999 to the present, and co-organized and served as Program Chair (with Nicholas Honerkamp) for the 2001 SEAC Annual Meeting in Chattanooga.

Lynne's work on Tennessee archaeology, and with local collections and records, has been a lifelong professional effort, and of lasting significance. While the author and editor of many important papers and books, she has also advanced the work of students as well as earlier colleagues. Her efforts in the 1980s and 1990s with the records from Lewis and Kneberg's New Deal era Chickamauga Basin survey and excavation work, published in two volumes in 1995, stands as a singularly monumental achievement, bringing the results of this massive and excavation program to the attention of the profession.

Throughout her career Lynne has advanced archaeological curation efforts, exemplified in her 2003 book *Curating Archaeological Collections: From the Field to the Repository*, written with Terry Childs. The McClung Museum, where she worked for many years, retains extensive archaeological collections from eastern Tennessee, many obtained from excavations conducted during the Great Depression, when UT was a center of federally funded archaeological research. Until Dr. Sullivan arrived many of these collections had been only cursorily examined at best

(many were still unwashed in their field bags), something she worked to remedy for many years, obtaining significant funding and labor to curate these materials to the highest professional standards.

Dr. Sullivan has also worked closely with graduate and undergraduate students from many universities to make use of the museum's collections in their research and studies. She has trained a cadre of graduate students in eastern Tennessee archaeology, and many of these students have given papers at regional and national professional conferences on their work with her, or published on it in a number of venues. She chaired several MA and PhD dissertation committees, and served on many more, as well as directed independent study courses on archaeology, and taught seminars in museum methods and collections-based research.

Dr. Sullivan has an active and ongoing research career, serving as the editor of editor or coeditor of seven books and the co-author of an eighth. In all of these books she wrote one or more chapters and took an active role in the volume production. Indeed, she has written and published some 56 peer-reviewed journal articles or book chapters, nine book reviews, and 16 technical reports over the past ca. 35 years. Several of the recent technical works are associated with major field projects now being conducted in eastern Tennessee, where Lynne is in demand for her knowledge of local archaeology, collections, and the history of past research.

In sum, Dr. Sullivan has had a remarkably productive research career and is richly deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.



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