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**On the cover:** 2020 SCA Photo of the Month submissions: Top left, banded obsidian leaf-shaped projectile point from Edwards Air Force Base (photo courtesy of Joseph K. Hardaker); top right, Chris Jazwa, Kirk Schmitz, and Alan Salazar taking column samples on Santa Rosa Island (photo courtesy of Jennifer Mak); bottom left, Shelly Davis-King and Michael Taggart deep in the woods in Tuolumne County with a ubiquitous artifact, noted throughout California (selfie taken by Mike in September 2018 and courtesy of Shelly); bottom right, Chico State Field School in July 2019, Jonathan Garcia working the total station (photo courtesy of Enkhbayar Oyuntsetseg). Many thanks to the contributors!
As I write my second “Letter from the President” to the SCA membership, we have just concluded our summer Board Meeting. Typically, this is the highlight of our time on the Board as it involves a two-day retreat at the home of Executive Director, Denise Wills, in the mountain town of Cohassett (just outside Chico). As we all navigate our way through COVID-19, the Board made the decision that in-person attendance at this meeting would not be mandatory. Three of us did decide to attend in person and the remaining Board members and other attendees called in via Zoom. I am proud to report that our meeting was extremely productive, despite our distance, and that the SCA Board is indeed “in motion” on many initiatives and actions. We recognize that our membership is facing new ways to communicate with each other and interact during these unprecedented times. Please be sure to show each other, and also us, grace and forgiveness as we face challenges regarding working from home, working in the field with new safety and personal
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protective equipment requirements, virtual meetings, and navigating unexpected changes such as home-schooling children and providing care for elders at home. The landscape of how we interact is changing in so many ways, in many cases for the better, and it behooves each of us to show compassion for each other during these times.

The Executive Board was indeed very busy this spring and early summer. Please refer to the “News and Notes” section in the next issue of the SCA’s journal California Archaeology for highlights of some of the statements and letters of support released by the Board. We did not take any of these actions lightly and I can tell you that you have a Board that carefully considers and weighs all perspectives of our membership. I am truly honored to serve on a Board with such high integrity and thoughtfulness. With that in mind, there will be a new procedure implemented by the Board for requesting letters of support that will be released on the SCA website (www.scahome.org) soon.

There are a few things I would like to highlight from our Board meeting. We are excited to release a new SCA website in early fall. It has a new look and is much easier to navigate, as well as being mobile device friendly. We have a call out to all committee members to please provide content for their respective web pages on our improved website. We are also looking for pictures of archaeologists in action to feature on our site. Please send them to photoofthemonth@scahome.org. In other big news, we have identified a new Business Office management firm and are in contract negotiations. The new firm will start in October 2020 and will have a six-month overlap with our beloved Executive Director Denise Wills. We will also be forming an Advisory Committee to the Business Office made up of former Board members. If you have ever served on the SCA Executive Board (in any capacity) and have an interest in providing advice and counsel to this new management firm, please let me know. The Advisory Committee is anticipated to start in March 2021. Please also stay tuned for our first attempts at virtual events. The SCA kicked things off on August 25 with a virtual awards ceremony for two of the 2020 SCA Award recipients: Julia Bendímez Patterson, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, recipient of the David A. Fredrickson Lifetime Achievement Award, and Patricia Garcia-Plotkin, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, recipient of the SCA Award for Excellence in Cultural Resources Management. We hope you can join us for future events!

As you all know by now, the Board voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 Data Sharing Meetings in both northern and southern California. We felt the risk of COVID-19 transmission was too great at gatherings of this size. The Board has decided to focus on a campaign for California Archaeology Month in October instead. Please look for future invitations and publicity on our Facebook page and website about SCA-hosted events. Ideas for events include student panels, careers in archaeology talks, a webinar on cultural resource compliance and the California Environmental Quality Act, online scavenger hunts, a happy hour and coffee break check-in for SCA membership, and educational events for children. We are dedicated to making California Archaeology Month interactive and promoting it both inside and outside our membership.

Lastly, I urge you to support the SCA in any way you can. A survey may have already been sent to you by the time this issue of the SCA Newsletter hits your desk. My hope is that you provided honest
feedback on your likelihood and interest to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting in person or possibly virtually. As we are faced with the possibility that our 2021 Annual Meeting will be cancelled due to the pandemic, we are seeking other ways to meet (virtually) and also to generate income for the Society. Faced with the potential of two cancelled meetings, our largest source of income for the SCA will be lost. We will be coming up with new ways to represent the SCA with updated swag, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. Please consider buying one (or maybe two) items to support the SCA. Also, if you can attend one of our upcoming workshops or webinars, consider providing a donation. Your contributions are always greatly appreciated.

I can assure you that the wheels on the SCA bus are in motion and that we are working extra hard during these times to ensure we are staying connected and communicating with you. As always, we are here for you. Never hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or suggestions. I wish you all continued health and safety and look forward to the day when we will be together again in person.

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Two New Volumes from the Center for Archaeological Research at Davis
by Gregory Wada, CARD President

The Center for Archaeological Research at Davis (CARD) published two new volumes this year, available for order online at [http://card.ucdavis.edu/](http://card.ucdavis.edu/). Without the ability to sell in-person currently, our volumes will be shipped by mail within the U.S. Large or international orders can be arranged by contacting us at card.ucd@gmail.com.

**Volume 19 — Cowboy Ecologist: Essays in Honor of Robert L. Bettinger**

*Edited by Roshanne S. Bakhtiary, Terry L. Jones, and Michael G. Delacorte*

This volume includes 17 papers in honor of Dr. Robert L. Bettinger. It was produced by former colleagues and students and addresses topics and geographic areas emphasized by Bettinger in his research and teaching. These include contributions to: (1) general theory focused on issues of human evolution and climate; (2) ethnography and prehistory of the Great Basin; and (3) human ecology in prehistoric California.

**Volume 20 — Protohistoric Village Organization and Territorial Maintenance: Archaeology of Sii Túupentak (CA-ALA-565/H) in the San Francisco Bay Area**

*By Brian F. Byrd, Laurel Engbring, Michael Darcangelo, and Allika Ruby*

This monograph presents archaeological investigations of Sii Túupentak, a Native American village in the San Francisco Bay area. This collaborative study by archaeologists and the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe descendant community documents the lifeways of the inhabitants for four centuries prior to forced relocation in 1805 due to Spanish colonization.

*Note: CARD is an independent, non-profit archaeological research group run by graduate students in the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Davis, publishing monographs and edited volumes for over 50 years now.*
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Legislation Committee Report
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Day at the Capitol

A goal for the Legislation Committee is to continue our efforts at having a “Day at the Capitol.” The object is to develop relationships with staff, members, departments, committees, and organizations involved with policy and legislation that impacts cultural resources. We reach out to individuals to offer the experience and expertise of cultural resources professionals. It is our hope that when cultural resources discussions arise, the SCA has a seat at the table. This event can be important for the SCA to help cultivate rapport with decision makers in Sacramento and solidify the SCA as a strong voice on cultural resource issues in the Capitol.

We had our first Day at the Capitol during the 2019 SCA Annual Meeting in Sacramento. A core group of Committee members met with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research staff to explain the SCA’s mission and what cultural resource management means, as well as to offer our expertise, particularly as it relates to CEQA updates. We hope to develop relationships with staff at the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, the Natural Resources Committee (Assembly), the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the Native American Heritage Commission.

Assembly Bill 275

The still pending AB-275 Native American cultural preservation legislation, which Governor Gavin Newsom is expected to sign by September 30, 2020, would change the way institutions create their inventories of objects by requiring them to consult with California indigenous tribes when summarizing their holdings. This bill would expand which indigenous groups are able to request the return of human remains, funerary objects, and other sacred items from cultural institutions, building upon the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001, by opening up the repatriation process to indigenous tribes in California that are not federally recognized. The 2001 Act, which requires museums and agencies that receive federal funding to inventory human remains and funerary objects associated with indigenous tribes in the state and provides a process by which tribes can request the return of such materials, currently only applies to federally recognized tribes.

National Environmental Policy Act Changes

The Legislation Committee has been collaborating with the Coalition for American Heritage and the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) to keep apprised of legislative updates and to support the Committee’s efforts to stay on top of legislation that may impact our industry. If you want to be
involved, email us at legislative@scahome.org. In January 2020, the Committee reached out to the SCA membership to inform them about the proposed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Executive Order (EO) 13807, “Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects,” at which time SCA members were asked to comment before the March deadline.

The Trump Administration’s Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) released the final version of its new regulations of how the CEQ will be implementing NEPA. The new rule applies to all projects undergoing NEPA review beginning on September 14, 2020, but agencies can use the new rule voluntarily. Each agency will have to revise its own regulations for implementing NEPA so their agency-specific regulations are consistent with the new CEQ regulations. This final rule could impact cultural resources by limiting consideration of effects and public comment on historic properties in the NEPA review process. To read the article on ACRA's website addressing their top concerns about the impacts to cultural resources, go to https://acra-crm.org/acrasphere/9128688. This link includes recommended responses to projects under the new regulations. Further, ACRA is asking their membership to reach out to their representatives to co-sponsor HConRes89, legislation that asks the Trump Administration to reverse ongoing administrative actions that would weaken NEPA and its protections for American communities.

In June, the Trump Administration signed an EO directing federal agencies to waive environmental regulations to speed up infrastructure projects by declaring an “economic emergency” presented by the pandemic. This particularly impacts cultural resource firms. The EO directs agencies to use emergency authorities they already have under NEPA, the Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Water Act, and to review all statutes, regulations, and guidance documents that provide emergency or expedited treatment, and includes the National Historic Preservation Act regulations at 36 CFR 800.12. The EO puts pressure on agencies to expedite projects and requires reports within 30 days to demonstrate how they are using the EO. Of grave concern is that agencies will invoke the order to limit public involvement in federal projects, deprive tribal governments of their rights to consultation, and limit consideration of impacts to historic properties and other cultural resources. Whatever changes are made will likely remain in place throughout the remainder of President Trump’s current term in office, and possibly longer if he is reelected. For more information about this effort, please visit https://acra-crm.org/acrasphere/9018263 and https://acra-crm.org/acrasphere/8985008.

New Navigable Waters Protection Rule

On June 22, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers implemented the new Navigable Waters Protection Rule (2019 Rule) that defines “waters of the United States” in all states except Colorado. While this does not directly impact regulations guiding cultural resource protections, it is important because many of our projects have cross-over with permitting under Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act related to U.S. waters. The new rule by the Army Corps and EPA eliminates many aquatic areas that were previously considered U.S. waters. While the new rule is now in effect, lawsuits have been filed by several states and native sovereign nations contesting the new definition. The EPA and Army Corps have issued clarifying fact sheets accompanying the 2019 Rule to address frequently asked
questions. In California, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has adopted a new policy, implemented May 28, 2020, in direct response to the new 2019 rule. The State policy asserts jurisdiction over wetlands that have been excluded in the new Rule. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) will have much of the responsibility for permitting projects affecting aquatic resources of the State. The SWRCB has developed guidance for the implementation of the new State policy. Formal trainings for RWQCB staff as well as the interested public have occurred and are available to view on their website.

California Legislative Updates

As addressed in a recent SCA Newsflash item, Governor Newsom’s April 22 Executive Order N-54-20 included an amendment to Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 and 21082.3 suspending the time frame for California Native American tribal consultation requests and corresponding lead agency consultation for Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, or Mitigated Negative Declarations under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). That order was not extended. Please visit the main page of the Office of Planning and Research for guidance and updates on CEQA.

California Senate Bill 50 (SB 50) was first proposed in 2018 and would have preempted local government control of land zoning near public transit stations and jobs centers. The changes would override local land-use restrictions, allowing multi-family buildings to be built near “high quality” train and bus stops. The concern was that this would result in the demolition of important historic buildings and damage the livability of existing and future historic districts. The bill was reintroduced in 2019 and 2020 in an attempt to pass both in committee and on the Senate floor, culminating in an unsuccessful floor vote on January 31, 2020, which resulted in the bill’s demise.

Get involved and vote!

See the links below for the Coalition for American Heritage, American Cultural Resources Association, Society for American Archaeology, and Society for Historical Archaeology; how to find your elected official; how to register to vote; and a pdf with tips for submitting comments on legislation:

- American Cultural Resources Association, https://acra-crm.org/
- https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/
- www.vote.org
- https://www.regulations.gov/docs/Tips_For_Submitting_Effective_Comments.pdf
Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology

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California is one of the more active regions for archaeological investigations in different contexts (e.g., cultural resource management, academia, non-profits, state and federal agencies) and has the largest body of archaeologists in the United States. However, California archaeology is predominantly a white-led professional community, despite the state having an incredibly diverse population. As archaeologists, SCA members study culture and diversity; however, the professional field is not representative of the cultural landscape in California. This lack of diversity has historic, sociocultural, political, and economic underpinnings. As archaeologists, we have the unique opportunity to ensure that a diverse collection of voices is heard from the archaeological record regardless of the lack of diversity in the profession. Archaeologists have the power to reshape the narrative, counter misinformation, address past misinterpretation, and talk about problematic histories, as well as amplify unheard voices and communities. As the number of professional archaeologists from diverse backgrounds increases, it stands to reason that the frequency and rigor of discussions on issues and challenges related to ethnicity and race will also increase.

On June 7, 2020, in response to the #BlackLivesMatter (BLM) movement, SCA put forth a statement supporting BLM and its commitment to an environment that explicitly values and welcomes diverse viewpoints and people, and to improving diversity and equality in our community. In its earnest effort to go beyond statements of solidarity and put into action how we plan to embrace our commitment to equity and justice to diverse people, a new committee has been approved by the SCA Executive Board—the Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology (CDCA). The CDCA is the first step toward striving for racial equity and justice in California archaeology. As a community, we need to recognize that the lack of diversity on multiple fronts in California archaeology is not a “trending” topic.

Activities and community outreach by the SCA membership will promote the engagement of archaeologists from diverse backgrounds, and it will amplify and make space for the voices of the underrepresented peoples in the field. The CDCA will also work towards increasing the visibility of people in the past who have contributed to the written historical record but have not been recognized adequately by the professional community. The ultimate goal of the CDCA is to establish the bedrock of steps towards lasting structural change in membership representation and leadership in archaeological practice in California archaeology and beyond our political borders.

The mission of the CDCA is to provide a venue for members to seek support and mentorship in the profession, advocate and work toward increasing diversity, discuss issues and challenges related to
ethnicity and race in archaeological practice in California, and work with the SCA to address equity in the profession. By diversity, we mean people with self-described differences as it pertains to age, gender, cultural background, race, religion, physical abilities and disabilities, and sexual orientation. The CDCA will provide mentorship, resources, and solidarity to archaeologists from these diverse backgrounds and to historically underrepresented groups in California. It will also provide strong advocacy for diversity in the profession at all professional levels. The CDCA will be an umbrella group for underrepresented California archaeologists who recognize that there are common threads of challenges that are faced by these archaeologists, while also respecting and acknowledging that each group has challenges that are unique to them. Towards this need, the umbrella group will have task forces dedicated to different groups.

The two primary objectives of the CDCA are to:

1. Provide a supportive setting for members from diverse backgrounds to share challenges and ideas about California archaeology (including but not limited to social justice), seek and provide mentorship, and be a setting for individuals to identify with their cohort. The leadership will also provide insights and mentorship about scholarships to students, help prepare students for interviews (resumes, interviews), and recommendations to the SCA Board for leadership positions and recognition.

2. Develop community engagement and outreach tailored to creating methods and applications to increase ethnic equity and diversity in California archaeology practice. Since there are few professional archaeologists from diverse backgrounds, the discussions on race and ethnicity are less likely to occur, and when they do, the low number of diverse participants involved in these discussions can result in appearing to perpetuate colonial power dynamics.

The organization and leadership of the CDCA includes a Chair, Vice-Chair, Task Force Leaders, and Liaisons (Table 1). The positions are voluntary and require SCA membership. Currently, we have named five task forces and associated leaders (Native American, Black, Hispanic and Latinx, and Asian Americans in California, and Education/Curriculum/Community Engagement). It is the CDCA’s hope that additional task forces may be identified.

We urge all members of the SCA, regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, sexual preference, religion, or nationality, to become members of the CDCA, and to participate in its activities. It is important for people from diverse backgrounds to be supported and seen by their colleagues, regardless of ethnic identity. For more information, please reach out to us at cdca@scahome.org (see Table 1 below for specifics).

In the near future, the CDCA plans to work with the SCA Board to survey the membership for those who may elect to be a part of the Coalition, and to identify avenues of discourse. We intend for this Coalition to grow and new task forces to be identified to meet the needs of the SCA membership, as well as to better exemplify the possibilities for future practitioners of archaeology in California.
Table 1. Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology Leadership, Task Forces/Leaders, and Liaisons.

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Adventures in CASSP Volunteering

Martín R. Jespersen

In 2018, Mary Jespersen and I had the pleasure of volunteering for Eraina Nossa, the new agency archaeologist for the Cleveland National Forest in northern San Diego County, with hopes of locating and monitoring sites on the Trabuco Ranger District, the northernmost part of the forest. We had met and introduced ourselves to each other before at the SCA Annual Meeting at Tenaya Lodge near the entrance to Yosemite National Park. Eraina had heard of us from colleagues and was impressed by our updated site
record for CA-RIV-506, which was used by her department to identify the pictograph panels and other features requiring protection measures during the Holy Fire of 2018. We had a plan to first visit CA-RIV-506 and CA-RIV-507 and then to CA-RIV-4885, an adjacent site that we would be monitoring through the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP). With site records, cameras, GPS units, and lots of water, we embarked on our adventure. It was important to revisit these sites because of their proximity to public access. CA-RIV-506 has many pictograph panels and bedrock mortars (BRMs); the other two sites also have BRMs.

 Afterwards, still having plenty of time, we headed towards two other sites (CA-RIV-3856 and CA-RIV-1082) located about four km southeast of CA-RIV-506. CA-RIV-3856 has fire-damaged pictographs and BRMs, and CA-RIV-1082 was first reported in the early 1970s, but had only been relocated once since then and was presumed to be incorrectly recorded. The site update by Langenwalter that was completed on October 29, 1979, states, “Reported bedrock mortars are naturally weathered areas.” This would prove to be incorrect. Also, there was an attempt to locate CA-RIV-1082 (according to SWCA Environmental Consultants and Applied EarthWorks on August 24, 2007) by Phil Hanes, who was unsuccessful in locating the site, noting that, “It appears the site has been obscured by vegetation, covered with sediment, or destroyed.”

 Coincidentally, Mary and I had attempted to locate CA-RIV-1082 years before multiple times, but the original site record was off and had limited clues to help us find it. Nevertheless, Eraina, Mary, and I attempted one more time to locate it, to no avail. In the process, Mary had lost her Garmin 650 Montana GPS unit and after hours of searching for CA-RIV-1082 and the GPS unit, we decided to move on to another site further away, called CA-RIV-508. While visiting and monitoring CA-RIV-508, I was so preoccupied about losing a $600 plus Garmin that after finishing up for the day I convinced Mary to go back with me and drive to the area where she lost her GPS. I retraced her steps, and luck being with us I recovered the lost Garmin!

 After finding the Garmin, I walked off to find an area secluded enough for me to go to the restroom, because as it turns out, I drank a lot of water. While in the bushes, I looked down and lo and behold spotted what seemed to be a BRM! I pulled out my GPS unit and recorded its coordinates and took photos. Not having enough time or energy to do more searching, I told Mary to contact Eraina with the possible good news.

 During our recent lockdown due to the pandemic and our ability to be isolated from others in this area, I convinced Mary to revisit the location where I took the coordinates of the BRM two years prior. Upon arriving, we noticed that the area was cleared of brush and reduced to ashes due to what we assumed was a recent fire. With the old site record in hand, we attempted once again to find CA-RIV-1082. It took moments to get to my original coordinates and soon we began the process of surveying the area and collecting photos for the Cleveland National Forest. The original site record for CA-RIV-1082 noted only three BRMs, but we found and documented four more. We also expanded the size of the site by finding lithics in the surrounding area.

 Later that evening, I notified Eraina of our finds and sent her photos. I also informed her that I needed the date and circumstance of the recent fire that happened in the area so that I could include it in the updated
site record. She was unaware of any recent wildfire activity and determined that it was likely burned by a prescribed fire. Fortunately for Mary and me, our job was made easier because the shrubbery was reduced to ashes, so locating and documenting CA-RIV-1082 would only take half a day's work. The site was clearly larger than previously recorded and we had to return to record it again and take additional photos, so we had a thorough and detailed update to assist Forest Service land managers. According to Eraina, the fire was supposed to be controlled, but because of the stay-at-home order their staff was unable to get to this area to check it out.

While updating the site record, I took a Google image of the area, which was last photographed in 2018 and still showed foliage. I went back with a drone and took updated aerial footage of the site to include in the record so that the photos would show proper detail, not just foliage covering it up. With the updated site record finished detailing the seven BRMs and an extensive lithic area with the new site perimeter, Mary and I forwarded it to Eraina at the Cleveland National Forest. Forest Service agency archaeologists were able to visit the site to inspect the area of the controlled burn and assess any potential impacts from fuel treatment or the public now that access and visibility had improved. It is ironic how a controlled fire and our isolation from others allowed us to locate and document a site previously thought to be lost, damaged, or nonexistent. Special thanks go out to Eraina Nossa for her support and eagerness in helping us survey and document an update for CA-RIV-1082.

Note: Martin and Mary Jespersen are site stewards with the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP). They have been active stewards since 2013 with BLM Barstow, Palm Springs, Needles, and El Centro field offices; the Cleveland National Forest District; and California State Parks, Angeles District. We at CASSP greatly appreciate their efforts to help protect our shared cultural heritage.
Grants, Awards, and Other Happenings at the SCA

Announcing Graduate Student Virtual Presentation Grants

The Society for California Archaeology Executive Board is pleased to announce a new virtual presentation series in recognition of California Archaeology Month. The Board, with funding from the California Office of Historic Preservation, is offering three separate grants of $1,500 to be awarded to students with the best proposed event.

Students will be asked to host via Zoom an hour-long live virtual presentation on their current thesis or doctoral research. The events will be held on three separate evenings to be determined in October and will consist of a 30-minute talk followed by a roundtable discussion between the student and a three-person panel of established professional archaeologists who have familiarity with the presented research topics.

To apply, students need to submit a brief (5-10 minute) recorded video outlining their virtual presentation proposal and includes details on their selected panelists. Proposals will be judged on the quality of the presentation, organization, and research significance. For consideration, proposals must be received by Friday, September 18, 2020. To submit your proposal or for further information, contact SCA Northern Vice President Brendon Greenaway at brendon@scahome.org. Selected grant recipients will be announced on October 1, 2020.

2020 Archaeology Month Mini-Grants

The 2020 Archaeology Month Mini-Grants have been cancelled due to COVID-19. We hope to bring this program back in 2021.

SCA Awards Nominations

It is time to nominate candidates to receive the SCA’s 2020 Awards. There are seven awards, each unique and special either for what they represent and/or who they are named for: the David A. Fredrickson Lifetime Achievement Award; the Martin A. Baumhoff Special Achievement Award; the Mark Raymond Harrington Award for Conservation Archaeology; the SCA Award for Excellence in Cultural Resources Management; the Helen C. Smith Award for Individual or Society Avocationalist Achievement; the California Indian Heritage Preservation Award; and the Golden Shovel Award.

Details about these awards, past winners, and nomination forms are available on the SCA website at https://scahome.org/sca-annual-meeting/sca-meeting-awards/.
First Multi-State Site Stewardship Workshop

Partners for Archaeological Site Stewardship (PASS) announces the first multi-state workshop on site stewardship for volunteers, program coordinators, archaeologists, and agency personnel. Site stewardship program coordinators from 11 states will share their best practices and provide field skill lessons for volunteers. The workshop will be held on October 14-15, 2020, as a virtual meeting for four hours each day. It will offer presentations and panel discussions, and opportunities to ask questions on all aspects of site stewardship. There is no cost to attend the workshop, but reservations will be required and will open in early September. For more information, contact Beth Padon from PASS at bpardon@sitestewardship.org; Wanda Raschkow from Friends of Cedar Mesa at wanda@cedarmesafriends.org; or Samantha Rubinson from the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office at srubinson@shpo.nv.gov.

2020 Fall Data Sharing Meetings Canceled Due to Coronavirus Concerns

After careful consideration and discussion among the SCA Executive Board, we are sorry to inform you that, out of an abundance of caution, the Northern and Southern Data Sharing Meetings will not be held this year. The safety of our members is our top priority and we could not in good conscience bring our members to a gathering where community transmission of the coronavirus might occur. The pandemic will clearly still be with us in the fall and the situation could easily worsen. The best-case scenario would probably be what we have today; the need to wear masks and socially distance. While it is conceivable for us to hold data sharing meetings under those circumstances, it would not be the kind of social interaction that makes these meetings fun and informative, as well as providing the opportunity for younger members to interact with the veteran members of the SCA.

Given the lead time and effort it takes to plan data sharing meetings, we felt it necessary to make this decision now based on the information we have and the uncertainty of conditions this fall. Instead, as part of October Archaeology Month, we will plan online events that will allow our members to interact and remain engaged. We will be planning these events during the coming months and welcome suggestions as to what you would like. All of the Executive Board will be involved in this effort, but if you have any ideas, please forward them to Southern and Northern Vice Presidents, Glenn Russell (Glenn@SCAhome.org) and Brendon Greenaway (Brendon@SCAhome.org), respectively. We look forward to receiving your suggestions.

California Archaeologists Committed to Diversity Band Together in New SCA Coalition

Going beyond statements of solidarity with #BlackLivesMatter and calls for increased diversity in all aspects of life, the SCA has launched a new coalition to put into action the Society’s embrace of and commitment to equity, justice, diversity and inclusion of a diverse people reflected through membership, archaeological reporting, and community engagement – the Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology (CDCA) (see
The mission of the CDCA is to provide a venue for members to seek support and mentorship in the profession, advocate and work toward increasing diversity and visibility, and discuss and address issues and challenges related to ethnicity and race in archaeological practice in California. The CDCA will accomplish the mission through four Task Forces: Native American Archaeologists in California, Black American Archaeologists in California, Hispanic and Latinx American Archaeologists in California, and Education/Curriculum/Community Engagement. For questions, please reach out to us at cdca@scahome.org, or call Seetha Reddy at 530-902-3818 to learn more about CDCA.

In Memoriam
Katherine “Kate” Crosmer

We at CASSP are sad to share the news that BLM archaeologist Kate Crosmer passed away in July 2020 from cancer. Kate worked at the BLM El Centro Field Office, and soon after arriving, she hosted a two-day site stewardship training workshop in October 2018 with CASSP coordinators Karen Lacy and Mike DeGiovine. El Centro was our first CASSP workshop as coordinators. We worked directly with Kate early in her appointment to the El Centro field office. She was excited to have the opportunity to work with site stewards and get settled in to the El Centro office. Kate presented information at the workshop and afterwards took the initiative to organize assignments for 11 volunteer site stewards at her field office. Kate freely shared her knowledge and seriously encouraged her volunteers. We enjoyed working with her and with the new site stewards. Kate’s work and spirit will be remembered, and her enthusiasm and dedication will be missed. Karen Lacy took this photograph of Kate during the CASSP workshop in 2018.
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James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund

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ALSO
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- Up to 100 hydration readings (donated by Origer’s Obsidian Laboratory)
- Up to four AMS dates (donated by Center for Accelerated Mass Spectrometry Facility, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory)

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