

## 2018 Report for the North American Chapter of CAA

The North American chapter of CAA (CAA-NA), following the CAA2017 conference in Atlanta, wanted to maintain its visibility within the North American archaeological community by organizing sessions at the 2018 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) and the 2019 Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA). The CAA-NA sponsored session at the SAA conference, held in Washington, DC, was entitled “Is Digital Always Better.” The session was organized by all four officers and featured a total of seven speakers as well as a discussant. The presentations and ensuing discussion proved quite interesting. At the SHA conference in January 2019, CAA-NA sponsored the panel “Making The Most of Opportunities in 3d Visualization,” chaired by Lisa Fischer and CAA-NA member Brian Crane. Although one of the five panelists was not able to attend the conference at the last minute, the presentations and discussion proved quite fruitful. Many audience members participated in the conversation, indicating the interest and need for more information about 3D modeling within historical archaeology.

Last year, CAA-NA appointed a new student representative following Andrew Dufton’s graduation. After discussion among the Steering Committee member about possible replacements, the officers asked Jeremy Menzer, a graduate student at the University of Arkansas, to take on this role. He was introduced at the chapter meeting in Tübingen. We are grateful for Andy Dufton’s time on the committee and his efforts in supporting CAA-NA. Vice Chair Katie Simon along with Menzer have since been exploring ways for CAA-NA to post online resources as well as ways for members to engage in discussions about digital applications and workflows.

In 2019 all four CAA-NA officer posts were up for election. Three of the four—Chair Lisa Fischer, Vice Chair Katie Simon, and Membership Secretary Christine Markussen—had served the two terms allowable, so were not eligible to run again. A call for officers was sent out, and for the first time one of the positions was contested as more people volunteered to run than the number of open positions. After conducting an electronic vote, the following slate of officers was elected:

**Chair:** Heather Richards-Rissetto (the previous General Secretary)

**Vice Chair:** Ethan Gruber

**General Secretary:** Emma Slayton

**Membership Secretary:** Benjamin Davies

The new officers assume their roles at the chapter meeting in Krakow.

*Submitted by Lisa Fischer, Chair, CAA-NA*

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