

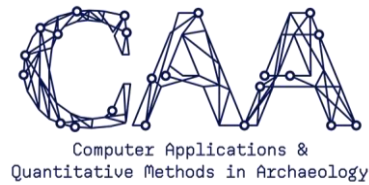
2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on Wednesday, 7 May 2025, from 17:00 to 18:30 CEDT

University of West Attica, Athens, Greece

AGENDA

- 1) (Draft) Minutes of the CAA2024 AGM held on 10 April 2024, Auckland, New Zealand
 - 2) Matters Arising
 - 3) Chair's Report
 - 4) Treasurer's Report
 - 5) Bursary & Student/Low-Income Officer's Report
 - 6) Publication Officer's Report
 - 7) Membership Secretary's Report
 - 8) In Memoriam
 - 9) CAA2026 Update
 - 10) CAA2027 Bid / Discussion (vote)¹
 - 11) Invitation to submit a bid for CAA2028
 - 12) Constitutional adjustment for more inclusive language (vote)
 - 13) JCAA Update
 - 14) Outreach Update
 - 15) New SIG proposals (vote)
 - SIG Chrono
 - SIG Machine Learning
 - 16) National Chapter Reports/Updates
 - 17) SIG Reports / Updates
 - 18) Call for Open Positions
 - a) ESC Officer Positions and Election Information
 - i) Secretary
 - ii) Membership Secretary
 - iii) Bursary & Student/Low-Income Officer
 - b) Website Administrator
 - c) Ethics Officers
 - 19) Any other business
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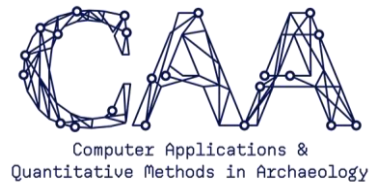
Meeting started at 17:00 pm

Executive Steering Committee: Lisa Fischer (Chair), Karl Smith (Treasurer), Jeffrey Glover (Secretary), Emma Slayton (Membership Secretary), Timo Geitlinger (Bursary & Student / Low-Income Officer), Iza Romanowska (Publication Officer)

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 - Approved

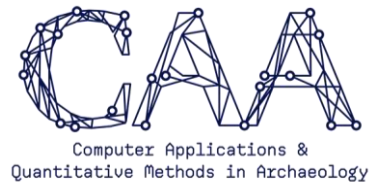
- 2) **Matters Arising**
 - No matters arising.

- 3) **Chair's Report (Lisa Fischer)**
 - Overview of activities of the ESC since CAA 2024. LF offered thanks and a round of applause for CAA 2025 organizing team and all the volunteers who made this so successful. By our accounts, this appears to be the **largest** CAA EVER held! So many people have worked very hard to make this event such a success, both leading up to the meeting as well as during the conference. Thank you to the University of West Attica, the many supporting institutions, and sponsors. We would also like to thank the entire local organising committee, the Convin team, and all of the volunteers have kept things running smoothly! Special thanks to George Pavlidis and Dorina Moullou, who were invited up on the stage. A small token of thanks was given to George and Dorina.
 - LF provided general updates on happenings over the past year, but stated she would also like to reflect on the goals that she had when she became chair six years ago as well as some of the changes during that time.
 - LF commented that CAA is a volunteer run and led organization, so many folks give so much time and effort to keeping things moving forward. She wished she could acknowledge everyone individually, but not enough time. In short, she thanked everyone who volunteers for CAA—whether serving on the Editorial Board, running a national chapter, or reviewing abstracts for the conference—please know that your efforts are very much appreciated and that this organisation would not function without all of you.
 - LF thanked a few folks in particular: First, thank you to Philip Verhagen, who serves as our trustee and helps to navigate the Dutch chamber of commerce and all of the other requirements that go along with our registration in the Netherlands. She acknowledged several folks who have or will be stepping down from their roles this year. Thanks to Keziah Warburton, who stepped down earlier in the year from her post as outreach officer. Thanks to Webmaster Hembo Pagi, who we acknowledged last year, thanks to Chair of the Scientific Committee, Marta Lorenzon, who has completed her three-year term. She also welcomed Eythan Levy as the next chair of the Scientific Committee. She thanked several other members of the scientific committee who have completed their terms: thank you to Alex Brandsen; Costas



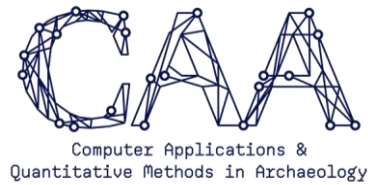
Popadoupoulos; Elaine Sullivan; and Florian Thiery for all of their hard work. Finally, she noted that she is not the only member of the ESC leaving at the end of the AGM. Iza Romanowska's term as publication officer, and the post entirely ends today as we transition to the new role of conference officer. So in that sense Iza has broken the mold...she expressed her extreme gratitude on behalf of everyone to Iza for all of her hard work to facilitate publication of the various proceedings and to transition the proceedings to a pre-print model, enabling us to make the papers available as soon as they are accepted. She also thanked Iza for all of her advice as well as her friendship over the years.

- Now to the reflective part of the report...
- When LF was elected chair in 2019 at the AGM in Krakow, she had several goals for my tenure: First was to support and encourage women to become more involved in leadership roles within in the organization. She provided some background in how she ended up in this chair, literally and figuratively: In 2017, LF and several others organized a session on "Women in CAA," with presentations and discussions focusing not just on the organization but on some of the challenges within the wider discipline. The session was framed not as a critique, but as an open forum to discuss issues, challenges, and solutions. LF's paper, however, did focus specifically on gender representation within CAA over the years, from who was on the steering committee and conference organizing teams over the years to keynote lectures and paper authors, although one of the principle founders of CAA, Susan Laflin, was a woman, very few women had ever served on the Executive Steering Committee as it is now configured, and all who had had either been in the role of membership secretary or publication officer. LF had always felt that CAA was one of the more welcoming, open, and supportive organizations to which she belonged, so she was not sure why that was the case. Following that session, she had a now fateful conversation with then incoming chair Axel Posluschny. Highlighting that no woman had ever been chair of CAA was one thing, but he was encouraging of breaking the trend. Two years later, as she was completing her term as chair of the North American chapter, she agreed to stand for chair. When she took on this role in 2019, the position was still referred to as the Chairman, later in the agenda LF, along with the rest of the ESC, will ask for one final modification to the constitution and that is remove the remaining gendered language (see below). As LF completes her tenure today and with your approval, she hopes to leave with the constitution, which is a reflection of the organization's values, as wholly inclusive of anyone who would be willing to step forward into a leadership role in the future. LF then commented that for the majority of her time as chair, half of the organization's officers have been women, and she hopes that anyone, regardless of gender or any other characteristic, can now see themselves in a leadership role or serving on a committee within CAA, if they wish.
- In addition to encouraging diversity within the organization's leadership, she had several other goals when elected. Being the first chair from outside of Europe, she wanted to continue expanding the geographic footprint of the CAA



community. Another priority was continuing to strengthen support for students to participate in the conference as the next generation will soon be the ones leading this organization. To that end, we revised the bursary process, with Timo leading the initiative to try to make the application forms clearer and the evaluations fairer. At the same time, with Karl's guidance, we have increased the average total amount offered each year to support student and low-income members to attend the conference to around €20,000. To enable greater participation of both students and professionals, especially in underrepresented areas, Emma helped to implement a new tiered fee structure based upon the GDP of the member's country of residence to make joining CAA more affordable in lower GDP countries. Last year, the membership approved new National Chapters representing India as well as Latin America and the Caribbean, important steps for making CAA more visible in underserved regions where our footprint has been limited or non-existent. We also hosted our first conference in New Zealand last year, bringing CAA to a new county and to the southern hemisphere for only the second time. She is also pleased that later in the agenda we will have a proposal to bring CAA to South America for the first time ever on that continent, which if approved, will be an important step in expanding to yet another new region, promoting the organization there and engaging many new scholars and students in Latin America. While LF believes that we have made important strides, there is still more that can be done to continue to open up CAA to anyone engaged with digital heritage research and applications, no matter who they are or where they are based in the world. She knows that incoming chair Josh Emmitt, a New Zealander himself, is also committed to continuing these efforts.

- When she took the helm in 2019, we were starting to look toward CAA's 50th conference, which should have been in 2022. As we all know, just 9 months later everything changed globally with start of the Covid-19 pandemic. While she was still getting settled and just learning what it meant to be CAA chair, she and her fellow officers had to make the incredibly difficult decision to cancel the 2020 conference, the first time that had ever happened in the organization's history. She noted that was not exactly how she wanted to start out her tenure as chair. That did, however, lead to our first virtual conference in 2021, followed by a hybrid meeting in 2022. The pandemic showed that a virtual component of the conference was possible, which can enable greater participation from around the world, but it also adds significant expenses, planning challenges, and time zone difficulties.
- The ESC conducted our first members needs survey, which included many questions about the annual conference to get feedback to help us develop our conference model of the future. The ESC also created a working group that held discussions from 2023-2024 to engage members in a dialogue, and made some recommendations on how to continue developing and evolving the conference model to meet the needs of the 21st century. The ESC offered several recommendations, including changing the Publication Officer to the Conference Officer, to provide more ESC support to the local organizing teams. This made sense after Iza's stewardship of changing the proceedings model leveraging PCI's pre-print process. There are more discussions to



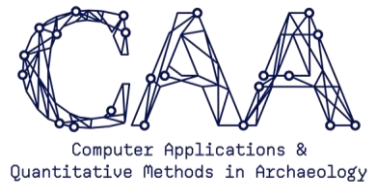
be had—but LF said she would leave that to Josh and the rest of the ESC—to pick up those ideas, to figure out the best course, but the fact that this meeting is our largest ever does signify that the in-person conference is still a valuable way to connect in the 21st century.

- There was, of course, the milestone celebrating and commemorating CAA's 50th conference in Amsterdam, albeit a year later in 2023. In preparation for that conference the ESC created a new logo and redesigned the website to launch CAA's next 50 years. The logo was designed to reflect the interconnectedness of the people, networks, and landscapes we study as archaeologists. It also signifies the bonds formed within our community, linking the individual members and our national chapters through our mutual interests in computational archaeology.
- LF commented that one of the best parts of this role has been to get to know so many of you, to see the amazing research and projects in which you are engaged, and to get a chance to reconnect every year. She has truly valued all of the friendships she has formed in this community, and those are what she will treasure most from this experience.
- She made clear that she did not accomplish any of this alone—so many folks volunteer their time to help move this organization forward. Thank you to all of the current and past members of the Executive Steering Committee and Steering Committee. LF said she is immensely grateful for all of the advice as well time you all have dedicated to furthering CAA's mission and that it is bittersweet that she will no longer be working with all of these phenomenal folks sharing the stage with me. She expressed a special thank you to Jeffrey Glover, who has been the secretary for the past five years, and to Tom Brughmans who served in that role my first year as chair. The secretary is a far less visible role, with many responsibilities that keep this organization going “behind the scenes.” She said she was grateful to both of them for all of the support that they gave her in this position.
- She concluded by stating that it has been a privilege and an honor to lead this organization for the past six years. She pleased to turn over the chair position at the end of this meeting to Josh Emmitt, who was elected last fall and she knows the organization will be in good hands, and she is excited to see where he and the rest of the ESC go next.

Jeffrey Glover (JG) made a short statement giving thanks to Lisa for her tireless work she did as Chair over the past 6 years.

“On behalf of the ESC, I wanted to take a few moments to thank Lisa for her tireless service to CAA over the past 6 years. She has served as chair during some tumultuous times for the organization (and for the world, at large). As she just detailed, a lot has happened since 2019. I joined the ESC the following year and got to witness first-hand the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep this organization running smoothly and how seriously Lisa took her charge as chair.

I really cannot convey to y'all the amount of work Lisa has done behind the scenes to keep



the rest of the ESC in-line and to keep this organization moving forward. As chair she helped the organization manage its first ever virtual conference – a pretty significant pivot given the Covid-19 global pandemic. She helped lead the way for an introspective session – CAA @ 50 – held in Oxford in anticipation of our 50th conference in Amsterdam. She championed a new CAA web design, one that actually works on your mobile device. Under her leadership, we had our first conference in New Zealand and only our second in the southern hemisphere, and I think it is only fitting that her final conference as chair is the largest in CAA history. A welcome send-off to someone who has selflessly invested so much of her time and energy into our CAA family.

Lisa, from all of us, I hope when you see this little trowel on your shelf, you will know that it symbolizes our gratitude and love for all you have done. I also hope that next year, when you are exercising your honorary life membership, you will also recognize it is but a small token for all you have done for this organization.

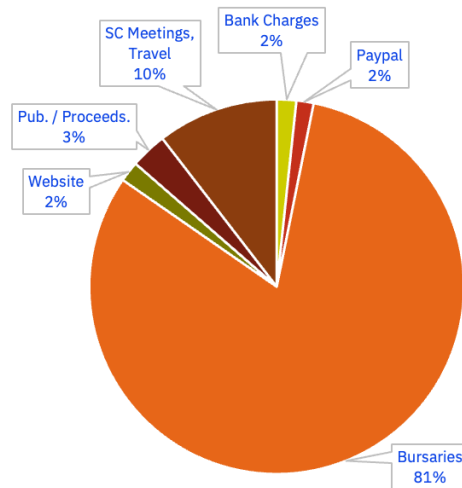
I would really appreciate it, if everyone could join me with a round of applause to thank Lisa for her service to CAA-International.

And please wish her a happy birthday tomorrow when you see her 😊

Lisa received a standing ovation.

4) Treasurer's Report (Karl Smith)

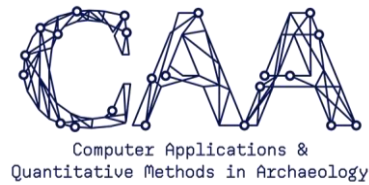
- Checking balance: 30,647.93 EUR



Vast majority of funds were spent on Bursaries (81%)

5) Bursary & Student/Low-Income Officer Report (Timo Geitlinger)

- TG went over bursary process and thanked the volunteers who helped in the bursary review process. Overall, the process did not change from last year aside from the earlier deadline.
- 48 total applications from 17 countries



- Bursary committee was: Mathias Bellat, George Pavlidis, Dorina Moullou, and Karl Smith
- 24 Bursaries awarded ranging from 250 to 1300 Euros. Non-presenters could not be funded due to high demand. Bursaries were awarded via bank transfer like last year.
- 20,900 EUR allocated in bursaries
- 18,400 EUR disbursed on the 1st and 2nd day via bank transfer

Nick Ryan Bursaries (NRB)

- 100 total applications
- 14 papers with highest reviewer scores nominated. 2 Italy, 2 Greece, 2 UK, 1 Spain, 1 France, 1 Portugal, 1 India, 1 Cyprus, 1 Germany, 1 China, 1 USA
- 8 Papers received for the NRB
- Bursary Panel: Joel Santos, Emma Slayton, Marcio Texeira-Bastos, George Pavlidis, and Dorina Moullou

NRB Participants

- **Montine Rummel:** Statistical Modelling of Agricultural and Settlement Dynamics in Late Bronze Age city-state of Ugarit
- **Natalia González Vázquez:** DeepLearning methods and the identification of symbolic networks during European Upper Paleolithic. A case of study
- **Matteo Rossi:** LET'S DIG WITH QFIELD! A mobile GIS for archaeological excavation.
- **Davide Adamo:** Tracking the morphological evolution of small ruminants through Wasserstein barycenters
- **Anastasia Eleftheriadou:** Classifying Polish in Use-Wear Analysis with Neural Networks: Investigating the Effects of Magnification and Material Variations
- **Santiago Tunas-Corzon:** Assessing circumscription in the castro landscapes: a cost-based site catchment analysis of Iron Age hillforts in north-western Iberia
- **Anastasia Tsagka:** 3D-Based Workflows for Archaeology and Built Heritage: the Case Study of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Ayios Ioannis Lampadistis Monastery, Cyprus
- **Daniel Hinz:** It's a kind of magic: Houdini, CFD and the procedural reconstruction of ancient Greek and Roman sailing ships and the analysis of their sailing capabilities. A methodical overview.

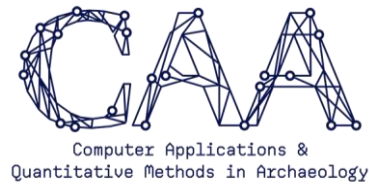
NRB Winner

- **Anastasia Eleftheriadou:** Classifying Polish in Use-Wear Analysis with Neural Networks: Investigating the Effects of Magnification and Material Variations

AND

- **Natalia González Vázquez:** DeepLearning methods and the identification of symbolic networks during European Upper Paleolithic. A case of study

The second award was given due to the generosity of George and Dorina with some of the excess funds they received due to the record registration.



6) **Publication Officer's Report (Iza Romanowska)**

- CAA2019: 'Check Object Integrity', Kraków, Poland
Final stages – typesetting finished, preparing the contract
- CAA2021: 'Digital Crossroads', Virtual Conference, Limassol, Cyprus
Final stages – contract finalized, close to ready!
- CAA2023: '50 Years of Synergy', Amsterdam, Netherlands
Copyedited, in typesetting
- CAA2024: 'Across the Horizon', Auckland, New Zealand
Peer reviewed, spearheading a new publication process via OJS

All papers are now peer-reviewed via PCI with doi'ed preprints available on Zenodo!

IR reminded all session chairs to register to PCI as a recommender for their session.

7) **Membership Secretary's Report (Emma Slayton)**

Second year with new membership structure

- 657 total members
 - Regular A: 297
 - Regular B: 100
 - Concessionary A: 157
 - Concessionary B: 81
 - Total: 657
- ES highlighted the geographic distribution of participants this year v. CAA 2024. Not surprising, large representation from Greece and Germany.
- Mailchimp implementation is working, but there have been some minor issues that we are working through.
- Social Media: **Bluesky**: @caaint.bsky.social /// **Mastodon**: @CAA_int@archaeo.social

8) **In Memoriam**

Dr. Robert D. Drennan

Dr. Alfred Kromholz

9) **CAA 2026 Update**

Organizing Committee: Anja Wutte, Gail Higginbottom, Sebastian Hageneuer, Louise Tharandt, Maria Sotomayor Chicote

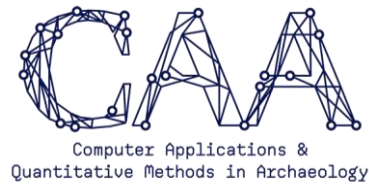
Conference will be held at - University of Vienna, main building, A-1010, Universitätsring 1

Icebreaker: Kunsthistorisches Museum

Working on possible dinner venue

Potential Excursions: 1) Heldenberg (Neolithic Village), 2) Carnuntum, Roman archaeological park

Shared promotional video about Vienna



10) CAA 2027 Bid / Discussion (Vote)

Host city: Santiago, Chile

Tentative dates: May 3–7, 2027

Institutional host: Under evaluation

Organizers: CAA Latin America and Caribbean Chapter, in collaboration with local researchers

Objectives

- Organize the first CAA conference in Chile
- Show regional advances in digital archaeology
- Strengthen international networks from the Global South
- Promote the use of technology in heritage and archaeology

Organizing Committee

- Cristian González Rodríguez (UCL / Sociedad Chilena de Arqueología)
- Eduardo Herrera Malatesta (Leiden University / CAA LAC)
- Pablo Méndez-Quiros (UChile)
- With support from national and international collaborators

Key Activities

- Workshops and thematic sessions
- International keynote speakers
- Visits to museums and archaeological sites
- Conference dinner and cultural events
- Post-conference excursions

Funding in Progress

- Wenner-Gren Foundation (Conference & Workshop Grant)
- Support from Chilean institutions
- Ethically responsible sponsors
- Affordable registration fees

Collaborators and Sponsorship requests

- CAA International
- Latin America and Caribbean Chapter
- Sociedad Chilena de Arqueología
- Colegio de Arqueólogos y Arqueólogas de Chile
- Museo Chileno de Arte Precolombino

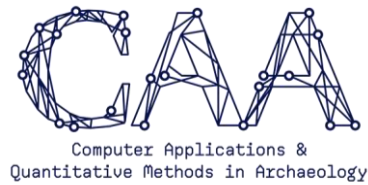
11) Invitation to submit a bid for CAA2028

No bids :(

12) Constitutional adjustment for more inclusive language (vote)

Vote to remove he/she language in the constitution. Only applies to Section 4, parts v and vii

v) The Treasurer deals with all financial activities of CAA. **The Treasurer** also is a member of the bursary committee (see below) which is responsible for deciding which applicants will receive bursaries to attend the conference. **The Treasurer** will organise an annual audit, and will present the annual financial report at the annual AGM, detailing income and expenses of the past financial year.



vii) The Conference Officer, serving as the ESC liaison to the local conference organising team, provides guidance on bidding for and running the annual meeting. **The Conference Officer** will also manage CAA conference systems, such as the abstract submission platform, as well as being responsible for ensuring and organizing the publication of the annual conference proceedings. **The Conference Officer** will be supported by an Editorial Board, consisting of other members of the SC, including co-opted *ex officio* members and the CAA Review College. Any member of CAA can be co-opted as an Editorial Board member by the ESC upon request from the Conference Officer.

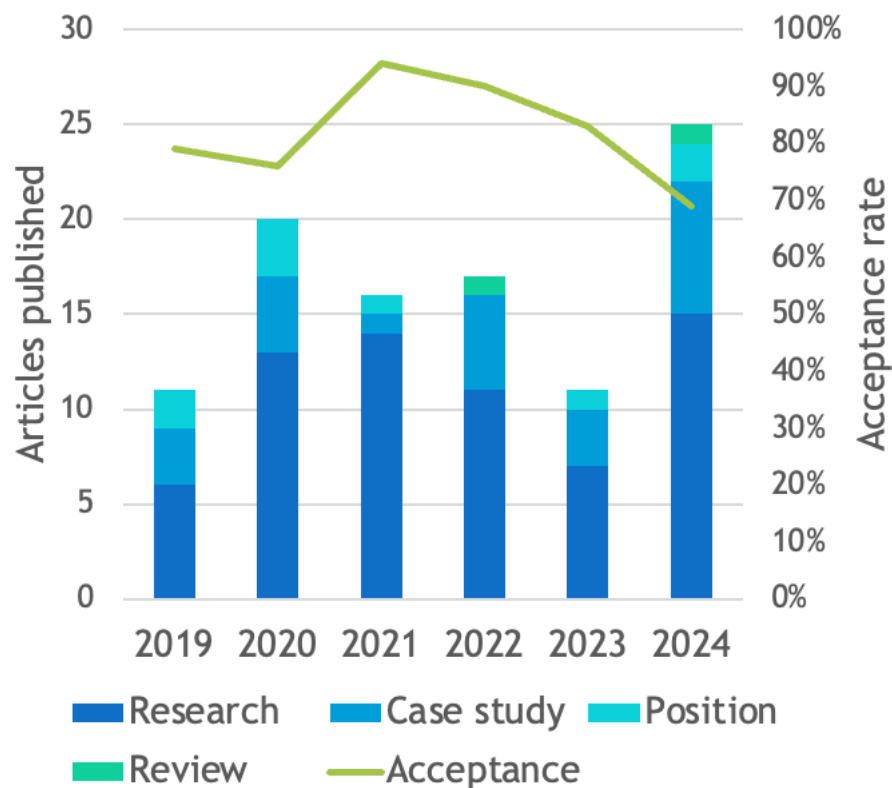
Vote approved

13) JCAA Update

Joint managers: Philip Verhagen, Cesar Gonzalez-Perez

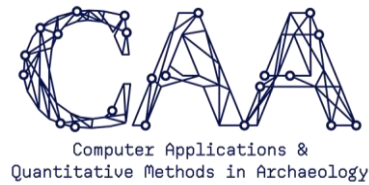
Editorial board: Established or promising researchers, 16 members total, Selected via a public call in a number of disciplines, In position for 3 years – pending renewal in 2025

Provided an overview of published articles in the journal (see Figure)



Complete Special Collections

A Bridge too Far - Historical, Archaeological and Criminal Network Research, Eds. Lena Tambs, Michela De Bernardin, Marta Lorenzon & Arianna Traviglia



Open Special Collections

The Ethics of Open Data: Reframing Data Stewardship for the Digital Archaeology Ecosystem, Eds. Leigh Anne Lieberman, Melissa Cradic, Sarah Kansa & Eric Kansa

Advances in Modelling Past Human Ecosystems, Eds. Eleftheria Paliou, Andreas Angourakis & Isaac Ullah

Provided an overview of most popular articles.

Provided instructions on how to submit an article to the journal

Papers can be submitted independently from presentation at CAA any moment of the year

Indexing:

Scopus, 8/354 in Archaeology (Q1)

Scimago, Q1 in Archaeology, Q2 in Computing Applications

Submit papers and publish with us!

Various paper types accepted (4 types).

Research articles, describing the outcomes and application of unpublished original research.

Case studies, expanding on the application of established technologies/methods to shed light on archaeological enquiries.

Position papers, summarising and reflecting upon current trends in the application of established or new technologies, methods or theories.

Reviews, covering topics such as current controversies or the historical development of studies as well as issues of regional or temporal focus.

Please cite JCAA papers to improve JCAA metrics!

14) **Outreach Update**

Nothing to report

15) **New SIG proposals (vote)**

- **SIG Chrono**

SIG Chrono

Special Interest Group on Chronological Modelling

Contact

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- Thomas Huet thomas.huet@cncrs.fr

Focus

- Time and the Modelling of Time
 - Bayesian modelling
 - Stratigraphic modelling
 - Temporal logics
 - Seriation techniques
 - Temporal Linked Open Data
 - ...



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- SIG Machine Learning

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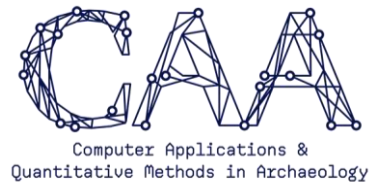
Mathias Bellat, Alex Brandsen, Anthony Corns, Nejc Čož, Susan Curran, Žiga Kokalj, Juergen Landauer, Alfie Lien-Talks, Simon Maddison, Axel Posluschny, and Karsten Tolle

The overall aim of SIG-ML is to create a community of practitioners working with ML in archaeology. Our specific aims are as follows:

- Connect researchers working on ML
- Allow for discussions on common methods, workflows, and sharing data
- Developing best practices from training methods to output formats
- Harmonise and standardise reporting and performance measures
- Learn from each others work and mistakes, and push the field forwards
- Align ideas on how to model and exchange ML results with other groups, such as other
- CAA SIGs, the MAIA COST action, the EAA, and related research projects
- Create a database of resources in ML accessible for research and teaching purposes

Proposed Activities

- Creating a mailinglist to share ML related news and vacancies amongst interested scholars
- Creating a website with resources
- Occasionally organising (online) lectures / workshops
- Giving workshops at CAA conferences
- Organising sessions at CAA conferences
- Act as a focal point for growing the research area and announce/apply for future research funds



A QR code was shared for people interested in expressing their interest.

16) National Chapter Reports/Updates

CAA France shared an update on their achievements over the past year.

Launched a website for the chapter (<https://caafrence.hypotheses.org>)

Have Mastodon and Github accounts

ACQuA Conference held in January 2025

Co-Organized 3 sessions with GMPCA at a conference in April 2025

Offered 5 rooms for early career scholars at the CAA 2025 conference in collaboration with the *Ecole française de Athenes*.

17) SIG Reports / Updates

Katie Simon presented on a potential future SIG whose idea had crystalized based on conversations at this CAA. This SIG was focused on bringing together a coalition of practitioners with moral imperatives AND descendant/indigenous communities facing epistemic injustices.

Goals: Harness our assets, resources, capabilities, expertise, etc. to improve our practice to better outcomes and minimize harm; shed light on our cultural blind spots and pitfalls; illuminate knowledge gaps between our perceived understanding of indigenous/descendent communities issues and solutions; bridge communication chasms creating, contributing to, and exacerbating all colonial-caused issues; and minimize our privilege-induced damage

18) Call for Open Positions

a) ESC Officer Positions and Election Information

- i) **Secretary** – The current secretary will be completing his second term and is ineligible to run again ☹️
- ii) **Membership Secretary** - The current membership secretary will be completing her second term and is ineligible to run again ☹️
- iii) **Bursary & Student/Low-Income Officer** - The Bursary & Student/Low-income Officer will be completing his first term and has agreed to stand for Secretary

Key Dates:

29 August 2025: Candidates will indicate their interest in running for a post

9 September 2025: The slate of candidates will be announced

10 October 2025: Candidate statements and videos will be submitted to the ESC

3 – 17 November 2025: Voting Period for all members to cast their ballots on-line

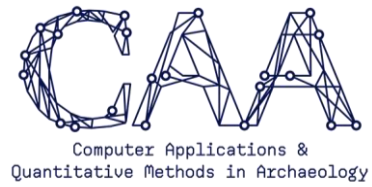
b) Website Administrator

We are working on position description, but the responsibilities generally include:

Administering the CAA International WordPress Websites (Primary site, conference sites, and hosted national chapter sites)

Managing the CAA membership database and stripe payment system (in collaboration with the Membership Secretary and Treasurer)

Providing technical support for other CAA platforms



c) Ethics Officers

Please send a CV and short motivational statement to the CAA Secretary

19) Any other business

Digital Heritage Conference (8-13 September 2025 in Siena, Italy). If interested in participating please contact Espen Uleberg (espen.uleberg@khm.uio.no).