



## Society for American Archaeology

### — Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management—

**Current Committee Charge:** The committee solicits nominations and selects recipients for the Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management, which recognizes an individual or a group for their lifetime contributions and special achievements in the categories of program administration/management, site preservation, and research in cultural resource management. The award is presented in special recognition of excellence by an archaeologist or group of archaeologists, working in a cultural resource management setting, whose innovative research, or repeated and enduring contributions, have contributed significantly to archaeology. The award cycles among three categories: program administration/management, site preservation, and research in cultural resource management.

**Committee Composition:** Committee composition is chair and at least four members.

**Term Length:** Term length is three years. Individuals ending their terms cycle off the committee at the close of the Business Meeting held during the annual SAA Meeting, and new appointees begin their terms at this time.

#### **Term Length:**

**Award Cycle:** The award cycles through three categories (program administration/management [2014], preservation [2015], and research [2016]... ).

**Committee Chair and End of Term:** Joseph Schuldenrein [2017]

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**Committee Members and Ends of Terms:** Karl R. Huebchen [2018], Meredith Anderson [2018], Stanley R. Berryman, [2018]; Advisors: Carol Weed [2018], Matt S. Tomaso [2018]

**Committee on Awards Chair:** Mark C. Slaughter [2019]

**Board Liaison to Award Committees:** Tobi Brimsek

**Award Description:** This award will be presented to an individual or a group to recognize lifetime contributions and special achievements in the categories of program administration/management, site preservation, and research in cultural resource management. It is intended that at least one award will be made each year and the category will rotate annually. The 2016 Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management will be presented in the RESEARCH category. Candidates may include individuals employed by federal, state, or local government agencies, museums, and similar institutions who have developed and or implemented public policy, regulations, and ordinances that further cultural resource site protection and historic preservation on a local or regional basis.

**Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award:** Any professional archaeologist may submit a nomination for this award. Awardees may be members or nonmembers of the SAA. **Nomination/Submission Materials Required:** Nominators must submit a curriculum vita along with any relevant supporting documents. All nomination materials are to be submitted electronically.

**Nomination/Submission Materials Required:**

**Nomination/Submission Deadline:** January 6, 2017

**Other Special Requirements:** None.

**Selection or Evaluation Criteria:** Nominations will be evaluated based on lifetime contributions and special achievements, including contributions to the field of archaeology and cultural resource management.

**Committee Deliberation Process (e.g. dates, venue):** The committee meets electronically after the nomination deadline has passed.

**Nature of Award (e.g. monetary, medal, symposium):** The awardee is recognized by the SAA through a plaque presented during the business meeting held at the Annual Meeting, a citation in *The SAA Archaeological Record*, and acknowledgment on the awards page of the SAA Website.

**Awardees**

**2016 Dr. Tom Emerson**

Tom Emerson is the 2016 recipient of the SAA's Excellence in Cultural Resource Management Award for his exemplary achievements in research under the CRM banner. Dr. Emerson's

contributions to Midwestern archaeology and especially to our understanding of the prehistory of the Midcontinent stand as models for merging research with the greater goals of preservation and public outreach. Tom's career milestones have included extended service as Chief Archaeologist of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the phenomenal success of the University of Illinois based Contract Archaeology program, which he has shepherded for over 20 years. In addition to pioneering and refining our understanding of the seminal Cahokia site complex, Dr. Emerson's intellectual contributions have extended to historic archaeology and to the critical Euroamerican contact period. Tom's long and distinguished career has recently been highlighted as he became the 2014 recipient of Career Achievement awards from both the Midwest Archaeological Conference and the Illinois Archaeological Survey.

2015 No award given.

#### **2014 Mark Michel**

Mark Michel's life's work and accomplishments exemplify the contributions and special achievements that the SAA strives to recognize with the Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management. There are few individuals whose lives and careers have had such a broad and profound impact on archaeology at the national scale. Mark Michel's efforts over the last 35 years in advocating for, and effecting, cultural heritage stewardship, conservation archaeology, policy and legislative implementation, and public outreach are unsurpassed and have forever changed the face of US archaeology. Under Michel's pioneering leadership, The Archaeological Conservancy remains the only national nonprofit organization dedicated to the permanent protection and management—through site acquisition from private landowners—of America's endangered archaeological sites. In creating a national system of archaeological preserves for future generations to study and enjoy, Michel has helped to ensure the survival of our irreplaceable cultural heritage—a lasting legacy for all.

#### **2013 Henry Wallace**

Henry D. Wallace has earned the SAA Award for Excellence in Cultural Resources Management for his exceptional and pivotal research on the Hohokam of southern Arizona. His 32 years of research from directing numerous survey and excavation projects has resulted in a regional perspective and refinement of temporal and dynamic changes in Hohokam settlement patterns over time. Some highlights of his research include building a chronology of rock art styles; ceramic research that has allowed the refinement of chronological intervals to a generational scale in the Hohokam region; and understanding how village formation and community structure change through time and across large regional scales. His research in CRM has enabled a broad and insightful view and understanding of the Hohokam world, their social organization, settlement structure, patterns of political leadership, and ritual influence, deriving from research that goes far beyond a simple view of the archaeological record.

2012 None

**2011 Nelly Robles García**

Nelly Robles García has earned the SAA's award for Excellence in CRM for her long and unwavering history of service and contributions, both in publication and presentation, to the administration of cultural resources in Oaxaca and Mexico. Her development of a center in Oaxaca for the documentation of best practices in site management from around the world will benefit heritage managers for years to come. Over the past twenty-five years, she has provided exemplary leadership in planning for site management, and advocacy for dynamic management of cultural resources by state and national governments. Her leadership has provided direction and guidance for cultural resources management that will benefit both the resources and their managers long into the 21st century.

2010 William H. Doelle

2009 Michael Beckes

2008 John Walthall

2007 George Smith

2006 None

2005 Arizona Site Steward Program

2004 Linda Mayro

2003 John Milner Associates, The General Services Administration

2002 Laurence W. Spanne

2001 None

2000 Robert J. Jackson

1999 David G. Anderson

1998 David A. Frederickson

1997 James J. Miller

1996 William R. Hildebrandt

1995 Lawrence E. Aten, Calvin R. Cummings, Shereen Lerner, Charles R. McGimsey III

1994 Hester A. Davis