



## Society for American Archaeology

### — The 2018 Fryxell Award for Interdisciplinary Research —

**Current Committee Charge:** The committee solicits nominations and selects recipients for the Fryxell Award for Interdisciplinary Research. The award is presented in special recognition of interdisciplinary excellence by a scientist (not necessarily an archaeologist) whose research has contributed significantly to American archaeology. The award rotates among five categories: general interdisciplinary, physical sciences, zoology, plant sciences, and earth sciences.

**Committee Composition:** Committee composition is one chair and four members. Each member's term lasts 5 years, during the last of which the member serves as chair. The terms are staggered so that only one member (the chair) rotates off each year. Committee chair rotates among topical foci. Committee membership is by appointment rather than by volunteers. All members require Board approval because everyone may become chair at some point in time.

**Term Length:** Five years following the award cycle.

**Award Cycle:** The award cycles through five categories (plant sciences [2017], earth sciences [2018], physical sciences [2019], general interdisciplinary [2020], zoology [2021]...).

**Committee Chair and End of Term:** Rolfe Mandel [2018]

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**Committee Members and Ends of Terms:**

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

**Board Liaison to Award Committees:**

**Award Description:** The Fryxell Award is presented in recognition for interdisciplinary excellence of a scientist who need not be an archaeologist, but whose research has contributed significantly to American archaeology. The award is made possible through the generosity of the family of the late Roald Fryxell, a geologist whose career exemplified the crucial role of multidisciplinary cooperation in archaeology. The award cycles through zoological sciences,

botanical sciences, earth sciences, physical sciences, and general interdisciplinary studies. **The Fryxell Award for 2018 will be presented in the EARTH SCIENCES category.**

**Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award:** Anyone may submit a nomination. The committee does not accept self-nominations. Awardees may be members or nonmembers of the SAA.

**Nomination/Submission Materials Required:** Nominators must submit a letter that describes the nature, scope, and significance of the nominee's contributions to American archaeology, as well as the nominee's curriculum vita. Support letters from other scholars are helpful. Four to six are suggested. Please send submissions to the committee chair.

**Nomination/Submission Deadline:** February 3, 2017

**Other Special Requirements:** None.

**Selection or Evaluation Criteria:** Nominees are evaluated on the breadth and depth of their research and its impact on American archaeology, the nominee's role in increasing awareness of interdisciplinary studies in archaeology, and the nominee's public and professional service to the community.

**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):** A half-day symposium is held in honor of the awardee at the SAA Annual Meeting. In addition, 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 Elizabeth J. Reitz

2015 David Hurst Thomas

2014 Marvin W. Rowe

2013 Anthony Aveni

2012 Christine Hastorf

2011 R. Lee Lyman

2010 Jane E. Buikstra  
2009 Michael D. Glascock  
2008 Paul Goldberg  
2007 Vaughn M. Bryant  
2006 Oscar Polaco Ramos  
2005 Bruce D. Smith  
2004 R.E. (Erv) Taylor  
2003 George Rapp  
2002 Deborah M. Pearsall  
2001 Melinda A. Zeder  
2000 Richards S. MacNeish  
1999 Henry P. Schwarcz  
1998 John W. Weymouth  
1997 Vorsila L. Bohrer  
1996 Elizabeth S. Wing  
1995 Robert J. Braidwood  
1994 Garman Harbottle  
1993 Herbert E. Wright, Jr.  
1992 Richard Yarnell  
1991 Paul W. Parmalee

1990 Patty Jo Watson  
1989 Joseph B. Lambert  
1988 David M. Hopkins  
1987 Richard I. Ford  
1986 Donald K. Grayson  
1985 Roger T. Saucier  
1984 None  
1983 John E. Guilday (posthumous)  
1982 David J. Baerreis  
1981 Karl W. Butzer  
1980 James B. Griffin  
1979 Peter J. Mehringer  
1978 C. Vance Haynes