



Society for American Archaeology

**— Lifetime Achievement Award —
(2018)**

Current Committee Charge: The committee solicits nominations and selects recipients for the Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is presented in recognition of a member who has performed truly extraordinary service (scholarly, pedagogical, and/or institutional) of positive and lasting quality to the Society for American Archaeology or to the profession as a whole. The Distinguished Service Award, first presented in 1975 (and annually beginning in 1980), was succeeded by the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001.

Committee Composition: Committee composition is one 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.

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Award Cycle: Not applicable.

Committee Chair and End of Term: Jeremy Sabloff [2020]

Committee Chair Contact Information: jsabloff@santafe.edu

Committee Members and Ends of Terms: William D. Lipe [2018], Bruce D. Smith [2018], Katherine Spielmann [2018], John E. Staller [2018]

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

Award Description: The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to an archaeologist for specific accomplishments that are truly extraordinary, widely recognized as such, and of positive and lasting quality. Recognition can be granted to an archaeologist of any nationality for activities within any theoretical framework, for work in any part of the world, and for a wide range of areas relating to archaeology, including but not limited to research or service.

Given as the Distinguished Service Award between 1975 and 2000, it became the Lifetime Achievement Award and was awarded as such for the first time in 2001.

Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award: Any professional archaeologist may submit nominations for this award. Nominees must be SAA members by the time of their nomination, and the strongest nominees will have made significant contributions to both the organization and to the range of archaeological practice in which SAA members participate.

Nomination/Submission Materials Required: Nomination letters should include a letter of nomination, outlining the nominee's lifetime accomplishments, as well as a curriculum vitae of the nominee. Additional letters of support are not required, but the strongest nominations, historically, have included a minimum of five (5) letters of support; some have had more than fifteen (15) letters of support. Nominators are required to collate all nomination materials into one single Adobe Acrobat pdf document to be emailed to the committee chair, Jeremy Sabloff. We strongly recommend that the nominee be advised that she/he is being recommended for this award.

Nomination/Submission Deadline: January 6, 2018

Other Special Requirements: None

Selection or Evaluation Criteria: The criteria used to evaluate submissions for the Lifetime Achievement Award includes evidence of extraordinary lifetime accomplishments that have made great scholarly, pedagogical and/or institutional achievements.

Committee Deliberation Process (e.g. dates, venue): The committee chair leads the deliberation process by chairing electronic meetings to reiterate criteria and discuss particular nominees. Committee members then send their rankings to the chair who tallies them. In cases of split decisions, the committee meets electronically again to discuss the relative weighting of particular criteria vis-à-vis the tied nominees and the committee votes again. If all nominations are received by the deadline, the committee makes a decision by the end of January and forwards its decision to the SAA Board.

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

2017 David Hurst Thomas

David Hurst Thomas has earned the Lifetime Achievement Award for substantial, significant, and deep contributions to American archaeology. He created and implemented a model for long-term field and laboratory studies that is now the discipline's gold standard. These studies have made many theoretical and methodological contributions to prehistory and history of Native Americans, to field and laboratory practices in archaeology, and to the study of culture contact and colonialism. Thomas has reached successive generations of archaeologists through his textbooks that are widely used in introductory archaeology courses. He has mentored many of the top archaeologists working in North America today by providing them with internships during the formative years of their careers. He has been on the forefront of making anthropology and archaeology relevant to the broader public through his program of publications and museum exhibits, and he has played a crucial role in making archaeology a more inclusive field.

2016 Margaret W. Conkey

Meg Conkey has earned the SAA's Lifetime Achievement Award for her combination of scholarship and service to the profession. Meg's research along with that of her collaborators significantly broadened our approaches to and understanding of people and their diversity in the past. She has shown the importance and possibility of studying gender as a basic dimension of the human experience and has been instrumental in bringing studies of rock art and art in general into the mainstream of research. Meg has helped to change the face of the field through encouragement and recruitment of women and minorities. She served as a national leader in archaeology, including her presidency of the SAA, and the AAA Archaeology Division, as well as through numerous other organizational contributions. This award proudly lauds Meg's lifetime achievement in archaeology.

2015 Bruce D. Smith

Bruce D. Smith is the recipient of the 2015 SAA Lifetime Achievement Award, the most prestigious award the Society offers. There are few archaeologists who can match Smith's remarkable record of scholarly achievements, his outstanding contributions to the SAA, and his contributions to the profession of archaeology. His research has continually pushed the fields of archaeology, human behavioral ecology, and anthropology in new directions, as well as having lasting impact. Smith is committed to demonstrating the importance of archaeological research to the general public. He has served the SAA and the profession in many different capacities over the years, giving tirelessly of his time and talents in ways that have advanced the goals of the Society and championed the importance of the discipline within the broad international research community. In his many past and on-going contributions to the discipline he has clearly achieved the stature worthy of the Society's highest award.

2014 Jeremy Sabloff

Jeremy Sabloff has earned the SAA's Lifetime Achievement Award for his extraordinary contributions in teaching, mentoring of graduate students, research in several domains, and public outreach. There are few other senior scholars who have so consistently dedicated their careers to the advancement of archaeology as a discipline and a scientific pursuit while simultaneously working toward the continued relevance and strengthening of archaeology by means of communication with an audience beyond narrow disciplinary limits. Moreover, the career of Jeremy Sabloff has been marked by selfless service and extraordinary collegiality tempered by adherence to the core principles of archaeological conservation and the value of empirical analysis. Jeremy Sabloff has been a mentor and a role model for several generations of scholars, many of whom have gone on to their own distinguished careers.

2013 Henry Wright

Henry Wright is the 2013 recipient of the SAA Lifetime Achievement Award. In his career, he has made transformative contributions to archaeological theory and method, and has conducted important research in North America, Mesopotamia, Africa, and China. He exemplifies the highest qualities of enduring scholarship, teaching, service, and outreach, both nationally and internationally. His fieldwork has focused on the emergence of the world's earliest states, although he has also investigated a wide range of other topics. Dr. Wright's contributions to scholarship have been acknowledged by a MacArthur Fellowship in 1993, election to the National Academy of Sciences in 1994, and a Gold Medal for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement from the Archaeological Institute of America in 2009. At the University of Michigan, he was awarded a Collegiate Professorship in 2001 and the Albert C. Spaulding Distinguished University Professorship in 2006. Congratulations to Dr. Wright.

2012 Bennie Carlton Keel

We give Bennie C. Keel the 2012 SAA Lifetime Achievement Award for his lifelong service to the profession. Dr. Bennie C. Keel has shaped cultural resource management in the United States. He oversaw large-scale preservation projects in Southeastern archaeology; he helped found the field of cultural conservation; and he established federal archaeology across several agencies (Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, Department of Defense). He helped write the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and the Abandoned Shipwreck Act; he helped craft the first national regulations for burials and sacred objects involving federal action or public lands; and he supervised the development of the first National Archaeological Database and Archaeological Sites Management Information System. Bennie C. Keel is also a fine teacher and active scholar. He is devoted, accomplished, and encouraging to his students. His contributions to Southeastern archaeology have made him a leading expert in Cherokee and North Carolina archaeology. Dr. Keel's passion for public archaeology, for the preservation of America's cultural heritage, and for archaeological professionalism is a model for future generations.

2011 W. Raymond Wood

W. Raymond Wood is the 2011 recipient of the SAA Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his enduring recognized scholarship and his extensive service to the profession. Dr. Wood is an eminent figure in North American archaeology whose work in the Great Plains has deepened archaeological and ethnohistoric scholarship in the region. His many contributions to Plains archaeology range from Quaternary paleoecology and prehistoric settlement to historical cartography and the early fur trade. His early interdisciplinary collaborations set the standard for research on the human component of the Quaternary period. In addition to his own extensive publications, he has served as a highly effective editor of *Plains Anthropologist* and *American Antiquity*. In his teaching, research, and service-related activities, Dr. Wood has conveyed the importance of archaeological ethics and has emphasized engagement with avocational archaeologists.

2010 Patty Jo Watson

2009 Linda Cordell

2008 Lewis Binford

2007 Frank Hole

2006 Bruce Trigger

2005 George Carr Frison

2004 Ian Graham

2003 Don D. Fowler

2002 Jaime Litvak King

2001 Jeffrey S. Dean

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Award are as follows:

2000 William D. Lipe

1999 James A. Brown

1998 Raymond H. Thompson

1997 Dena Dincauze

1996 Robert McCormick Adams

1995 Stuart Struever

1994 Hester A. Davis

1993 George J. Gumerman

1992 John E. Yellen

1991 Douglas Schwartz

1990 Fred Wendorf

1989 George Irving Quimby

1988 Richard B. Woodbury and Nathalie F. S. Woodbury

1987 William A. Ritchie

1986 Waldo R. Wedel

1985 Emil Walter Haury

1984 James Bennett Griffin

1983 Hannah Marie Wormington

1982 Jesse David Jennings

1981 Albert Clanton Spaulding

1980 Gordon Randolph Willey

1975 Carl Haley Chapman and Charles Robert McGimsey III