



Society for American Archaeology

**— Gene S. Stuart Award—
(2018)**

Current Committee Charge: The committee solicits nominations and selects recipients for the Gene S. Stuart Award. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding efforts to enhance public understanding of archaeology.

Committee Composition: Committee composition is one chair, at least one member, one SAA staff liaison, and the chair of the Media Relations Committee. This committee is a subcommittee of the Media Relations Committee. Appointments are made by the chair of the Media Relations Committee from among the full committee's members, and require no action by the SAA President or Board.

Term Length: Three years

Award Cycle: N/A

Committee Chair and End of Term: Zachary Nelson [2019]

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Committee Members and Ends of Terms: Gina M. Buckley, A'ndrea Elyse Messer, Meredith A. Wismer

Committee on Awards Chair: Mark Slaughter [2019]

Award Description: An award of \$1,000 is made to honor outstanding efforts to enhance public understanding of archaeology, in memory of Gene S. Stuart (1930-1993), a writer and managing editor of National Geographic Society books. The award is given to the author of the most interesting and responsible original story or series about any archaeological topic published in a newspaper or magazine.

Who Is Eligible to Submit Nominations or Apply for the Award: The award is given to single or multiple authored articles, stories, or series of stories published in newspapers or magazines. The emphasis is on publications available to the general public (rather than limited distribution newsletters), and online publications are not excluded. The award honors good writing that brings awareness of archaeology to the public eye. Nominations can be submitted by authors themselves, by magazine/newspaper editors, or by readers. Authors or newspaper editors will work with the committee chair to assemble and submit a nomination file. Awardees may be members or non-members of the SAA.

Nomination/Submission Materials Required: Nominators will work with the committee chair to assemble a nomination file that will include the nominated article, which should have been published within the calendar year of 2017. An author/newspaper editor may submit no more than five stories or five articles from a series. Nomination packets may be submitted electronically as PDFs via email to the committee chair. If submitting hard copies, six copies of each entry must be submitted by the author or an editor of the newspaper.

Nomination/Submission Deadline: December 31, 2017

Other Special Requirements: None

Selection or Evaluation Criteria: The Gene S. Stuart Award is given to the author of the most interesting and responsible original story/series about any archaeological topic published in a newspaper or magazine. The story/series should adhere to the guidelines of the Principles of Archaeological Ethics as outlined by the Society for American Archaeology.

Committee Deliberation Process (e.g. dates, venue): After award requirements and deadline information are distributed to journalists and editors via the SAA web and by the Media Relations Committee, the committee chair collects submissions up to the submission deadline, and sends the submissions to the award committee members. The committee chair communicates electronically evaluation procedures and deadlines to committee members. The committee meets electronically to evaluate submissions after the deadline has passed. The committee members evaluate submissions, rank them, and explain their rationale for their rankings. Based on the recommendations of the chair, the committee members and the ex officio journalist member, the chair makes the decision as to who gets the award.

Nature of Award (e.g. monetary, medal, symposium): The awardee receives \$1,000. 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

- 2017 Elizabeth Svoboda (Sapiens)
- 2016 Tamara Stewart (American Archaeology Magazine)
- 2015 Andrew Lawler
- 2014 Ann Gibbons (Science Magazine)
- 2013 Julian Smith (American Archaeology)
- 2012 Mike Toner (American Archaeology)
- 2011 Dan Vergano (USA Today)
- 2010 Andrea Cooper (Free Lance)
- 2009 Andrew Lawler (Science Magazine)
- 2008 Tom Avril (Philadelphia Enquirer)
- 2007 Richard L. Hill (The Oregonian)
- 2006 Andrew Petkofsky
- 2005 Marion Lloyd
- 2004 Alexandra Witze
- 2003 None
- 2002 Chip Minty
- 2001 Mike Toner (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution)
- 2000 Frank Royslance (Baltimore Sun)
- 1999 William Mullen (Chicago Tribune)
- 1998 Diedtra Henderson (Seattle Times)
- 1997 None
- 1996 Matt Crenson (Dallas Morning News)
- 1995 Nathan Seppa (Wisconsin State Journal)
- 1994 Scott LaFee (San Diego Union-Tribune)