This issue of Petroglyphs highlights our newest staff member: Heidi Davis, a physical anthropologist who is currently finishing up her Ph.D. at the University of Arkansas. Davis is already making a huge impact on our NAGPRA projects and we’re thrilled to have her with us. I’m also happy to report that I was recently awarded tenure and promoted to the position of associate professor of anthropology and associate curator of archaeology. I am indebted to the Sam Noble Museum and anthropology department for their support over the last several years. I also want to extend a special thanks to my co-pilot at the museum, Collections Manager Susie Fishman-Armstrong. Things are looking up and I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Marc Levine, associate curator of archaeology

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Gerald Franklin has been a volunteer for over three years, contributing more than 600 hours of his time. Since last year, Franklin has inventoried over 8,507 faunal artifacts for our NAGPRA grants. We greatly appreciate his dedication and knowledge of faunal remains and skills in lithic identification, along with his delightful sense of humor.

FAST FACTS

Since 2019:

- Seven volunteers have worked over 180 hours.
- Catalog information for 31,253 artifacts from 44 collections were entered in the collections database.
- Twenty-four new accessions were submitted to the museum registrar.
MONTE ALBAN VIRTUAL REALITY PROJECT

In February, Drs. Javier Urcid (Brandeis University) and Alex Badillo (Indiana State University) joined Marc Levine for a presentation at the Sam Noble Museum. The talk featured the team’s virtual reality model of the main plaza at Monte Alban, a prehispanic capital located in Oaxaca, Mexico. This work was supported in part by Levine’s OU Humanities Forum Fellowship.

NAGPRA NEWS

The archaeology department continues to make progress in inventorying and re-housing human remains and associated funerary objects subject to NAGPRA. Since January, we have published two notices of inventory completion (3/18/2019 and 04/01/2019) for 134 individuals and 15,196 AFOs and inventoried over 10,152 artifacts on our 2018 consultation/documentation grant from the National NAGPRA Program, in partnership with the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Osage Nation and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco and Tawakonie).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX CHUDAK

In April, Graduate Research Assistant and Fulbright Scholar Alex Chudak defended his master’s thesis in cultural anthropology. Chudak also recently presented his research for the Cleveland County Chapter of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society. This semester, he was granted membership in the Russian Association of Americanist Anthropologists, submitted an article for publication in Herald of Anthropology, a peer-reviewed journal published by the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences and was accepted to the Edmund S. Muskie Internship Program for a paid internship at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe, N.M.