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Dear colleagues and friends,

One of the most enjoyable parts of working at the Sam Noble Museum is having the opportunity to mentor student interns and volunteers. Each wave of students brings new energy and ideas to our projects. See the "Congratulations" section on page two where we celebrate our students' most recent accomplishments. We are also very proud of former Graduate Student Assistant, Michael Walters (2017, MA Anthropology), who was recently named Head of NAGPRA at Auburn University (see page 2). Finally, we wish Marlin Butcher, the Sam Noble Museum's long-time Facility Manager, good luck in his well-deserved retirement. Marlin has been a great colleague and will be dearly missed!

Happy holidays & Best of luck for 2023!

Marc Levine  
Associate Curator of Archaeology

## LEAD STORIES

### NAGPRA PUBLICATIONS

- 12/9/2022 [Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 236, pp 75655-75657.](#)

## Archaeology Day 2022

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sam Noble Museum hosted Archaeology Day on October 29th. The event included a myriad of archaeology-themed activities, from sandbox excavations to atlatl throwing! With over 200 people in attendance, this year's archaeology day was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who made this day possible and thank you to everyone who attended. Save the date for next year's Archaeology Day: Saturday, October 28th, 2023.



Arts & Crafts



Long time volunteer Gerald Franklin (left) and [Oklahoma Anthropological Society](#) President, Mel Philips (right) sharing information about Oklahoma Archaeology

## Household Excavations in Oaxaca, Mexico

Last May and June, Dr. Levine directed household excavations at Tututepec, a Late Postclassic (1100-1522 CE) capital that controlled much of coastal Oaxaca during the centuries prior to the Spanish Entrada. The excavations were carried out in the site's urban core and notable discoveries include the remains of residential structures and evidence for obsidian blade production. Jaron Davidson, OU Anthropology graduate student, also joined the project and got the full Oaxaca experience!



Jaron Davidson and Dr. Marc Levine on Cerro Yucusaa ("Hill of the Bird") with Tututepec in the background

## ALUMNI UPDATES



Michael Walters

Michael Walters (2017, MA Anthropology), was named [NAGPRA Coordinator at Auburn University](#). Michael spent two years as a graduate research assistant at the Museum, where he gained experience working on NAGPRA projects.

Ash Boydston-Schmidt (2018, BA Native American Studies and Anthropology), is preparing to defend her thesis and will be graduating with a dual degree in Museum Studies and Law at the University of New Mexico.



Ash Boydston-Schmidt

## CONGRATULATIONS

Lauren Jablonski, an intern in the archaeology department will present a paper at the Society for American Archaeology Meetings in Portland Oregon in 2023. The paper is titled "The history of Archaeology: looking to the past to unravel sexual harassment in the present." Lauren will graduate with her BA in Anthropology in December 2022.



Lauren Jablonski at Spiro this summer field school Livingood, Hammerstedt, and Regnier

John Taliaferro, BOR Collections Assistant, was accepted to attend an archaeological field school this upcoming summer at the Ficule site near Orvieto Italy through the OU Department of Classics and Letters.

Hannah Christenson, a Volunteer in the Archaeology Department, is also a third-year PhD student in OU's History Department. Her research focuses on American Civil War era politics. Hannah recently passed her comprehensive exams and is now a officially a PhD candidate in history.

Lauren Gastineau returned to work with us this semester with funding from OU's [Honors Research Assistant Program](#) (HRAP). This opportunity, open to Honors College students, provides a handsome stipend of \$1000. Good for everyone!



Regan Crider

Regan Crider won an internship stipend (\$1500) from the [Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists](#) (ARCS). This is one of only three internships awarded nationally! ARCS is committed to advocating for paid internships in an industry that remains inaccessible to many.

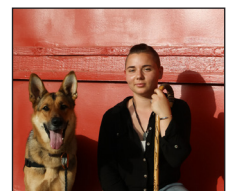


Photo from field school in Spain with the Mediterranean behind her.

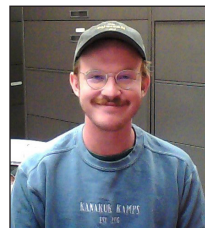
Maddie Niblett, a volunteer in the Archaeology Department, will be graduating with a BA in Anthropology and a minor in Spanish. In her own words, Maddie writes "I love archaeology, it's putting together the pieces of the past to create a story of human history!!"

## WELCOME

Elisif Dorsey is a collections assistant working primarily on NAGPRA projects. Elisif "enjoys working with animals and learning about the human past."



Elisif Dorsey



John Taliaferro

John is a collections assistant assigned to Bureau of Reclamations collections. John is majoring in history and likes drawing, sketching, painting, playing the piano and experimenting with glazing pottery techniques.

## MUSEUM BLOG UPDATES

See museum blog updates here:

<https://samnoblearchaeology.wordpress.com/>