



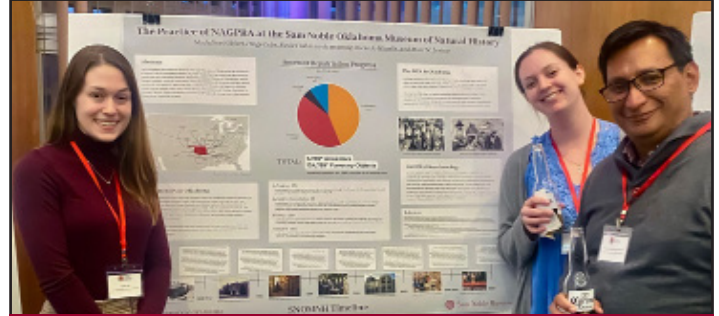
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LEAD STORIES

Oklahoma Archaeology Conference



Paige Lebs, Maddie Niblett and Ricardo Higelin Ponce de León

Several members of the Sam Noble Archaeology Department attended the Oklahoma Archaeological Conference, which took place from Feb. 29 to March 4, 2024. The conference was organized by the Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network, also known as OKPAN. Jovie Flying Out, a current graduate intern who also works for OKPAN, played a key role in preparing for the conference. Maddie Niblett, Paige Lebs and Ricardo Higelin Ponce de León presented a poster on the department's progress with NAGPRA. Additionally, Levine presented a paper titled "Sensing Monte Albán's Main Plaza: Insights from Acoustical Modeling and Intervisibility Analysis."

Consulate Tours

The Archaeology Department at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History was visited by the Peruvian Consulate on March 8. The delegation included Liliana Trelles, the Peruvian Consul General in Dallas, Kary Stackelbeck, the State Archaeologist of Oklahoma and a

Dear Colleagues and Friends,



With the spring semester all wrapped up, we have lots of great news to share. We're especially pleased to announce that our superstar volunteer, Gerald Franklin, was recognized with the prestigious Crabtree Award from the Society for American Archaeology (see p. 2). In addition, we congratulate our graduating seniors, including a few who have already been accepted to prestigious graduate programs! Finally, we thank our ace collections assistants, Maddie Niblett and Paige Lebs, who are moving on to new adventures. They will be missed!

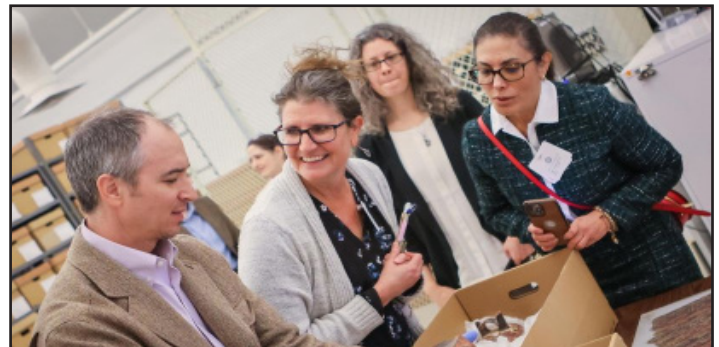
Marc N. Levine
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WELCOME



Abbi Gonda

Abbi Gonda, a junior majoring in anthropology with a focus on human health and biology, has joined our team as an undergraduate student collections assistant. Gonda is also pursuing a minor in Native American studies and biology. "I am excited and am looking forward to working with the team," Gonda said.



Marc Levine, Kary Stackelbeck, Claire Nicholas, and Consul Liliana Trelles (left to right)

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Peru specialist, and Victor Maqqe, the director of the Latin America Sustainability Initiative at the University of Oklahoma. The visit aimed to explore potential future collaborations, such as the possibility of hosting a Peruvian researcher or a Peruvian exhibit, either virtual or temporary. In November of the previous year, the department had also welcomed representatives from the Mexican Consulate for similar discussions. During each visit, a range of artifacts from the visitors' home countries were shared to inspire new ideas and dialogues.

CONGRATULATIONS



Gerald Franklin

Gerald Franklin, a longtime volunteer in the Archaeology Department, was honored with the Crabtree Award by the Society for American Archaeology. The award, which commemorates the unique contributions of Don Crabtree, a renowned flintknapper and archaeologist, recognizes an exceptional avocational archaeologist. Franklin received

the award in person at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the SAA in New Orleans.

Drizella Valerio is set to graduate in May 2024 with a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology and a double minor in psychology and sociology. Post-graduation, Valerio plans to work in the museum field.

Regan Crider, also graduating in May 2024 with a bachelor of arts in anthropology, has been accepted into the graduate program in anthropology at Mississippi State University. Crider, who received funding for her studies, will focus on southeast archaeology for her master of arts.

Ian Burnett, another bachelor of arts in anthropology graduate, has been accepted into the graduate program in anthropology at Northern Arizona University.

Kristi Hendricks, a graduate intern, will graduate in May 2024 with a master of arts in library and information studies.

Chelsea Clark, a part-time student collections assistant, attended the National Human Genome Research Institute conference in Seattle, Washington, and the U.S. Indigenous Sovereignty Network's Building Action and Power conference, both in April 2024.

John Taliaferro is set to graduate in May 2024.

Higelín Ponce de León co-edited a new book titled *Población y movilidad entre zapotecos prehispánicos de*

Oaxaca, published by UNAM. His co-editors were A. J. Aguirre Samudio and E. Ortiz Díaz.

Lauren Gastineau, a 2023 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, has been accepted into the graduate program in classical and near eastern archaeology at the University of British Columbia.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Tiffany Elmore is a program manager for the Center for Public Management at OU and vice president / program manager for the OK Anthropological Society's Central Chapter. She began volunteering in 2023, and enjoys artifact analysis and floating to help with different projects in the collection. When not at the museum, Elmore likes to attend excavations and surveys whenever possible and has a passion for music and literature.



Tiffany Elmore

GOOD LUCK!

Maddie Niblett, NAGPRA Collections Assistant, will move on from the museum in May and begin a new position at Stantec – a cultural resource management firm.

Paige Lebs, part-time NAGPRA collections assistant, will be moving to California in May to take a position as a seasonal park ranger at Redwood National Park.



Paige Lebs

NAGPRA NOTICES PUBLISHED

[12/19/23: Federal Register, Vol. 88, No. 242, pp. 87803-87804.](#)

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Marc Levine was interviewed for an [article published in the OU Daily](#) (5/15/24) about NAGPRA compliance at the University.

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