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WELCOME

Dear Colleagues and Friends,



Several of our former undergraduate Museum interns are graduating and making waves in the world. We are so pleased to feature their accomplishments in this issue of the newsletter. In recent months, the archaeology department has also had the opportunity to participate in Curiousiday—a regularly occurring public event at the museum that features science, collections, and educational activities.

Have a great summer!

Marc N. Levine

Associate Curator of Archaeology

CONGRATULATIONS

Aubrey Coffman graduated with an anthropology major and a minor in geographic information systems. After graduation, she plans to take a gap year, during which she hopes to gain further work experience in archaeology and museums. This summer, she will serve as an intern at the [Cleveland Museum of Natural History](#).



Aubrey Coffman

Eli Muller is graduating with a BA in anthropology and a minor in classical archaeology. We are also very pleased to report that Eli was selected among graduating anthropology majors for the 2026 Robert E. Bell Award, given to an outstanding archaeology student each year. Eli is a former museum intern and NAGPRA staff member at the museum. He has also been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Louisiana State University. This summer, he will be returning to Northern Belize with the University of Texas at Austin to carry out research on Postclassic Period ceramics at Colha. Colha is an important Maya lithic production settlement, with raw material being brought in and finished tools being traded across the Peten to many major Maya cities and even reaching modern day Mexico City.



Eli Muller



Jacoby Foust

Jacoby Foust is an OU graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology in 2025 and previously served as an intern. He is now a NAGPRA staff member and has been accepted into the University of Arizona's graduate program in anthropology. Beginning in fall 2027, he will work with Dr. James Watson at the Arizona State Museum as a bioarchaeology research assistant.

ALUMNI FEATURE



Alumni Spencer Lewis

Spencer Lewis is a former intern and staff member and received his BA in history with a minor in anthropology at OU in 2021. He is currently finishing his final year at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he concentrated in environmental and Native law. During

law school, he had the opportunity to work with both tribal and non-tribal communities on housing, environmental, and economic development issues. Spencer says that as he gets closer to graduation “I often find myself reflecting on my time at Sam Noble and feel incredibly grateful for the experiences and mentors who helped me along the way.” After law school, he plans to work as a clerk for two judges in Boulder, Colorado and then hopes to return to Oklahoma and advocate for the state’s tribal nations.

IN THE NEWS

At Curiousiday

The Archaeology Department recently participated in two Curiousiday events at the museum. For March’s “Curiousiday: Full STEAM Ahead,” Curator Marc Levine shared the results of his digital mapping project at Monte Albán, a Zapotec capital located in Oaxaca, Mexico. Visitors used laptops to examine 3D images of the site’s main plaza and had a chance to handle 3D printed models of the site’s architecture. For May’s “Curiousiday: Collections Celebration,” we created an interactive educational activity featuring projectile points and other stone tools with the assistance of volunteer



Marc Levine pointing to 3D printed models

Gerald Franklin. These activities were set up alongside flintknapper Neil Garrison, who has shared his skills with the museum on many occasion used, including for hunting and utilitarian purposes, while also introducing the basics of projectile point identification through several hands-on activities.



Gerald Franklin at Curiousiday



Neil Garrison flintknapping

Don Wyckoff

Dr. Don G. Wyckoff, curator emeritus of archaeology at the Sam Noble Museum, recently donated several books and periodicals from his personal library to the department, including bulletins and reports from the Oklahoma Anthropological Society. We appreciate Don’s generosity and support over the years. The department has also archived Don’s papers spanning over forty years of research on the archaeology of Oklahoma.

NAGPRA Publications

[Federal Register, Vol. 91, No. 28, pp. 6261](#)

[Federal Register, Vol. 91, No. 50, pp. 12612](#)