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President's Message

by John D. Hall

Dear AAHS Members,

This month's President's Message will continue with our AAHS Board of Director Biographies! This month, I am pleased to present Dr. Paul Minnis. Paul is a Professor Emeritus for the Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma and a long-time scholar of Southwestern archaeology. Paul currently serves as the Co-Vice President for Activities for AAHS and has been on the Board of Directors since 2019. Here is Paul's story and how AAHS and archaeological societies in general have shaped his career in archaeology.

Why AAHS? We all have our reasons to appreciate and support AAHS. Two come from my experiences. The first reason began about six decades ago...that's right, more than 60 years ago when I was nine years old. We lived for a while in Maryland, and my first archaeological experiences were weekend excavations at a site along the Potomac River sponsored by the Maryland Archaeological Society. After moving back to Denver, I attended the Denver Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society. So avocational societies, like AAHS, were seminal in sparking and maintaining my interest in archaeology. And I am not alone; there are numerous professional archaeologists who had their first experiences with state archaeological societies.

The second reason is the special nature of AAHS. I suspect that, more than most archaeological societies, AAHS has maintained a special and productive relationship between avocationalists and professional archaeologists for more than a century. I'm not sure if any other similar organization publishes the regional archaeological journal as AAHS does with *Kiva*. Added to its field trips, monthly lectures, and other sponsored events, AAHS has a very full plate.

While I have worked throughout the U.S. Southwest and northern Mexico, as well as limited research time elsewhere, my research has mostly focused on the Mimbres region where I did my doctoral

research and, more recently, northwestern Chihuahua on the Casas Grandes archaeological tradition. Both of these experiences have amplified my appreciation of AAHS's unique character in distinct ways.

When we worked in the Mimbres region in the 1970s, there was an often contentious relationship between some of the

local population and archaeologists; the former too often saw the latter as unwelcome intruders. This exacerbated problems with understanding an important archaeological tradition already on life support due to a century of unrelenting looting. So, from my Mimbres experiences, I see how important the collaboration between various groups interested in archaeology defines AAHS. Fortunately, things have changed for the better in the Mimbres area. For example, the Mimbres Cultural Heritage Center at the Mattocks site in the Mimbres Valley itself is run beautifully by local avocationalists who collaborate with professional archaeologists. Also, the Grant County Chapter of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico in nearby Silver City is a wonderful group dedicated to local archaeology.

My two decades of work in northwestern Chihuahua also reinforces my appreciation of AAHS, but in a different way. Mexican archaeology is organized quite differently than archaeology in the U.S. The ancient past is a very important part of the Mexican national identity, treated more seriously than in the U.S., and archaeological research is controlled and organized more centrally by the federal government through the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia. Regional avocational archaeological societies simply do not exist in Mexico. I have had conversations with Mexican colleagues suggesting that avocational societies can play a very valuable role



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in the appreciation and preservation of archaeological remains, and AAHS is a prime example.

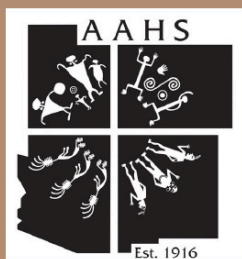
Being on the Board of Directors and serving as Co-Vice President for Activities is one way to pay back all the formative and transformative experiences I have had with avocational societies. But it is much more. It is an opportunity to work with really special people who have a wide range of extraordinary experiences and talents, all of whom are dedicated to learning from the past. This is a good reason for YOU to become more involved in AAHS.



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7TH ANNUAL AAHS Research Slam and Winter Party

WHERE: On Zoom
WHEN: January 10, 2022
6:30 p.m. MST

Pre-register to attend at:
<https://bit.ly/ResSlam2022>

Join us for a FUN virtual Winter Party including Music, Research Slam, Silent Auction, pubs and more. BYOB and relax at home while joining your colleagues and friends.

Professionals, students, and independent researchers summarize their research in **dynamic 3-minute lightening presentations**.

An online auction will begin January 2, 2022 and end on January 10, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. after the party ends.

More Information

- Research slam winners will be **determined by popular vote** (donations). All monies go to **support more great research!**
- Three (3) award categories:
“Who thought Archaeologists Could be so Creative”; “Most Laughs”;
“Grand Slam”.
- No fictitious research projects!
- A fun evening with slides, presentations, silent auction, music, and BYOB.
- All **voting** for awards occurs **during the event**.
- The silent auction will be posted online at [BiddingOwl.com](https://www.biddingowl.com) beginning January 2, 2022 and bidding will be open until January 10, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. after the party ends. Bid winners will be notified.
- AAHS encourages **donations prior to the event at:** <https://www.az-arch-and-hist.org> Look for: AAHS Research and Travel Support Campaign-Donate Now..
- For more information see the AAHS webpage and the AAHS Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchandHist/>
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We hope to see you there!
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THE ROOTS OF SOUTHWESTERN ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT ANNOUNCES NEW VIDEOS

The AAHS oral history project, *Roots of Southwestern Archaeology*, has posted a set of two videos of Dr. Arthur Jelinek, a long-time faculty member in the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona. Dr. Jelinek started his career in the Southwest and then



Arthur Jelinek

moved on to become a leading Paleolithic archaeologist, focusing on Neanderthals. In these videos, Dr. Jelinek discusses his career, his important excavations at Tabun in Israel and La Quina in France, and what he sees as his major contributions to archaeology. The School of Anthropology produced this video in 2015, and we thank them for allowing us to edit it and post it on our YouTube channel.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we should also have posted new videos of Bill Robinson (southwestern archaeologist at the Tree-Ring Laboratory at the University of Arizona) and Gwinn Vivian (archaeologist focusing on Chaco Canyon at the Arizona State Museum).



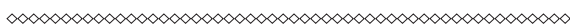
Bill Robinson



Gwinn Vivian

We are currently editing a video of John Speth whose career has focused on bison hunters in eastern New Mexico as well as Neanderthals in the Old World and a video of Bill Gillespie, a Forest Service archaeologist with a varied career including southern Arizona, Chaco, the Middle East, and Africa. We have recently recorded videos of Charmion McKusick, a path-breaking faunal analyst, especially of birds, particularly parrots and turkeys, Helga Teiwes, long-time photographer at the Arizona State Museum, and Barbara Breternitz, support to generations of students who were privileged to work on various University of Colorado field schools and cultural resources management projects.

If you know of a senior avocational or professional archaeologist you think we should interview, please contact Pat Gilman (pgilman@ou.edu) and Fran Maiuri (f.maiuri@gmail.com). Also, if you would like to participate in videotaping senior archaeologists or editing the videos, please let us know. We could really use your help.



AAHS Lecture Series

Due to COVID-19 and scheduling issues, AAHS will continue to offer lectures through AAHS@Home and Zoom through April 2022. We are planning to return to in-person lectures with live-streaming available beginning May 2022.

- Jan. 10, 2022: 7th Annual Research Slam and Winter Party (brought to you through Zoom and AAHS@Home)
- Feb. 21, 2022: Jose Luis Punzo Diaz, *Looking from the South: A Material Perspective on Prehispanic West-Northwestern Mexico and U.S. Southwest Connections*
- Mar. 21, 2022: Wade Campbell, *Exploring the Rise of Navajo Pastoralism in the (Peri)Colonial U.S. Southwest*
- Apr. 18, 2022: Steve Plog, *Exploring the Many Interpretations of Chaco*

Cornerstone

*Darlene Lizarraga, Director of Marketing
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HAPPY NEW YEAR and THANK YOU!

Before 2022 gets underway, we want to thank you -- the board, members, and volunteers of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society -- for your support, friendship, advocacy, and partnership in 2021.

The Fall book sale was a record breaker, but not before it was a back breaker. We acknowledge the year-round hard work that goes into those book sales. We can never say thank you enough, but we shall continue to try!



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Membership is open to anyone interested in the prehistory and history of Arizona and the Southwest and who support the aims of the Society. Membership runs for a full year from the date of receipt, and covers all individuals living in the same household. If you are joining as a household, please list all members of the household. Monthly meetings are free and open to the public. Society field trips require membership.

Membership Categories

- ☐ \$60 **Kiva members** receive four issues of the Society's quarterly journal *Kiva* and 12 issues of *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$45 **Glyphs members** receive *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$35 **Student Kiva members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$100 **Contributing members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits
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- ☐ \$1,500 **Lifetime members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits

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I am interested in volunteering in AAHS activities: Yes Not at this time

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