

2021 Candidates for the Plains Anthropological Society Board of Directors

Adam Wiewel

Archeologist

National Park Service – Midwest Archeological Center

Candidate's Background: Adam Wiewel is an archeologist at the National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he leads projects involving geophysical survey and serves as an advisor to a handful of parks in the Midwest. He received a B.A. in Anthropology at the University of Missouri, where he was introduced to Plains archeology, and later obtained an M.A. from the University of Wyoming and a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. Adam has been a member of the Plains Anthropological Society and regular attendee of the Plains Anthropological Conference for over a decade. Besides Plains archeology, he is generally interested in different technological aspects of the discipline like remote sensing, geophysics, and GIS, and his research has been published in *Plains Anthropologist*, *Journal of Archaeological Science*, *American Antiquity*, and *Advances in Archaeological Practice*.

Statement of Interest: If elected to the board, I would like to focus on ways to promote undergraduate and graduate student interest in Plains archeology and ultimately involvement in the society. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that virtual conferences like SHA 2021 and the SAA 86th Annual Meeting can be successful. In fact, the virtual conference formats adopted by both led to unique opportunities in terms of viewership and interaction. Other organizations like academic institutions and federal and state agencies have also made greater use of social media as part of outreach and distance learning efforts during this time. While I think many of us are looking forward to attending the conference in person this year, we can also leverage different forms of virtual interaction to better engage with non-conference-attending students and highlight research occurring in the region.

Amanda Burtt

Associate Instructor, Anthropology Department

Indiana University, Bloomington

Areas of Interest: North American archaeology, zooarchaeology, subsistence, co-species relationships, dogs, wolves, dental microwear texture analysis, isotope analysis, historic ecology, montane environments, museums and collections

Candidate's Background: In 2012, I received my B.A. in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, and in 2017, a M.A. from Indiana University, Bloomington. Currently, I am writing my dissertation and will defend and graduate in the spring of 2022. My field experiences include extensive highaltitude archaeology training in Wyoming and Montana. For my dissertation research, I have focused on the diets of domestic dogs and wolves employing both dental microwear texture analysis and isotope analysis. My research agenda includes consultation with several Indigenous cultural resource professionals and Tribal committees to

employ destructive analysis for my dissertation research. I am co-editor and chapter contributor to a volume on dogs that examines dog keeping practices around the globe and through various time periods. Currently, I have a co-authored manuscript under review that investigates carcass utilization behavior in gray wolves from the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and how this varies across biological, physical, and geographical variables. While completing my graduate training, I have held several academic positions at Indiana University. Including manager of the William R. Adams Zooarchaeology laboratory where I developed the undergraduate volunteer program and logged upwards of 12,000 hours supervising over 200 students from numerous disciplines. Then as Assistant Curator with the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, where I managed dozens of students on a multiphase curation project to rehouse approximately three million artifacts from the Angel Mounds collection. Finally, I recently accepted a position as an Associate Instructor with the IU Anthropology department to teach one of the core department courses.

Statement of Interest: I have been a member of the Plains Anthropological Society since 2013, served as one of the earliest members of the Student Affairs Committee, and co-organized the 2019 Annual PAS Conference. Since I am close to finishing my degree, I am situated between both the student and professional worlds and so engaged in the interests and needs of both. I have spent my graduate career working closely with students and consider my role as mentor to be one of my most important. If elected, I would help advance the participation of students in annual conferences, journal submissions, and social media campaigns. Additionally, I would like to join other board members in their efforts to amplify the voices of Indigenous peoples and those of underrepresented communities. It is my belief that the Plains Anthropological Society has an important role in engaging with current discourse about the responsibility of anthropology in the stewardship of cultural resources. And an obligation to stimulate dialogue about ethical practices as anthropologists and humans. This conversation will require an evolving understanding of where we are as a discipline and how we can thrive as a holistic field dedicated to the study of the human condition. It would be my honor to participate in these discussions as a member of the PAS Board of Directors.

Cody Newton

Principal Investigator

Quality Services Incorporated

Candidate's Background: I have been working in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains for over 20 years in both academia and cultural resource management. I hold a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Colorado – Boulder and currently work at Quality Services Incorporated in Rapid City, South Dakota. My research foci include Paleoindian studies, bison evolution, bison-based subsistence, early European exploration, Native American equestrianism, the historic Plains Indian Wars, and historic Euro-American settlement.

Statement of Interest: The Plains Anthropological Society is a keystone institution for anthropologists working in the Great Plains and adjacent regions. If elected, I would work to ensure that the society continues to evolve and stay relevant in these changing times. It is important to enhance student involvement and include student perspectives that foster beneficial

relationships with these future anthropologists. I also feel it necessary that the society maintain strong ties with the cultural resource management industry and always strive for diversity.

Evelyn Pickering

Independent Contractor/

Designated Campus Colleague, University of Arizona

Candidate's Background: Evelyn Pickering is a cultural anthropologist who specializes in applied ethnographic research questions. Her experience has varied regionally throughout North America and the Caribbean but has consistently interrogated culturally-specific knowledge of natural resources and connections to landscapes to inform management plans. Evelyn Pickering earned a graduate certificate in Administration and Management of American Indian Natural Resources from the American Indian Studies (AIS) and School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) departments at the University of Arizona in 2017. In 2020, she earned her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the School of Anthropology (SOA) from the University of Arizona. Her dissertation, entitled Reaching Environmental Sovereignty through Cultural Resilience: the Blackfeet Water Compact, analyzed how divergent worldviews contributed to over a century of environmental conflict regarding Blackfeet water rights and infrastructure from the establishment of the Blackfeet Reservation in 1855 to the ratification of the Blackfeet Water Compact in 2017. This research included an Indian water rights analysis and a history of the 30-plus-year negotiations underpinning the Compact, framed by a synthesis of Blackfeet lived experience and creativity, Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution, and environmental sovereignty. She is interested in facilitating engagement and collaboration and translating values, and interest across stakeholder groups aims to promote informed, appropriate, and long-lasting management strategies. Evelyn Pickering is currently working as an independent contractor and is also a Designated Campus Colleague at the University of Arizona.

Statement of Interest: As a recent graduate, I am interested in expanding my professional engagement and outreach experience as a member of the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) board. In 2019, I served as the chair of the PAS student affairs committee. I attended the board meeting in Bloomington, IN, as the student affairs chair, so I am familiar with the responsibilities and expectations associated with the position. While completing my graduate education, my experience within the PAS was highly valuable. The connections I have made, and feedback I received on my work helped me develop as a scholar. As a result, I am very interested in serving the society as an active board member. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to different committees and support the mission and members of PAS.

Shawn Bubel

Professor of Archaeology

University of Lethbridge

Areas of Interest: Northern Plains, geoarchaeology, faunal analysis, field school education, public outreach

Candidate's Background: I am a Professor of Archaeology at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada. I have been teaching at the university for more than 20 years. We have a small but robust archaeology program with about 35-40 undergraduates and a few graduate students. I teach a number of different courses cycled over several years, including Introduction to Archaeology, Plains Archaeology, North American Archaeology, Geoarchaeology, Materials Analysis, and the Archaeology Field School. I enjoy them all but the field schools are my favorite courses to teach. These experiential courses provide opportunities for incredible academic, professional, and personal growth. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the students gain confidence in themselves. I am fortunate that I am able to combine my research and teaching. Some of my recent field projects involving students include the excavations at the Fincastle bison kill site in southern Alberta and Tel Beth-Shemesh in Israel. I am also involved in the rock art monitoring program at Writing-On-Stone and am starting a new excavation project at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump this summer (2021). I am heavily involved with the Archaeological Society of Alberta. I have served as President for several terms and am the co-editor of the Alberta Archaeological Review. I am a strong advocate for public outreach and education, and work to instill an appreciation for cultural heritage.

Statement of Interest: I am honored to be considered as a board member of the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS). I am excited to share my experiences north of the 49th parallel and to work with others that are passionate about Plains archaeology. I am happy to help with the many tasks needed to run the PAS. You can count on me to be an active board member. I would like to explore ways to increase student membership and involvement, as well as public outreach, and I am keen to host a PAS conference in Alberta, but I will work hard on whatever initiatives the board decides to pursue.

Spencer Pelton

Wyoming State Archaeologist
Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources

Candidate's Background: I am the Wyoming State Archaeologist, a position of Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources. I have researched Plains and Rocky Mountains archaeology since 2010, having received my Master's degree from Colorado State University and PhD from the University of Wyoming (UW). As State Archaeologist, I am tasked with administration of the UW Archaeological Repository, the recovery of inadvertently discovered human burials from private and state lands, public outreach and education, and instructing courses at UW as an adjunct faculty member. I have a varied background in Federal, State, academic, and private sectors and understand the challenges unique to each. My research primarily concerns hunter-gatherer archaeology in the High Plains and Rocky Mountains, with 'big picture' topical interests in geoarchaeology, the peopling of the New World, and human thermoregulation.

Statement of Interest: I am interested in serving on this Board because the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) is one of the most important archaeological societies in North America and it would be a huge honor to serve it. The PAS is tasked with the challenge of bringing together people from an enormous swath of North America that spans multiple Nations and an incredibly diverse archaeological record. Their legacy as a 'regional' Society understates

their importance in being a truly cosmopolitan archaeological society. My position often places me at the nexus between greatly varied approaches to the archaeological record, and one of its great challenges is bringing them closer to a unified vision of archaeological ethics and practice. It would be in this spirit that I enter as a Board member of the PAS.