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Areas of Interest: North American archaeology, zooarchaeology, subsistence, co-species relationships, canids, 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. I then received my M.A. in 2017 and my Ph.D. in 2022, both from Indiana University, Bloomington. My field experiences include extensive high-altitude archaeology training in Wyoming and Montana. For my dissertation research, I 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 have three peer-reviewed publications: a journal article, a co-edited book, and a book chapter. In 2020, I co-edited the book, *Dogs: Archaeology beyond Domestication*, published by the University Press of Florida. My chapter in this volume examines domestic dog provisioning by Indigenous peoples practicing mobile and sedentary subsistence strategies. My 2022 article in the *Journal of Zoology* examines the dietary behavior of modern gray wolves revealing evidence of increased food stress over the past fifty years, possibly linked to climate change. While completing my graduate training, I 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 student 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.

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 recently finished my degree, I am situated between both the student and professional worlds and therefore 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 the 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.

Carlton Shield Chief Gover (He/Him/His)

Affiliate Professor of Anthropology and Curator of Public Archaeology, Indiana University,
Bloomington
Pawnee Nation

Candidate's Background: Carlton received his bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Radford University in Virginia and his M.A. in 2019 from the University of Wyoming. He is expected to complete his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Colorado Boulder in the Fall of 2022. Carlton is a citizen of the Pawnee Nation, serves on the Board of Directors for the Museum of the Pawnee Nation, and is currently involved in the Pawnee Nation's initiative in drafting and adopting a new National Constitution. Carlton also serves on the Board of Directors for The History Underground and the Lamb Spring Archaeological Preserve. Additionally, he serves as co-chair for the SAA's Committee on Native American Relations and Strategic Planning Committee (Design Team). As a graduate student, Carlton has served as the Chair of the PAS Student Affairs Committee from 2019 to 2021 and the Communications Chair from 2017 to 2019. He is also the host of an anthropology podcast called A Life in Ruins which is hosted by the Archaeology Podcast Network. He has worked as a Research Assistant at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in analyzing and publishing the Jones-Miller collection.

Statement of Goals: If elected to the board, I will urge the Society to increase engagement with descendant communities, develop public outreach media and programs, and increase student engagement and membership.

Cody Newton

Principal Investigator, SWCA Environmental Consultants

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 am a principal investigator for SWCA Environmental Consultants in Sheridan, Wyoming. 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. The society must remain important to current and future anthropologists by adapting to the societal and economic changes wrought by the COVID pandemic. 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. I also feel it necessary that the society maintain strong ties with the cultural resource management industry and continue to strive for diversity.

Bryon Schroeder

Director, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX

Candidate's Background: Bryon is the director of the Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State University. He earned a PhD from the University of Montana (2015) and also holds MA (2010) and BA (2006) from the University of Wyoming. His interests center on public archaeology and educating different communities on the importance of preservation and archaeological literacy. He has worked throughout the montane West, coastal California, and is now researching in the Chihuahuan Desert. He is the series editor for the *Journal of the Big Bend*, published in *Advances in Archaeological Practice*, *Kiva*, *Lithic Technology*, and *The Journal of Archaeological Science*, and contributed to multiple edited volumes.

Statement of Goals: I am an ardent advocate for engaging public communities and fostering a passion for archaeology. If elected to the Board I would advocate for continued outreach and education opportunities that Plains can provide. I believe increased access to and visibility of archaeological research and sites helps foster an appreciation and stewardship of a genuinely non-renewable resource. In the Board capacity, I would work hard to engage potential resource stewards and increase interest and participation in the Plains Anthropological Society.

Veronica Mraz

Project Archaeologist, Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist

Candidate's Background: Veronica Mraz is from Des Moines, Iowa. She participated on her first archaeological dig at the age of 16 in Cherokee County, Iowa (the Crocker Site) and has never looked back. Veronica attended the University of Iowa where she completed her BA in Anthropology (2010). During her time at the University of Iowa she assisted on archaeological investigations at the Scott County Pueblo in Kansas. She then went on to receive her MA (2013) and PhD (2019) from the University of Tulsa in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her MA focused on changes in mobility across multiple environmental zones in the Southern Plains between the Plains Woodland and Plains Village time periods. Her PhD research focused on understanding the effects of heat treatment on chert and developing methods to try and systematically identify heat treatment macroscopically using quantitative methods. While in Oklahoma, Veronica worked for several CRM companies as a field technician and worked as an intern for the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office assisting with various projects including artifact analysis and monitoring. Veronica is currently employed by the Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist in Iowa City, Iowa as a project archaeologist, where her primary role is to perform cultural resource management projects. Veronica is currently on the PAS Distinguished Service Awards Committee.

Statement of Interest: I would love to see PAS continue to thrive and grow. To that end as a board member I would look for ways to continue to engage and foster students into PAS, being more active members than just a place to present at a conference, and encourage their learning from the more experienced members, as they are a wealth of knowledge. Additionally, I believe that we need to continue making greater strides to increase the diversity within PAS and our partnerships with Indigenous Peoples.

Devin B. Pettigrew

Field Director, PaleoWest LLC

Scholar in Residence, University of Colorado Boulder

Candidate's Background: Devin Pettigrew is a scholar in residence at the University of Colorado Boulder and a field director with PaleoWest LLC, currently working in the high plains, mountains, and intermountain regions. He received a B.A in Anthropology and Art as well as an M.A. in Anthropology at the University of Arkansas. Later Devin attended the University of Colorado Boulder where he earned a Ph.D. in Anthropology. Working at the Arkansas Archaeological Survey and attending school at the U of A, he studied archaeological materials from Ozark bluff shelters and open sites peripheral to the Plains. In 2013 he began attending Plains Anthropological Conference meetings and became a society member. Devin has since presented one poster and four papers and has coauthored two posters and one paper at Plains Conference meetings. Devin's principal research focus is on the tools and tactics of ancient hunting cultures. His experimental and archaeological research into the atlatl and dart projectile system has led to publications in *Plains Anthropologist*, and *American Antiquity*.

Statement of Interest: If elected to the board, I would like to focus on ways to broaden our outreach through social media platforms. Archaeology is a pursuit that can and should benefit the public, but public outreach does not always have to be painful for professional archaeologists. Used effectively, social media offers an accessible outlet for the regular dissemination of archaeological knowledge and improves public access to archaeological knowledge. I would also like to focus on providing a digital version of the Plains Anthropological journal. This was a principal focus of mine as editor of the *The Atlatl*, newsletter of The World Atlatl Association. At least some members, including myself, have naturalized to digital consumption of information, and this offers an opportunity to reduce printing costs.