

Warren Davis

Research Archaeologist, Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa, Iowa City

Background:

Warren Davis grew up in Iowa City, IA. He received his Master of Science in Cultural Resource Management Archaeology from St. Cloud State University in 2018, and his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Iowa in 2011. He has been a member of the Plains Anthropology Society since 2015. Davis has authored numerous reports as a research archaeologist at the Office of the State Archaeologist and produced presentations and articles for both professional audiences and the public. His research interests include lithic technology, technological organization strategies, raw material procurement and utilization strategies, remote sensing methods, and geospatial information systems (GIS) technology. He is a member of the Iowa Archaeological Society, Plains Anthropological Conference, Midwestern Archaeological Conference, and the Society for American Archaeology. Davis has previously served on the Plains Anthropology Conference Ethics and Inclusion Committee.

Statement of Goals:

Since joining the PAS in 2015 I have benefitted greatly from both professional relationships as well as the deep friendships I have developed with the members. In recent years, much time and effort has been spent in making the PAS an attractive organization for prospective members, and if elected to the board I will help contribute to those continuing efforts. As anthropology is a science that benefits from collaboration from multiple disciplines and all walks of life, I will work to encourage growth of membership from less-represented populations. Finally, if elected to the board I will seek to make PAS an attractive organization for prospective student members seeking guidance or professional development in the formative years of their anthropological careers.

Abby Fisher

Human Osteology Specialist, AR Consultants, Inc., Richardson, TX

Background:

Abby has worked in both academia and in CRM on the Plains for the last ten years. While her dissertation research is focused on the northern Plains in North and South Dakota, she has simultaneously worked for CRM firms on the southern Plains. She earned her B.Sc. in Anthropology from Michigan State University in 2007, a M.Sc. in Archaeological Science from University of Oxford in 2009, and an M.A. in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University in 2014. She is currently a PhD Candidate at Southern Methodist University. For the past five years, Abby has been working as a Human Osteology Specialist and/or Bioarchaeology Laboratory Director, excavating and analyzing prehistoric and historic cemeteries. Additionally, she serves as Vice President of Principal Research Group, a non-profit organization focused on the public outreach, education, and the identification of descendants from the Bullhead Bayou Prison Camp Cemetery in Sugarland, Texas.

Statement of Goals:

With experience in both academia and in commercial archaeology, a goal for PAS is to work on encouraging further collaboration, cooperation, and publications between these two sectors of archaeology, especially further involvement in PAS by graduate students. I also want to further encourage the involvement of local archeological societies with Plains programs, as they are an untapped resource and the unsung backbone of archaeological research, particularly on the Plains.

Kelsey Rose Hoppes

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Colorado Boulder
Archaeologist, Centennial Archaeology, Boulder, CO

Background:

Kelsey has been a Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) member for three years. She has an MA degree from the University of Boulder (2022) and began her Ph.D. in 2023. 2019 she received a BA in Anthropology from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. Her archaeological interests include ethnogenesis, negotiated identities (individual and community), ceramic attribute-based analysis in the Great Plains and Midwest, and gender disparities within today's archaeological practice; specifically, she is currently investigating processes of newly coalesced community's social identities in the central Great Plains. She recently co-authored a paper presented at the 2023 SAA's "The Names We Know: Labor and Prestige in Archaeological Publishing." She has encouraged student participation in Great Plains archaeology by providing hands-on experience in a CU ceramic lab she developed in 2020 and in PAS by acting as a mentor in several Student Poster presentations.

Statement of Goals:

In today's political and social climate in which PAS finds itself, it is imperative that we carefully review and actively stand by our Code of Ethics. As an anthropologist, I feel that we are presented with an opportunity to create a safe and supportive environment for diversity and autonomy. As a Board member, I will encourage attention to those political and social initiatives that directly affect the work of archaeologists on the Great Plains in order that PAS continues to advocate and uphold our obligations as responsible scientists. Importantly, continued membership growth is key to PAS's ongoing scientific contributions and role in the larger archaeological community. Looking towards the future, I will also work to encourage membership retention and an influx of student archaeologists by promoting more student-oriented activities and networks within and outside the Society.

Timothy A. Reed

Research Archaeologist, State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck

Background:

Timothy Reed (Tim) received a B.A. in History from St. Ambrose University (1991) and an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Iowa (1997). Tim worked on numerous projects for the Office of State Archaeologist of Iowa, in both the General Contracts and Highway Archeology programs. He was later active in CRM and education programs at the Center for American Archeology in Kampsville, Illinois. Tim has been employed since 2002 as a research archaeologist with the Archaeology & Historic Preservation Department of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. He is a long-term member of the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) and served on the conference committee of the 75th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference held in Bismarck (2017). Tim is a long-time member of the North Dakota Archaeological Association, having served as both past president and past secretary/treasurer. He currently serves as treasurer of the Cynthia Kordecki Scholarship, a 501(c)3 organization providing financial assistance to individuals “to promote the scientific investigation, preservation and publication of archaeological research in North Dakota”. Tim’s research interests include Great Plains, Middle Missouri subarea, earthlodge villages, historical archaeology, Geographic Information Systems, public education/outreach, cultural resource management, zooarchaeology, and UAVs in archaeology.

Statement of Interest:

It’s an honor to have been nominated as a candidate for the PAS Board of Directors. I’ve been a PAS member for over 25 years and remain excited about our future. We’re a diverse and vibrant group, with academic, professional, and avocational representation amongst our membership. We’ve seen tremendous growth over the last decade and our outlook is bright, but much remains to be done to ensure the Society continues to prosper. I look forward to celebrating the contributions of both long-time and newly recognized PAS members. We must continue to respectfully engage and strengthen bonds with Native American/First Nations communities, to develop and encourage student participation, and to celebrate the diversity of our membership as one of our greatest strengths.

Patrick Trader

Senior Principal Investigator, Gray & Pape, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

Background:

I have been a member of the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) since 1985. I have an MA in Anthropology from the University of Missouri-Columbia (1992) with a specialty in Precontact archaeology. I have worked in CRM for over 40 years and have worked for the State Historic Preservation Office in West Virginia, as well as University based CRM departments. I have been at Gray & Pape since 2006 and have led surveys, geoarchaeological studies, site evaluations and mitigations in North and South Dakota, as well as the Midwest. My interests include geoarchaeology and toolstone conveyance. I am conducting research into the occurrence and distribution of Knife River Flint at Middle Woodland sites in Indiana. Recently, I have served as the President of the Indiana Archaeology Council and as a board member of the Kentucky Association of Professional Archaeologists. During my career, I have had the opportunity to participate in all facets of archaeology which has given me an overall perspective for the discipline of archaeology.

Statement of Goals:

I am honored to be considered a board member of the PAS. As a board member, I will represent all members of the PAS, but will focus my efforts on the continual support of all students to participate in attending the PAS meetings and encouraging the continued participation and attendance of Native Americans in the PAS. I believe that we must support the next generation of archaeologists as much as we can.

Gary Wowchuk
Swan River, Manitoba

Background:

Gary has been a member of the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) starting in the 1980's and has presented at a number of the Annual Conferences. He has worked in the cultural resource management field and is now making a good living as a Quality Control manager and Heritage consultant for Spruce Products, also acting as a heritage advisor for a western Manitoba First Nation. He is currently serving as a board member of the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society, Swan Valley Historical Museum, Parkland Archaeological Lab, the Duck Mountain Forest Centre, and is on the board of trustees for the Swan Valley School Division. Gary is a member and has served on the executive of a number of Archaeological Societies including the Association of Manitoba Archaeologists. As a result of his volunteerism and commitment to heritage preservation he was the recipient of the Manitoba Lieutenant Governor's Historical Preservation and Promotion Award. Gary's interests include the Paleo-Indigenous settlement of the Glacial Lake Agassiz basin, Lithic sources and technology, the development of precontact ceramics in the parkland zone of the northern plains, and the early fur trade in the northern Plains/Parkland interface.

Statement of Goals:

If elected to the Board, I will commit to advocating for improved communication between and with professionals and non-professionals. It is vital for us to stand with a unified voice to communicate the importance of what we do to further the objective of advocating for site preservation, the support for research, and importance of archaeology to government and private entities. I would advocate for society members to increase their public archeology efforts, outreach programs, fostering stewardship of archeological sites and artifacts with avocational archeologists. I will advocate for the PAS to continue developing student participation in the society, create opportunities for student involvement in and beyond the conference attendance, enhancing their opportunities to network with professionals across the region early in their careers. I am a strong proponent of meaningful engagement leading us down the path to the decolonization in archaeology and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. The northern Plains have always been a huge part of the PAS I would commit to offering a Canadian perspective to board conversations.