

## **PAS President-Elect Nominees**

### **Brooke M. Morgan**

Curator of Anthropology & NAGPRA Contact, Illinois State Museum Research & Collections Center, Springfield IL

#### *Background:*

Brooke Morgan has been engaged in archaeological research for more than twenty years in academic, museum, and cultural resource management settings, and has been a member of the Plains Anthropological Society since 2007. She earned her BS in Anthropology and BA in Environmental Studies from Loyola University Chicago (2008), followed by an MA (2010) and PhD (2015) in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University. Brooke has worked on numerous projects on the Great Plains and adjacent regions, from Paleoindian campsites to pioneer cemeteries. Since 2018, she has been the Curator of Anthropology at the Illinois State Museum where she oversees the care of more than ten million objects. Brooke is a strong proponent of collections-based and collaborative research. She has recently served on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Archaeological Survey and the Illinois Association of Museums; the conference committee for the 87<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Society for American Archaeology meetings; as series editor of the journal *North Dakota Archaeology*; and as the Archeologist Consultant for Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to establish their Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO).

#### *Statement of Interest/Goals:*

My primary goal is to continue making archaeological collections and museums accessible to descendant communities, researchers, and the public. If elected to the Board as President, I will work to create and improve opportunities for collections-based research for students, avocationalists, and established professionals alike. I am committed to recruiting and retaining Native American scholars and individuals from underrepresented communities to enrich our study of the past. The Plains Anthropological Society is uniquely positioned to draw from its membership to increase public awareness of archaeology and improve scientific communication to the general public, highlight the critical role communities play in historic preservation, and advocate for ethical stewardship and protection of cultural resources. The latter is of special concern given the potential for deregulations at the federal level. Moreover, I would encourage the Board and membership to reflect on the position of the PAS in the broader professional community and how we may continue building a healthy and impactful organization in the coming years.

## **Carlton Shield Chief Gover**

Assistant Professor of Anthropology & Curator of Archaeology, University of Kansas, Lawrence KS

### *Background:*

Dr. Carlton Shield Chief Gover (Pawnee Nation) is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Assistant Curator of Archaeology at the University of Kansas, where he also serves as affiliate faculty in the Museum Studies and Indigenous Studies Programs. A citizen of the Pawnee Nation, he is a scholar in Great Plains archaeology, Indigenous archaeology, and collaborative museum practices. Dr. Shield Chief Gover earned his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Colorado Boulder with certifications in Museology and Native American & Indigenous Studies (2024), M.A in Anthropology from the University of Wyoming (2019), and B.S. in Anthropology from Radford University (2016). His dissertation, *The Seeds of Ethnogenesis*, explored the formation of Central Great Plains Village societies through Indigenous methodologies and Bayesian chronological modeling.

Dr. Shield Chief Gover's scholarship bridges archaeological science with Indigenous knowledge systems, with research on maize agriculture, horse dispersal, and radiocarbon chronology. He is co-editor of *Indigenizing Archaeology* (University of Florida Press) and a co-author of the 2023 Science article "Early Dispersal of Domestic Horses into the Great Plains and Northern Rockies," which earned the AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize.

He is a past Board Secretary of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation (2018 -2024) and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Plains Anthropological Society (2022 – Present), where he serves on the Native American Student Award and as Chair of the Sensitive Image Policy Committee. Previously, as a graduate student, he served on the PAS Student Affairs Committee as the Communications Chair (2016 – 2019) and then as the Committee Chair (2019 -2022). Nationally, he is the Co-Chair of the Society for American Archaeology's Committee on Native American Relations (2021 – Present) and served on the SAA's strategic planning committee (2021 – 2022).

### *Statement of Interest/Goals:*

After inquiring whether I could run again for the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) Board of Directors, I was encouraged to self-nominate for the role of President. If elected, I would focus on three key priorities. First, I am committed to increasing PAS membership by expanding outreach to students and early-career professionals, while also encouraging greater participation from cultural anthropologists, linguistic anthropologists, and Tribal Citizens and employees whose work engages with the Plains. Second, I will help the Society navigate the new NAGPRA regulations by fostering transparency, accountability, and respect, positioning PAS as a national leader in ethical and professional engagement with Sovereign Tribal Nations. Third, I will promote inclusive, community-engaged scholarship by developing mentorship opportunities and cross-disciplinary programming that empower both Tribal and non-Tribal practitioners to co-create knowledge and steward heritage collaboratively. Through these priorities, I hope to sustain PAS as a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking organization.

## **PAS Board of Directors Nominees**

### **Jaimie D. Adams**

Graduate Student, Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales NM

#### *Background:*

Jaimie D. Adams is a second-year master's student in Anthropology at Eastern New Mexico University, where she focuses on archaeology and specializes in rock imagery documentation, interpretation, and preservation. She plans to pursue a PhD in Anthropology upon completing her MA in Spring 2026. Jaimie has been an active member of the Plains Anthropological Society for three years. Jaimie currently serves as Publications Coordinator for the Colorado Archaeological Society, Board Member of the Colorado Rock Art Association, and as Secretary for the SAA's Rock Art Interest Group. She has conducted fieldwork across the Plains and Southwest, with her thesis research centered on the documentation and interpretation of the Trincheras Cave rock imagery site in southeastern Colorado. She is a recipient of multiple competitive awards, including the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship and the SAA Cheryl Wase Memorial Scholarship. In addition to her academic work, Jaimie has served in numerous student leadership positions and is deeply involved in mentorship and outreach. Her commitment to cultural heritage, student advancement, and inclusive archaeology exemplifies the mission and values of the Plains Anthropological Society.

#### *Statement of Interest/Goals:*

It is an honor to be considered for a position on the Plains Anthropological Society Board of Directors. As a proud member of PAS for the past three years, I bring to the Board both the passion of a student and the lived experience of someone who has navigated a non-linear educational journey. If elected, I would work to foster stronger connections with the dynamic group of archaeologists that make up PAS membership. I would work to advocate for the de-colonization of archaeology, encourage expanded student participation, promote transparent communications, support collaborative initiatives, and campaign for public outreach and education programs. I want to establish avenues for archaeologists to collaborate and build relationships with Native Americans/First Nation communities in an effort to de-colonize archaeology and archaeological practices. I believe PAS is uniquely positioned to lead in ethical, inclusive, and community-engaged archaeology, and I would be honored to serve as a Board member in that pursuit.

**Scott D. Brosowske**

Executive Director, Courson Archaeological Research, Perryton TX

*Background:*

Scott Brosowske is the executive director of Courson Archaeological Research (CAR). Raised in Minnesota, he received his BA from the University of Texas at Austin. After a short stint working in CRM, he moved to Oklahoma and received an MA and PhD from the University of Oklahoma. CAR is a privately funded entity based in the Texas panhandle. His research interests are broad and include human adaptations through time and across space beginning in the Early Holocene to Reservation Period Equestrian Societies. He conducts archaeological fieldwork and research in the Southern and Central Plains and adjacent regions. Scott promotes a collaborative or community anthropological approach to research and actively works with professional and avocational archaeologists, landowners, historians, students, Indigenous peoples, and others. He has been a longtime member of the Society and began attending the annual conference in 1994. He has served on the Student Paper Competition Committee since 2005.

*Statement of Interest/Goals:*

If elected to the board, I would continue the trend toward increased inclusiveness of the Society. It is my belief that a diversity of individuals, including Indigenous/First Nations people, avocational archaeologists, students, historians, and others, makes our Society stronger and provides a broader range of perspectives and insights. I would further encourage outreach to communities, such as collectors, metal detectorists, and landowners to promote best practices to document, record, and protect cultural resources. Of course, I would continue practices that encourage involvement in the Society by students.

**Warren Davis**

Project Archaeologist, Office of the State Archaeologist / University of Iowa, Iowa City IA

*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, geomorphology, remote sensing methods, and geospatial information systems (GIS) technology. He has extensive experience with projects involving collaboration with volunteers and students, including an ongoing community-led mastodon excavation in southern Iowa in 2024. He is a member of the Iowa Archaeological Society, Plains Anthropological Conference, and the Society for American Archaeology, and serves on the board of directors for the Association of Iowa Archaeologists. Davis previously served on the Plains Anthropology Conference Ethics and Inclusion Committee in 2022.

*Statement of Interest/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 fellow 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 help continue efforts to make PAS an attractive organization for prospective student members seeking guidance or professional development in the formative years of their anthropological careers, having greatly benefitted from such mentorship in my earlier career.

**Mackenzie J. Cory**

Assistant Professor (Career Track), Department of Anthropology, Washington State University, Pullman WA

*Background:*

Mackenzie J. Cory (Mack) received a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Wyoming (2015) and both M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from Indiana University (2019/2023). During this time, he conducted fieldwork in Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, and Indiana in a variety of roles; and also worked in curation and registration for both archaeological and ethnographic collections at the Indiana University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. After completing his education, he accepted a position at Washington State University and currently teaches the institution's archaeological field school at Hell Gap National Historic Landmark in collaboration with colleagues at the University of Kansas. He has been an active member of PAS since he attended the Fayetteville, AR annual meeting in 2014 (with the exception of the year he accidentally scheduled his wedding on the same weekend as the meeting). He served the society as a member of the student affairs committee from 2015-2017 and as chair of the committee from 2017-2018. He believes strongly in the importance of communicating anthropological work to the public and previously worked with the Society for American Archaeology's Gene S. Stuart Award Committee to recognize excellence in archaeological writing for newspapers and magazines. He communicates his own work to elementary-age children through the *Skype a Scientist* program. Mack's current research interests include examining the influence of colonial contact on Indigenous children in different settings, framing his stone circle research in domestic archaeological theory, and developing a field pedagogy that aligns with the evolving needs and technologies of the CRM industry.

*Statement of Interest/Goals:*

I would like to thank society members for their consideration of my candidacy for the PAS Board of Directors. If elected, my primary goal would be to increase the retention of recent graduates as members of the society. For the past several years we have seen a massive influx of student participation in our annual meetings, something that I consider to be a resounding success. Yet we do not see this same continued boost in membership after colleagues enter the "real world". I would like to identify the shifting needs of those moving from students to professionals and ensure that PAS has systems in place to meet these. I have greatly benefited from mentorship and opportunities offered by members of our organization and wish to ensure that others receive the same.

**Jennifer L. Harty**

Cultural Resources Team Lead and Subject Matter Expert, NAVFAC (Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command), Washington Navy Yard, DC

*Background:*

Jennifer L. Harty currently serves as the Cultural Resources Team Lead and Subject Matter Expert for NAVFAC (Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command) Headquarters. She has worked in both private and public sector for over 20 years and has conducted fieldwork across the Northern Plains and other culture areas in support of NHPA Section 106 compliance, NAGPRA, ARPA, and other applicable laws, regulations, and EOs. Jennifer has presented her work at the Plains Anthropological Conference, the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, and she was a guest lecturer for the Stigler Series at the University of Arkansas, presenting on some of her stone feature alignment work in North Dakota. She has a special interest in Indigenous Knowledge complementing scientific research and has extensive experience working with representatives of tribal nations.

*Statement of Interest/Goals:*

If elected to the Board, I would use the opportunity to work on educating our younger members who are new to their careers or still in university of the many career path options that are available to them. Over the years I have watched many colleagues leave our discipline because they felt there were no options for them outside of fieldwork CRM or academia. As a direct result, we are seeing universities across North America begin to cut or, at minimum, reduce Archaeology and Anthropology programs due to a perceived lack of opportunity in both private and public sectors. The reality is that there is a shortage of applicants at all levels of experience available to fill the roles. It is now up to those currently working within the discipline to ensure students and new graduates are aware of a variety of career paths they can pursue to best fit their own situation.

**Matthew E. Hill, Jr.**

Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa, Iowa City IA

*Background:*

Matthew E. Hill, Jr (the other Matt Hill) is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Iowa. He received an MA from the University of Kansas and a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. His archaeological research focuses on zooarchaeology and land use patterns from sites dating from the Ice Age through the historic period. Matt has conducted archaeological research in the Great Plains, Great Basin, US Southwest, and the Atlantic Coast of Virginia. He has extensive service within the Plains Anthropological Society, including roles as Book Review Editor (2018-2024), co-organizer of two Annual Conferences (2015 and 2025), and member of the Board of Directors (2012-2015) and other committees (Sensitive Image Policy Committee, Student Paper Awards, and Board of Director Nominations).

*Statement of Interest/Goals:*

As an organization, PAS is remarkable for its openness to students, outside researchers, and the interested public. We must maintain the high professional standards for archaeological and anthropological research at our annual conferences and in *Plains Anthropologist*. At the same time, we should increase student involvement and public engagement. For example, the PAS Board could create positions for a student representative and a public outreach officer. The Board should also continue and expand collaboration with Indigenous communities and other community stakeholders. Changes could include implementing a Sensitive Image Policy for conference presentations and journal articles. Other positive changes could include increasing financial support for conference attendance by THPOs and Native Americans and First Nations community members.