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Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO

The 95th Anniversary Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society will be held at the [Embassy Suites Kansas City-Plaza](#), in Kansas City, Missouri, April 21 through April 23, 2016. Faculty, students, independent scholars, and practitioners will present papers and posters and participate in workshops, and roundtables in all fields of anthropology, including applied. The annual CSAS conference offers anthropologists from throughout the Midwest, from institutions large and small, an opportunity to meet, talk, and network in a welcoming and professional environment.

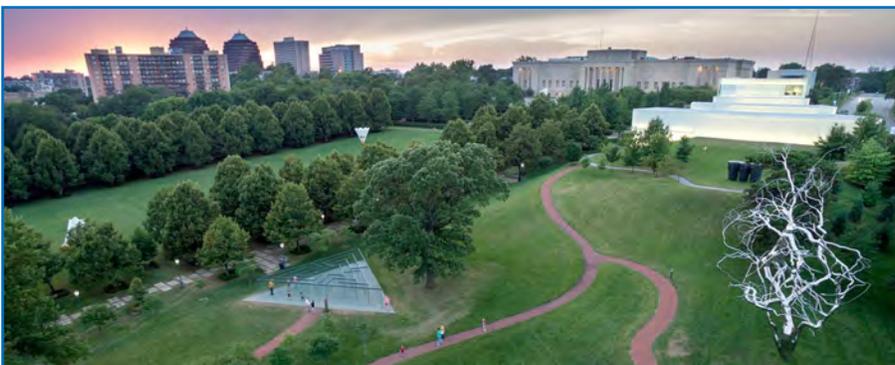
Dr. Miguel Diaz-Barriga and Dr. Margaret Dorsey will jointly give this year's Distinguished Lecture, entitled: *Refracting Class, Color and Citizenship in a World of Walls*.



Dr. Margaret Dorsey and
Dr. Miguel Diaz-Barriga

The Distinguished Lecture and an evening reception (free for registered conference participants) will take place at the renowned Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, within a mile of the hotel. Conference participants will be able to tour the museum for free.

Sponsoring the conference are the [Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art](#), and the anthropology programs of the [University of Central Missouri](#) and the [University of Missouri-Kansas City](#).



Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (<http://www.nelson-atkins.org/>)

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Awards Graduate Student Paper

Woven Identities: The Evolution of a Heritage Art in Indre Sunnfjord, Norway

The prize for best paper by a graduate student, presented at the 2015 meeting, was awarded to Sallie Anna Steiner, of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for her paper, "Woven Identities: The Evolution of a Heritage Art in Indre Sunnfjord, Norway". The paper is based on strong eth-



Sallie Anna Steiner in Norway

nographic fieldwork in western Norway, deepened by historical knowledge of the area and technical knowledge of weaving. The paper's narrative voice tells the story of the people of this rural area as they respond to the influx of commercial cloth and also of tourists, both of which have contributed to the transformation local custom into heritage art.



Sunnfjord, Norway (Pixabay.com)

"If you are a student presenting at this year's meeting, consider submitting your paper for an award. If you've sponsored a student or observe a student giving a paper at this year's meeting, encourage them to submit their paper for an award. For more information, check the CSAS website: [http://](http://csas.americananthro.org/awards/)

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Paper Prizes

The Graduate and Undergraduate Paper Prizes are awarded for research papers based on presentations given at the CSAS Annual Meeting. Submissions are generally due two to three weeks following the meeting. Prizes in each category are \$300 and papers in any area of anthropology are eligible. The Second Vice President of CSAS chairs the Student Paper Prize Committee.

Leslie A. White

The **Leslie A. White Award** was established in 1983 by the estate of Raymond L. Wilder, the father of then President Beth Wilder Dillingham, a former doctoral student of White. Dr. Wilder had wanted to establish a memorial fund for White but was unable to do so before his death. His wishes were made manifest through his daughter. The award was established in honor of White's contributions to the CSAS and to anthropology. The award is meant to assist young scholars (graduate or undergraduate) in any sub-field of anthropology with research expenses

Beth Wilder Dillingham

The **Beth Wilder Dillingham Award** was established in 1989 by Mrs. Una G. Wilder and Clay Dillingham to honor Dillingham's commitment to the CSAS and the discipline and the purpose of furthering anthropology by aiding young scholars (graduate or undergraduate) with dependent children. This award is meant to reflect one of Beth Dillingham's major concerns the difficulty of building an academic career while raising children at the same time. Therefore it is the spirit of the award to assist graduate or undergraduate students in any subfield of anthropology who are responsible for the care of one or more children.

The Immediate Past President of CSAS chairs the White and Dillingham Award Committees. "Young scholar" does not refer to the chronological age but rather the "academic age" of the applicant; They cannot be an established scholar in the field of anthropology but be working toward their degree—thus "young" in the discipline.

Anthropology Bowl

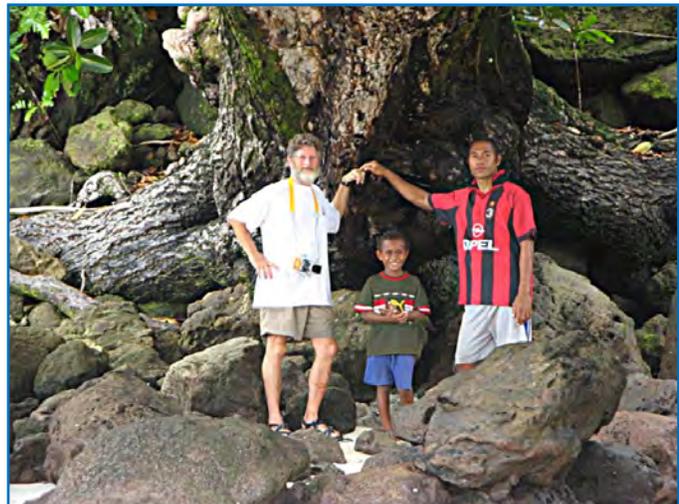
The Anthropology Bowl is an annual trivia competition where teams of students battle to prove their anthropological knowledge. The first competition was held during the 2013 Annual Meeting. The next Anthropology Bowl is Thursday, April 21 from 7:30-9:00 at the annual meeting.

Section Assembly Convener Elected



Rick Feinberg was recently elected to the position of "Section Assembly Convener-Elect." After a year as convener-elect, Rick will begin a three-year term as convener. The convener is the leader of the AAA's Section Assembly, a group consisting of the presidents or representatives of all the AAA's sections. It's through the SA that the sections' concerns are brought to the attention of the AAA's executive board and have a chance to be incorporated into the national association's plans. As convener, Rick will be a member of the SA's executive committee (SAEC) and the AAA's executive board. One implication is that if CSAS members have issues they feel should be considered by the AAA, they should get in touch with Rick and he will make sure their concerns at least receive a hearing. Congratulations Rick!

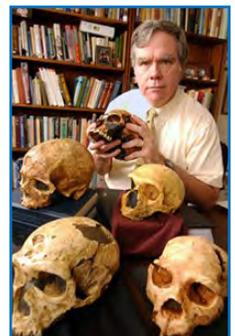
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Mark Your Calendars!

The 96th Annual Meeting of the CSAS will be held April 6-8, 2017 at Embassy Suites - Downtown Lincoln, NE.

Our distinguished speaker is Dr. Fred Smith, world-famous Neanderthal specialist.



Stone Age Institute

Conference Lodging

The 95th Anniversary Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society will be held at the [Embassy Suites Kansas City-Plaza](#).

We have reserved King Suites at a conference rate of \$132 (plus taxes and fees). Each suite comes with a sofa bed (so the suite can accommodate up to 4 people), free WiFi, and also a refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, and a flat-screen TV in each room.

The hotel has both free breakfast and free evening hors-d'oeuvres and drinks.

To reserve a room, use [this link](#).

For the discounted rate, make sure the box with A"merican Anthroplog" is checked and enter "AAA" in the box for group code.

If you have questions about the conference, contact:

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2016 Annual Meeting

Embassy Suites Kansas City-Plaza, in Kansas City, MO



The 95th Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society will be held at the Embassy Suites Kansas City-Plaza, in Kansas City, Missouri, April 21 through April 23, 2016.

Some of the highlights for the meeting are: six workshops (three are on Thursday, so plan to be there early!), Student Networking Reception and Graduate School Fair (Thursday evening), Book exhibit and offprint exchange, the business lunch; the subsidized ticket price is \$8 (Saturday), and a Dinner Reception and Tour at the Nelson-Atkins Museum (Friday evening).

For more details, the preliminary program is available on the CSAS Website: <http://courses.missouristate.edu/mbuckner/CSAS16Program.htm>.



2015 Conference Attendees

2016 CSAS 95th Annual Meeting

Registration

Registration rates: Early online registration rates are: CSAS regular member: \$70; CSAS student member: \$30; non-member: \$90; student non-member: \$40. (After March 21, on-site registration rates are: CSAS regular member: \$90; CSAS student member: \$40; non-member: \$110; student non-member: \$50.) *Note:* if you're already an AAA member, you can join CSAS for \$20 and then pay the member registration rate; so for the price of registration, you also join CSAS!

To register: go to this AAA webpage: <https://secure.americananthro.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=AAAWeb&WebKey=ced2aab5-ccd7-4f28-bd95-01edee542f5e>

Click on "register" under Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) 2016 Spring Conference.

AAA members should login to their account; non-AAA members should create a temporary account.

Once you complete item 3: Select Meeting, the registration categories will appear.

- All meeting participants are welcome to attend the business lunch; the subsidized ticket price is \$8.

Kansas City, MO

Welcome to Kansas City.

It's a place where wide boulevards, bountiful parks, beautiful architecture and more than 200 fountains stand ready to welcome you with open arms – and an open mind.

It's impossible to imagine Kansas City without these three lifelong residents – jazz, barbecue and fountains. And for good reason. They're a testament to the city's culture, history and heart.



2015 Conference Attendees



Willie McKether and Distinguished Lecturer Leith Mullings

Members News

New Publications

Traveling Prehistoric Seas
Alice Beck Kehoe

Poètes nzakara, tome II.
Margaret Buckner

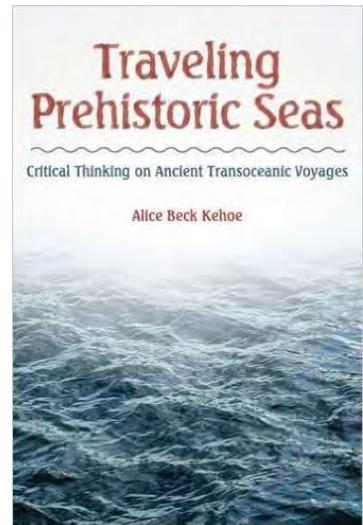


Traveling Prehistoric Seas

Critical Thinking on Ancient Transoceanic Voyages

Alice Beck Kehoe

Paperback (978-1-62958-067-8) - \$26.95
15% off all online book orders
 Hardback (978-1-62958-066-1)
 eBook (978-1-62958-069-2) - \$26.95



Until recently the theory that people could have traversed large expanses of ocean in prehistoric times was considered pseudoscience. But recent discoveries in places as disparate as Australia, Labrador, Crete, California, and Chile open the possibility that ancient oceans were highways, not barriers, and that ancient people possessed the means and motives to traverse them.

In this brief, thought-provoking, but controversial book Alice Kehoe considers the existing evidence in her reassessment of ancient sailing. Her book

- critically analyzes the growing body of evidence on prehistoric sailing to help scholars and students evaluate a highly controversial hypothesis;
- examines evidence from archaeology, anthropology, botany, art, mythology, linguistics, maritime technology, architecture, paleopathology, and other disciplines;
- presents her evidence in student-accessible language to allow instructors to use this work for teaching critical thinking skills.

"Alice Kehoe understands why archaeologists demand extraordinary evidence, but she challenges overly conservative attitudes that sometimes act as blinders to the real possibilities of early transoceanic contacts. Do I agree with everything she says? Hardly. But as is usual in her work, Kehoe raises legitimate questions that dare archaeologists to move beyond status quo thinking." - Larry J. Zimmerman, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

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The Lion Dog (left) and the dog on wheels (above) both come from the Mayan site of Cihuatán, both thirteenth century, both professionally excavated. The "lion-dog" is one of several found near a temple. Note both the Asian lion-dog temple guardian figure, and the Cihuatán figure wear collars with little copper bells! The wheeled animals in this part of Maya lands are the ONLY use of axles with wheels anywhere in the Americas, at any time.

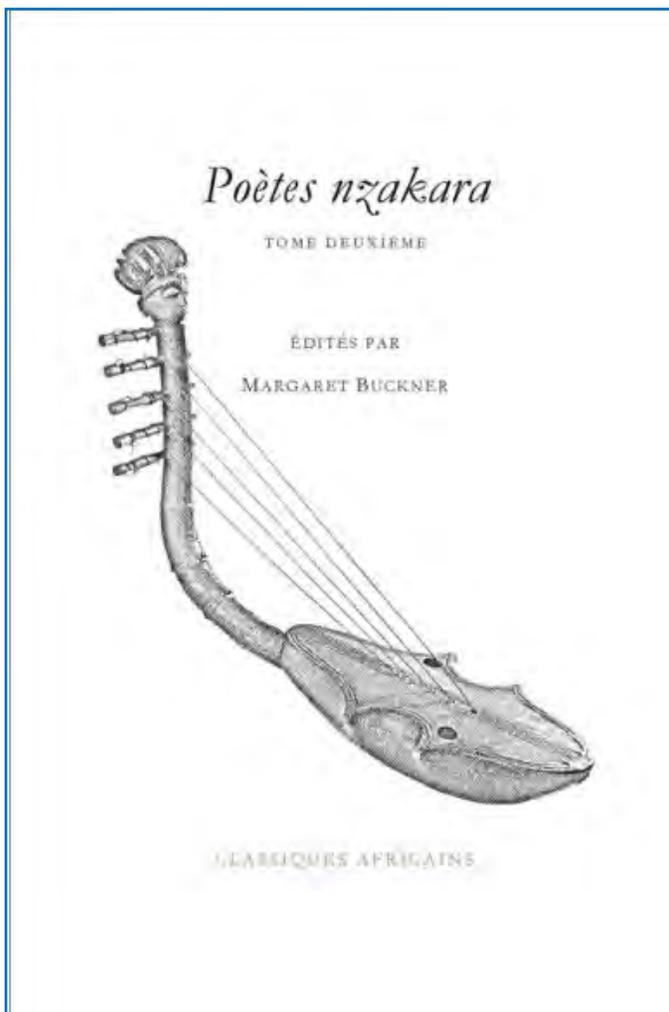
Poètes nzakara, tome II.

Margaret Buckner

Karthala, Paris, 2015, ISBN 9782912839305

Fifty years after Éric de Dampierre published *Poètes nzakara* volume I, Margaret Buckner has published the second half of a collection of poems from eastern Central African Republic first transcribed in the early 1960s. Nzakara poets were also musicians, as they sang their poems while playing a five-string harp. Though the voices of the poets are now silent, their words live on in these pages. In addition to the 28 poems of the original collection, Buckner added three long poems tape-recorded in 1965; the recordings are available on Telemata, a server that allows visitors to listen to audio archives of the CNRS – Musée de l'Homme (http://archives.crem-cnrs.fr/archives/collections/CNRSMH_E_2013_028_001/).

The book includes an introduction, illustrations, indexes, and the corpus of poems in both Nzakara and French.



Where in the World is Matthew?

Ohio

Missouri

California

Australia

Where in the World is Matthew Buttacavoli?

Small Papers, Big Rewards

Big things can come from little presentations. Granted, my presentation at the 2013 Annual Meeting in St. Louis on cellphones and culture change wasn't small, but neither was it my greatest work. Developed from a research paper for one of my classes, all I intended was to practice my presentation skills. Last summer, to my surprise, I was asked by the Information Society Journal to write a book review after being recommended by a colleague who saw my cellphone presentation. The book I reviewed (Don Slater's *New Media, Development & Globalization*) went on to inspire my current doctoral research project at James Cook University, Cairns. These avenues opened up before me because I chose to participate in the CSAS Annual Meetings, and my experience is only one of multiple experiences that have been made possible by this unique space. I encourage any student reading this to consider presenting even "small" research at future CSAS Annual Meetings because great things can happen.

Matthew Buttacavoli

I first met Matthew when he was my student at Northern Kentucky University. Not surprisingly, he stood out as a bright, interested, and enthusiastic student. We remained in touch until he graduated and set off for his next adventure at Kent State.

It wasn't long until our paths crossed at the annual CSAS meeting when Matthew gave a well received presentation on technology and cyborgs. As a student representative to the CSAS board, he has been a vital part of CSAS. We wish him well in his future academic endeavors at James Cook University in Australia.

Melony Stambaugh

MATT'S AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE

JANUARY 15TH
4-8pm
First United Methodist Fellowship Hall

• Food Provided •

Come bid farewell to Matt as he prepares to head off on his next adventure to James Cook University in Australia for his Doctorate in Anthropology program.

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Going away party invitation



Important school supplies should always include an R2/D2 backpack.



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