



Central States Anthropological Society



The Central States Anthropological Society welcomes scholars from all over the world, studying anywhere in the world. Our annual conference fosters inter-generational conversation with a strong, welcoming Midwestern atmosphere of equality, camaraderie and mutual growth. Students enjoy the focused attention and collaborative questions they receive on their research presentations and the opportunity to present alongside some of the big names in anthropology.

Join Us in March!

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Faculty, students, independent scholars, and practitioners are invited to attend to see papers, posters, and organized sessions in all fields and subfields of anthropology, both academic and applied. The 98th annual CSAS conference is student-friendly and features prize paper competitions for both undergraduate and graduate students. It also offers an opportunity for anthropologists from throughout the Midwest, from institutions large and small, to meet, talk, and network in a welcoming and professional environment.

Located at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, this meeting is truly centrally located, midway between St. Louis and Kansas City, just south of I-70. Warrensburg is an easy-to-like small city, and our host anthropologists led by Amber Clifford-Napoleone are presenting lively concerts plus other events.

A highlight of the meeting will be the Distinguished Lecture by famous, and controversial, University of Michigan paleoanthropologist **MILFORD WOLPOFF**. Hear a cutting-edge scientific account of human evolution from a great speaker!



MAKING THE MEETING GREAT FOR *EVERYONE*: REMOVING OBSTACLES

Since 1990, the United States has prohibited discrimination on the basis of disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act ([42 U.S.C. §12101](#))

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americans_with_Disabilities_Act_of_1990).

Like the 1964 Civil Rights Act, it's been slow to be fully implemented. At last, the American Anthropological Association is actively committed to removing impediments to full participation by members, including Central States Anthropology Society members, who may be less able to manage the usual arrangements at conferences. AAA this year appointed a full-time staff person to create means of enabling every member to benefit from its services, including the AAA annual meeting and those of sections such as Central States. Nell Koneczny accessibility@americananthro.org is the new staff person, and she has been working hard to get the word out about the new effort, and to accommodate members' requests.

Among the accommodations available at this year's AAA meeting, in November, were visual captioning of oral presentations and provision of electric scooters to get around the large convention center. Wheelchairs were available upon request. Program arrangers put the Senior Anthropologists' sessions close together and adjacent to a unisex bathroom, after we told Nell that many of our members walk slowly. Sign language interpreters worked at the Business Meeting and at the Presidential Address. Information on availability of assistance was published online with the meeting registration form.

Last year, a Committee on Disabilities met and emailed to develop AAA's offerings. Some of the members had difficulties, others were medical anthropologists whose research worked with persons covered by the ADA. Nell herself tells that she is neurodivergent, a term that covers people in the "autism spectrum", "attention-deficiency", sensory stimulation sensitivity, dyslexia, "hyper-active", etc.--i.e., not recognized as "normal" social behavior, which is "neurotypical". Another disability is muscular weakness that prevents people from carrying on throughout the long days of professional conferences. The AAA's introduction in the November meeting of online "virtual conference" can help such people, as well as those who couldn't travel to the meeting. Nell is familiar with the Committee's discussions, seeks to implement its recommendations and answer its issues, and invites suggestions from members in general.

For our Spring meeting next March, CSAS suggests members who would like assistance for physical, cognitive, or neurodivergent challenges let the program committee know. Or email me, Alice Kehoe akehoe@uwm.edu, as I am the AAA Senior Anthros liaison to Nell's work. Let me mention that when I joined the Disabilities Committee last year, I was surprised at the range of impediments dealt with by AAA members. So impressive, the efforts some of our colleagues make to remain fully active in our discipline--participation in our conferences is so highly valued by many who can't take ordinary activities for granted. ADA has been the law for thirty years come 2020. Our professional organizations are now activating its requirements. --Alice Kehoe

◆ ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATIONS

BETH WILDER DILLINGHAM AWARD

The Beth Wilder Dillingham Award was established in 1989 to honor Beth Wilder Dillingham's contributions to the CSAS and to assist undergraduate or graduate students in any subfield of anthropology who are responsible for the care of one or more children. The 2020 award will be in the amount of **\$500**.

An applicant for the Dillingham Award may be any gender, need not be married, and need not be the legal guardian. Applications for the Dillingham Award should consist of the following,

A., as email attachments in either Word or PDF format: (1) Completed application form; (2) Statement (no more than 1000 words) describing why the award is sought (e.g., to offset expenses for fieldwork, travel, equipment, supplies, or food and lodging); (3) Statement (no more than 1000 words) indicating the importance of the applicant's work to anthropology; (4) Curriculum vitae (no more than 5 pages). (5) Documentation indicating that the applicant is currently caring for a child (e.g., statement from pediatrician, child's school, or teacher).

B. No more than three letters of recommendation from faculty members and others familiar with the applicant's scholarly work, sent either in sealed envelopes with author's signature across the flap, or directly by referee, to the Awards chairperson.

LESLIE A. WHITE AWARD

The Leslie A. White Award was established in 1983 to honor Leslie A. White's contribution to the CSAS and to anthropology. The award was established to enable undergraduate or graduate students to pursue research and publishing in any subfield of anthropology. The 2020 award will be in the amount of **\$500**.

Applications for the White Award should consist of the following:

A. Send as email attachments in either Word or PDF format: (1) Completed application form; (2) Statement (no more than 1000 words) describing why the award is sought (e.g., to offset expenses for fieldwork, travel, equipment, supplies, or food and lodging); (3) Statement (no more than 1000 words) indicating the importance of the applicant's work to anthropology; (4) Curriculum vitae (no more than 5 pages in length).

B. No more than three letters of recommendation from faculty members and others familiar with the applicant's scholarly work, sent either in sealed envelopes with author's signature across the flap, or directly by referee, to CSAS chairperson for Awards.

Deadlines for all application materials for either award - both electronic and mailed - will be announced in the Spring. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed and a decision made no later than June 30, 2020. For more information, contact Angela Glaros at aglaros@eiu.edu. Application forms can be found at the CSAS website, <http://csas.americananthro.org>.



NOTEWORTHY from CSAS members

Indonesia: History, Heritage, Culture (2019)

Kathleen M Adams



Indonesia: History, Heritage, Culture offers a concise, engaging introduction to the historical, political and cultural dynamics of Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous nation and home to the world's largest and most diverse Muslim population. Interweaving brief, anthropologically-informed stories of aspects of everyday life in Indonesia with broader historical accounts of this region, *Indonesia: History, Heritage, Culture* provides textured insights into this vibrant and dynamic archipelago.

Inter-cultural encounters and exchanges as well as globalization are central to Indonesia's story. Adams organizes the book historically, yet each chapter spotlights how the past resonates in contemporary times. Each chapter opens with an image or object that lends insights into a particular era in Indonesia's history. Chapters highlight Indonesia's natural landscape, linguistic and cultural diversity, prehistory, eras of Hindu, Buddhist, and Islamic influence, as well as Chinese and European precolonial trade dynamics. Also addressed are the rise of Dutch colonialism in the archipelago, the Japanese Occupation during World War II, and the struggle for Indonesian independence. Additional chapters cover Indonesia's more recent periods of Guided Democracy, the New Order, and Reformasi, and the final chapter reflects on Indonesia's current challenges and promises for the future.

Available at: <https://www.asian-studies.org/AAS-Online-Store/Key-Issues/BKctl/ViewDetails/SKU/AASKIAS20>



Congratulations to CSASer Heather O'Leary on publishing in *Economic Anthropology* an article that WON FIRST PRIZE of **\$2000** in the 2018 Case Studies in the Environment Prize Competition, which will remain freely accessible throughout 2019 <http://cse.ucpress.edu/content/early/2018/05/08/cse.2017.000810> This important study first was presented as Heather's CSAS prize-winning graduate paper!

Dr. Heather O'Leary, now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida, demonstrates that the CSAS Mentoring Initiative can benefit members from undergraduates to junior faculty. As a recipient of the Mentoring Initiative Funds, she used that award to make significant progress on her book manuscript. The funds helped Heather hire an experienced Developmental Editor to expedite her progress re-conceptualizing parts of her dissertation into a timely, arresting and significant new book. Heather reports that without these funds, it may have taken another year before she was able to circulate the manuscript. She looks forward to continuing to participate as both a mentor and mentee in the CSAS Mentoring Program and urges other faculty, "What are you waiting for--join CSAS!"

Below right, Heather forwards from South Florida a recent photo with her greatest prize



STUDENT PAPER AWARDS / UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE DIVISIONS

The Central States Anthropological Society awards prizes each year for best undergraduate and graduate student papers given at its annual meeting. Prize submissions must be research papers based on presentations given at the 2020 Annual Meeting held in Warrensburg. The prize in **each** category is **\$300**, and papers in any area of anthropology are eligible. Papers should have anthropological substance and not be in some other field of social science or humanities. Research and conclusions should be framed by general anthropological issues. Goals, data, methodology, and conclusions should be presented clearly. Use of original literature is preferred rather than secondary sources. All references should be cited properly. Entries should aim for the style, format, and quality of anthropological journal articles. These will be potentially publishable, but those that require some editing or rewriting may still be chosen for the prize. This year's deadline for submission will be a month after the conclusion of the meeting, giving entrants time to make revisions based on feedback received at their presentation. Reviewers' comments are returned to entrants, providing each author with feedback on their work.

Application instructions: Papers (not the presentation) should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word as .doc or .docx files. Do not use any other file format and follow the formatting requirements below. Include "CSAS student paper submission" in the subject line. Papers should be no longer than TWENTY-FIVE pages in length (double spaced, 12-point type, with standard one-inch margins), plus bibliography. A submission cover page must be included with the paper, indicating the student status of the author (undergraduate or graduate) but not give any identifying information of the author. Within the paper, no headers or footers with author identification information should appear on pages. Include one copy of the applicant submission form. This form will include the author's name, university, title of the paper, student status of graduate or undergraduate, mailing address, email and phone number where they can be reached through. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Prizes will be announced during the summer.

Further information can be found on the CSAS website: <http://csas.americananthro.org>



HAVE YOU NOTICED YOU'RE ON A FIRST NATION'S HOMELAND?

Across the United States, universities, museums, and organizations have been recognizing that they stand on land once the territory of an American First Nation. Statements of acknowledgment have been forged, to be attached to documents and read at openings of conferences. Both the American Anthropological Association and the Society for American Archaeology now begin their annual meetings with a formal introduction of a representative of the First Nation on whose territory the meeting is held. A brief prayer in the representative's ancestral language, and a welcome, follow. Very small steps toward the Truth and Reconciliation that have been Canada's official policy since 1996, yet revolutionary postcolonialism.

Warrensburg, Missouri is in the heart of historic Osage territory. Once the rulers of Cahokia where the Missouri flows into the Mississippi (now St, Louis), according to their own historical knowledge, they moved to a more defensible homeland about 1300. Europeans--Father Marquette and Joliet--met them in 1673, learning that they were the principal trading power in the Midwest. Not until President Grant "made peace" by using his Civil War army and munitions against remaining independent First Nations were the Osage forced to cede their territory and move to their present land in northeast Oklahoma. They ask that we understand the real American history with these words:

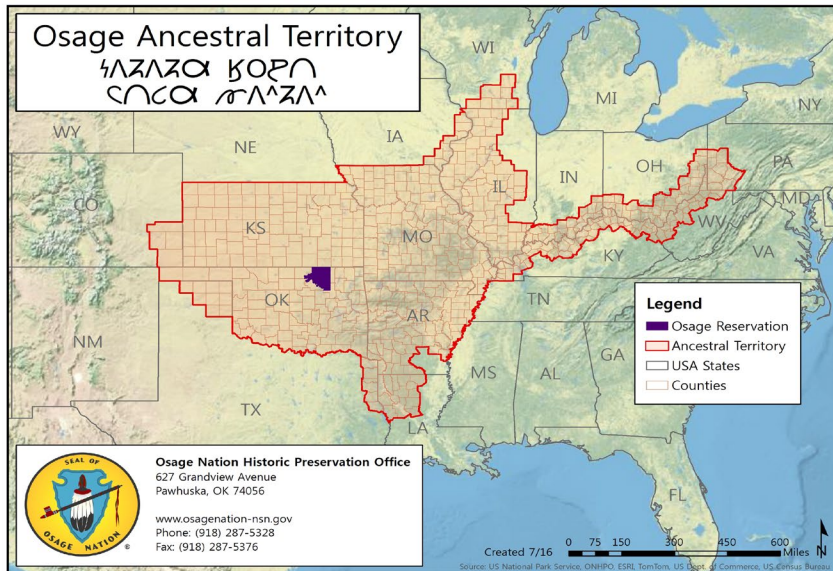
"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral lands of the Osage Nation. The process of knowing and acknowledging the land we

stand on is a way of honoring and expressing gratitude for the ancestral Osage people who were on this land before us.”

<https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/historic-preservation/osage-lands-acknowledgement>

MAP

<https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/who-we-are/historic-preservation/ancestral-map>



CALL FOR PAPERS!

Central States Anthropological Society 2020 Annual Meeting

March 25- 28, 2020

(March 25, Wednesday, will feature workshops. Full meeting sessions begin Thursday.)

University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg

Deadline: January 15, 2020

Faculty, students, independent scholars, and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts for papers, posters, organized sessions, workshops, and roundtables in all fields and subfields of anthropology, both academic and applied.

To submit your 250-word abstract, visit the [conference website](#)

and click the button *at the top right* that says “Submit Your Meeting Session.”

Registration and payment will be managed through the AAA website. Please check our website for updates on the registration portal.

Students:

Before February 25: \$20 for CSAS members/\$40 for non-members

After February 25: \$30 for CSAS members/\$50 for non-members

Professionals:

Before February 25: \$50 for CSAS members/\$90 for non-members

After February 25: \$70 for CSAS members/\$110 for non-members

All presenters will need to be registered before their sessions can be included in the final program.

Let your students and colleagues know--we look forward to seeing you in March!



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***See y'all in March,
we'll have a great time!***



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