



# UPAC NEWS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE UTAH PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL

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## Editor's Note

At long last, I offer for your consumption the Summer 2008 edition of the *UPAC News*. This edition is dedicated solely to the election of new officers and to your approval (or rejection) of a number of proposed changes to UPAC's bylaws. These changes were presented in the Winter 2008 edition of the *UPAC News* and were discussed at last winter's business meeting. These are important changes being proposed by UPAC's Executive Committee, please give them some thought and exercise your membership right to vote. Importantly, please cast both portions of your ballot and return them to Joelle McCarthy, outgoing Vice-President for Membership and Ethics, no later than Saturday, 16 August 2008.

## Election of New Officers

The two-year terms of three offices are ending in accord with the schedule contained in the Bylaws: President, Vice-President for Membership and Ethics, and Treasurer. Three or more candidates are running for each of these offices, please place one vote per office. Additionally, incumbent *Utah Archaeology Editor* Jason Bright wishes to pass the torch of this office to proposed co-editors Chris Watkins and David Yoder. The Executive Committee requests the membership formally assent to this change by voting for Watkins and Yoder as you cast your vote for the other offices. A self-prepared bio for each candidate is presented below.

### President

Four candidates are running for the office of UPAC President: Corinne Springer, Mike Cannon, Kelly Beck and Byron Loosle.

**Corinne Springer.** Corinne Springer holds a MS in Anthropology from the University of Utah. She is currently employed by the Utah Museum of Natural History as Site Manager/Resident Archaeologist for the Range Creek Research Project.

**Mike Cannon.** I am a Principal Investigator with SWCA Environmental Consultants in Salt Lake City. I have also had a variety of academic positions, most recently at California State University-Long Beach, where I received tenure before leaving to take my current position with SWCA in my home state of Utah. I have a B.A. from the University of Utah and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington. I have nearly 15 years of archaeological field experience, primarily in the Great Basin and Southwest, and over a dozen peer-reviewed publications.

As someone who has worked in both CRM and academia, I have striven to foster stronger relationships between these two worlds. I very much believe in the goals that make up UPAC's "mission statement", and if elected I would work tirelessly to help UPAC fulfill those goals for the benefit of Utah's archaeological resources, our professional community, and the public.

**Kelly Beck.** I first became aware of our fascinating past on family vacations through southeastern Utah as a child. I am still awe struck by our incredible archaeology, am proud to be involved in its protection, and am humbled to be nominated for the position of UPAC President.

Allow me this opportunity to introduce myself briefly to those who don't know me. I have been involved in Utah archaeology for most of the last dozen years. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Utah, a graduate degree from California State University, Chico, and I am currently a doctoral candidate in Anthropology at the University of Utah. My research interests revolve principally on addressing the complex set of issues relating to both faunal and lithic resource procurement and use, and I'm currently on the archaeology staff of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

UPAC has important roles to play in advocating strongly for the preservation of Utah's shared cultural heritage and in promoting rigorous research programs that seek to better understand that heritage. These important goals have been well served in recent years by this organization's leadership. I plan to advance these achievements by helping UPAC maintain a strong advocacy presence in issues that affect cultural resource protection and by continuing to build collaboration and momentum in Utah's research community.

**Byron Loosle.** In October 2007 I was named the Bureau of Land Management State Archaeologist. For over 16 years before that I was the Forest Archaeologist on the Ashley National Forest in northeastern Utah. I dabbled in many different things on the Ashley including high elevation archaeology, lithic procurement, the Fremont time period, Ute archaeology and culture history and military history. We had an active intern and public involvement program especially Passport in Time activities.

I received by PhD from the University of Kansas. My dissertation focused on the Great Bend aspect of central Kansas. I received my masters from BYU where I wrote a thesis on Mesa Verde Anasazi projectile points and assisted Dr. Janetski on his Utah Lake project.

### Vice-President for Membership and Ethics

Three additional members are running for the office of Vice-President for Membership and Ethics: Jennifer Beard, Andrew Yentch and Tom Flanigan.

**Jennifer Beard.** Jennifer Beard is a full-time archaeologist for the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and just finished her Master's at BYU. She is also the statewide Secretary for the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society. Jenny's primary interests include historic archaeology (including homesteading - her thesis subject) and the Fremont. She is a major proponent of utilizing existing and surface data rather than excavating.

**Andrew Yentch.** Andy earned his MS in Anthropology from the University of Utah in 2006. He has also been closely involved with the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research (LTRR) at the University of Arizona in Tucson since May 2005, working on a number of dendrochronological projects throughout the American Southwest, Great Basin and Colorado Plateau. His theoretical interests include human behavioral ecology, ethnoarchaeology, the prehistory of the Great Basin and Colorado Plateau, dendroarchaeology, human adaptations to arid environments and prehistoric subsistence technologies.

Andy has worked in the academic, government and private sectors since 2003. He has been intimately involved in the Range Creek Research Project since 2003, serving as a field supervisor and teaching assistant for the University of Utah Archaeological Field School from 2005 through 2006. He also served as a Graduate Research Assistant for the National Science Foundation-funded "Dendroarchaeology of the Range Creek Fremont Project" in 2005 and 2006. Andy maintains his involvement with the Range Creek Research Project as an instructor, active participant and research collaborator.

In 2007, Andy directed field excavations of a 3,000-year-old campsite in the Salt Lake Valley for the Antiquities Section of the Utah Division of State History. He currently manages field operations for the Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance (CPAA) as Senior Archaeological Project Manager. Andy is the lead researcher for the Greater Cedar Mesa Project, a collaborative venture between CPAA and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to better understand and protect Ancestral Puebloan sites in southeastern Utah.

**Tom Flanigan.** Hello UPAC members. I am happy to be nominated for this position with UPAC, and would be glad to serve you in this capacity. I received my BA in anthropology from the University of Montana in 1999, and my MA in anthropology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in 2002. I began working in archaeology as an undergraduate for a small CRM company in Montana and later as a seasonal employee for the Forest Service throughout the rest of my education. After graduation from Fairbanks I began working as the USFS District Archaeologist in Ely, Nevada, and later moved to the Forest Archaeologist position on the Wasatch-Cache NF in late 2004. I am currently one of the Co-Forest Archaeologists on the newly combined Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and I reside in Salt Lake City.

#### **Treasurer**

Three other members are running for the office of UPAC Treasurer: Marty Thomas, Heather Stettler and Andrew Williamson. A short bio of each candidate follows:

**Marty Thomas.** I earned a degree in Anthropology in 2005 at the University of Utah, worked as Assistant Lab Manager at SWCA and an Archaeology Tech at SHPO. Currently I work in the Anthro Lab at the Museum of Natural History and my CRM File Search Services business keeps me busy completing archaeological file searches at SHPO for CRMs throughout the country. I love my job!!

I have been a member of USAS for the past 12 years and have served in leadership positions in the Salt Lake Chapter as well as President of the statewide organization. I have been a member of UPAC for the past 10 years and have held a position on the Executive Committee in the past. I am married to Darrell, have two adult children and a dog named Sophie. We enjoy hiking and camping and canoeing and of course archaeology!!

**Heather Stettler.** Heather Stettler started doing archaeology in cave sites in Western Europe, but has since adapted happily to the open air archaeology of the arid West. She loved statistics in graduate school and now frequently works with budgets and financial information in her role as Director of the Cultural Resources Program for SWCA in Salt Lake City. She'd be delighted to help out with accounting for UPAC.

**Andrew Williamson.** Andrew M. Williamson is an archaeologist and the Utah State Cultural Resource Specialist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Mr. Williamson has eight years of professional experience in cultural resource management, which has included all phases of planning, conducting, and reporting archaeological fieldwork. He has been involved in cultural resources projects throughout the states of Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Alaska, and Arizona. Mr. Williamson's experience includes reviewing projects for compliance with Federal cultural resource laws and regulations, and he has experience in managing and conducting reconnaissance and intensive levels surveys, documentation of historic and prehistoric sites, NRHP eligibility recommendations, archival research, and compilation of project reports. He has worked with a number of state and federal agencies, private interests, and environmental firms. Prior to joining the NRCS, Mr. Williamson worked for SWCA Environmental Consultants in Salt Lake City, Utah; Sagebrush Consultants, LLC of Ogden, Utah; the Idaho State University Lower Alaska Peninsula Project in Pocatello, Idaho and King Cove, Alaska; the Idaho State University Office of Anthropological Research (OAR) in Pocatello, Idaho; and the Department of Anthropology at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho.

#### **Utah Archaeology Editor**

As discussed above, the Executive Committee proposes to empower graduate students Chris Watkins and David Yoder as co-editors of *Utah Archaeology*, the (hopefully) annual journal that UPAC publishes in cooperation with the Utah Statewide Archaeological Society (USAS). A short, self-prepared bio of each proposed co-editor is provided. The Executive Committee beseeches your assent to our nomination of Watkins and Yoder as the journal's new co-editors.

**Chris Watkins.** Chris Watkins is a PhD student at Arizona State University, having previously earned a BA and MA in anthropology at BYU. His MA thesis, *Parowan Pottery and Fremont Complexity: Late Formative Ceramic Production and Exchange* investigated the organization of production and exchange of Snake Valley Black-on-gray ceramics. Watkins is currently working with David R. Abbott, and his dissertation is focused on whether higher-order sociopolitical units emerged in the southern Southwest during Late Classic/PIV times. In addition to the organization of ceramic production and exchange, Watkins' research interests include social organization in small-scale societies, archaeometry, and quantitative analysis.

**David Yoder.** I received my bachelor's degree at Weber State University, my masters at Brigham Young University, and am currently working on my PhD at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. My research interests are varied, but include hunter-gatherer adaptations, Fremont issues, storage and mobility, perishables, curation, and experimental archaeology. My recent field projects have been as diverse as excavating at a terminal Pleistocene/Early Holocene rock shelter (North Creek Shelter) to excavating and writing the history of a historic Mormon fort (Fort Harmony). I've been lucky enough in my career to work in both contract archaeology and academics, and so have experience in both publishing articles and reports of my own, as well as assembling and producing some of

