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PRESIDENT Dr. JOHN P. NASS, JR.

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As I assume the presidency of our organization, I realized that many of you do not know me, so I feel it is appropriate to provide some background information about myself. I am originally a native of Michigan. My education is in Anthropology and Archaeology with degrees from Michigan State University (BA, 1974), Western Michigan University (MA, 1980) and The Ohio State University (Ph.D., 1987). My wife Jean is from Ohio and attended Muskingum College (BA, 1979) and California University (MA, 2001). Our daughter Erin attended Denison University (2012) and currently works for Epic in Madison Wisconsin.

Before accepting a position at California in 1990, I was the senior archaeologist for the consulting firm Archaeological Services Consultants, Inc. (ASC Group, Inc.), a large public archaeology company based in Columbus, Ohio, from 1987-1990. As the senior archaeologist, I helped develop proposals, overviewed data recovery projects, directed specific field undertakings, authored and edited project reports.

After 28 years as a faculty member, I retired in August, 2018. My responsibilities at California included teaching Archaeology and Anthropology courses and student advisement. I am the immediate –past president of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and the president of the Mon-Yough Chapter #3 of that organization. My interest in archaeology covers contact studies, military forts, late prehistoric cultures of the Ohio Valley, use-wear analysis, and prehistoric farming technologies and strategies. Most recently I have been researching the emergence of political complexity in the Ohio Valley during the Late Prehistoric Period, ca. AD 1050 — 1630's, focusing on the prehistoric traditions known as the Monongahela and Fort Ancient.



PRESIDENT-ELECT JONATHAN C. LOTHROP
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With a few brief detours, I've spent my archaeological career in the Northeast. As an undergraduate, I learned Mid-Atlantic archaeology from Fred Kinsey, and took a field school on a Mesolithic shell midden in Scotland's Hebrides. I moved on to graduate school at Binghamton University, working on sites in Alaska, Delaware, New York, and Maine. Completed in 1988, my Ph.D. dissertation investigated Early Paleoindian technology at the Potts site (NY) and in the broader Northeast.

From 1988 to 2007, I worked in cultural resource management at Louis Berger and GAI Consultants as both project manager and principal investigator. During this time, I directed survey, testing, and data recovery projects on primarily Native American sites in the New England, Mid-Atlantic and Ohio Valley regions.

In 2008, I joined the New York State Museum as Curator of Archaeology, with responsibilities for care of the Native American archaeology collections, and public education and outreach. I've also returned to researching Paleoindian sites and collections, including restart of the New York Paleoindian point survey, initiated by Bill Ritchie, Bob Funk and Beth Wellman. Now named the New York Paleoindian Database Project, this research has also led us to field investigation of several fluted point sites. In this work, I've been fortunate to collaborate with professional archaeologists and earth scientists at the NYSM and other institutions, and with avocational archaeology colleagues across the state. Together, we've contributed to better understandings of how early Native Americans adapted to the late Pleistocene and early Holocene landscapes that we now call New York.



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I graduated from Beloit College in archaeology in 1966, having spent 3 field seasons working in northern Wisconsin under Dr. Robert Salzer and the Northern Lakes Project. I immigrated to Ontario, Canada in 1968, where I completed my MA and PhD at the University of Toronto, working on the shield Archaic of northern Ontario. In 1975 Wilfrid Laurier University asked me to run a field school. I then spent the next 25 field seasons completely excavating a 17th century Huron (Wyndot) village (The Ball Site). In 1976 I received a full time position at Wilfrid Laurier University and spent 32 years working with some amazing students. Presently I am Professor Emeritus and am principal with Archaeological Research Associates Ltd., a CRM

firm in Ontario.

I first attended ESAF meetings as a graduate student, beginning probably about 1978. In Buffalo in 1985 I was a participant when the first Canadian/American Friendship party began and I have carried the cup back and forth across the border for many years. I served as President of ESAF in 2010-2012 and again in 2016-2018.



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
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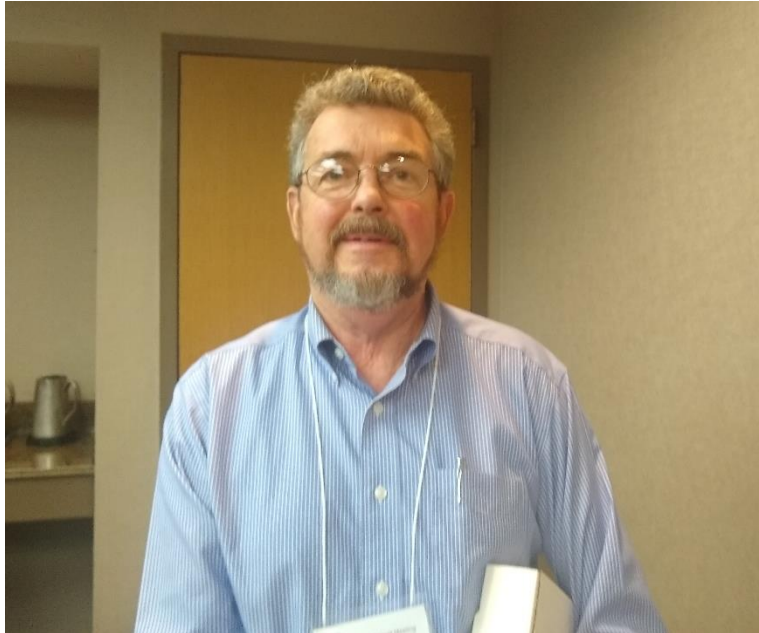
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Martha retired as Senior Curator of Archaeology at the Ohio Historical Society, now Ohio History Connection, in 2009. During her tenure there she was actively involved with developing archaeological exhibits at the Society's various museums, organizing hands-on educational programs, and maintaining the Society's considerable archaeological collections. She continues to work with the collections as Curator Emerita.

Martha has been attending ESAF annual meetings for over 30 years.

More recently, she has served as the Corresponding Secretary, whose primary job is compiling the Directory of State Society

Members each year. The Directory includes basic information about each state society member—officers, meeting schedules, contact information, etc. Martha is also a member of the Student Paper Competition that awards a cash prize to the best student paper presented at each ESAF annual meeting.



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Tim is an independent consulting archaeologist and a lecturer at numerous northern New York colleges and universities. He has a PhD in anthropology from University at Albany, SUNY. Tim specializes in ceramic analysis and field methodology. His research interests include Great Lakes prehistory, trade, mortuary studies and military sites. In the past, Tim has been involved in research on northwestern Ohio Late Archaic, Early Woodland and Late Woodland/Protohistoric cultures and War of 1812 military sites throughout northern New York. His current research involves late precontact Iroquoian occupations of northern New York. Tim has been an ESAF member off and on since 1988 and Treasurer since 2001

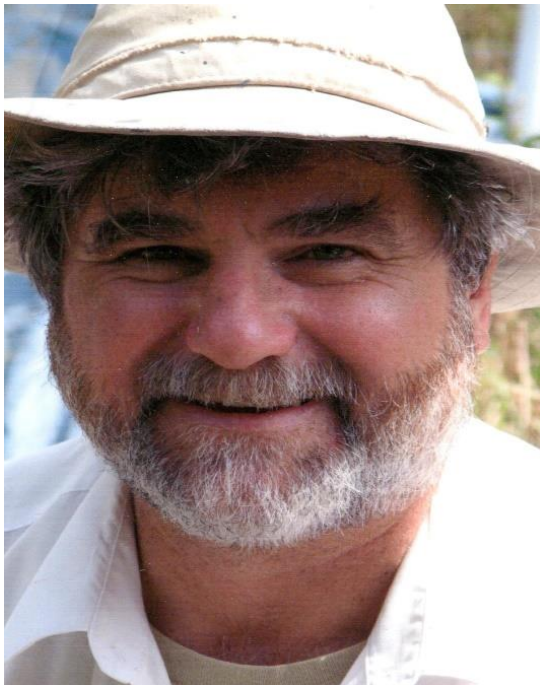


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Amanda is an experienced archaeologist with 22 years of combined field and lab skills. Her field experience covers all phases of archaeological excavations. Her lab experience includes processing, cataloging, and analyzing artifacts, plus the curation of archaeological collections. She currently works as a freelance archaeologist. Amanda became the new Business Manager for ESAF in 2018. She also serves as the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology representative to ESAF.



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Arthur Spiess received a PhD in Anthropology from Harvard University in 1978. Since 1978 he has been employed by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission as an archaeologist. The Commission job involves locating, identifying and protecting significant archaeological sites, including nomination of sites to the National Register of Historic Places. Review of development projects and requiring archaeological survey, working on legislation and regulations, and land conservation and land planning are all major parts of his job. Archaeological survey, research, public education and writing are particularly rewarding aspects of the job. For about 35 years Spiess has been on the Board of The Maine Archaeological Society, committed to

positive aspects of professional and avocational archaeologists working together. Spiess has served as the Editor of Archaeology of Eastern North America for the Eastern States

Archaeological Federation since 1992, beginning with Volume 20. Arthur Spiess lives in Freeport, Maine, with his wife, Martha, a retired veterinarian. They both enjoy trips to the Maine woods, mountains, and coast, and archaeological fieldwork



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After graduating from college, I worked at the Rutgers Center for Public Archaeology and then for Louis Berger and Associates as a field technician. At Hunter Research I worked as the laboratory supervisor. I graduated from Rutgers School of Information Sciences in 2001 with a master's degree in Library and Information Science. In 2005 I started my own company designing websites.