

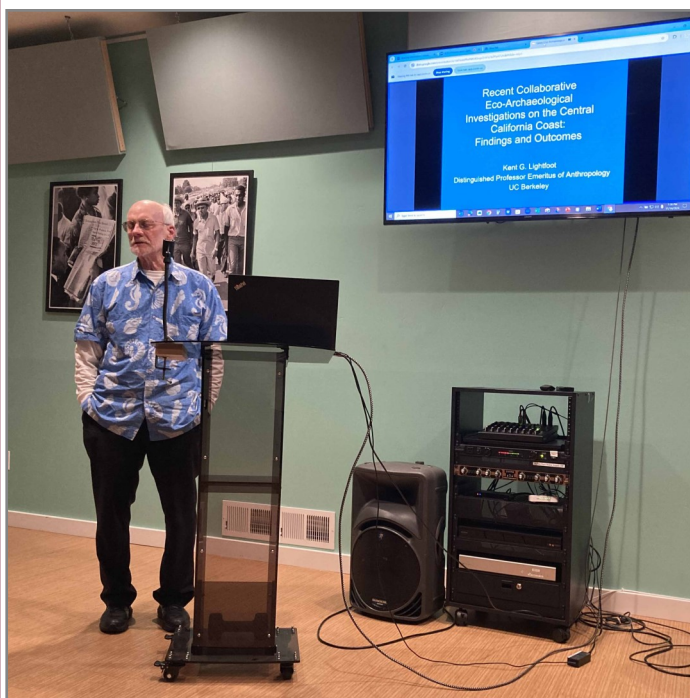


The Santa Cruz Archaeological Society Newsletter— Winter 2024

SCAS-related Fall Events



On October 10th, Dusty McKenzie spoke on the subject “Native Californian Fishing Practices Along the Central Coast During the Precolonial Period”. (Below) There was a large turnout from Dusty’s Cabrillo College students.



On November 13th, we heard from Dr. Kent Lightfoot, whose topic was “Recent Collaborative Eco-Archaeological Investigations on the Central California Coast”. His study area was located north of Santa Cruz. The project started in 2008 when Rob Cuthrell and Chuck Strickland, then graduate students, wanted to study ecological-tribal subjects.

California Archaeology, the journal of the Society for California Archaeology, devoted a 2013 issue to the collaborative research between UC Berkeley, UCSC, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and Trust, and State Parks, in the Quirotse Valley of Año Nuevo State Park (v. 5 no. 2). A new publication on collaborations from the UC Berkeley Archaeological Research Facility is due out in a couple months, and will be free to download.



Pictured above: Dr. Kent Lightfoot, Gabriel Pineida and SCAS Vice-President Pat Paramoure.

Left: Our local State Park friends: Dr. Mike Grone, Julia Hartman and Julie Sidel.

Both Mike and Julia have spoken at past SCAS meetings.





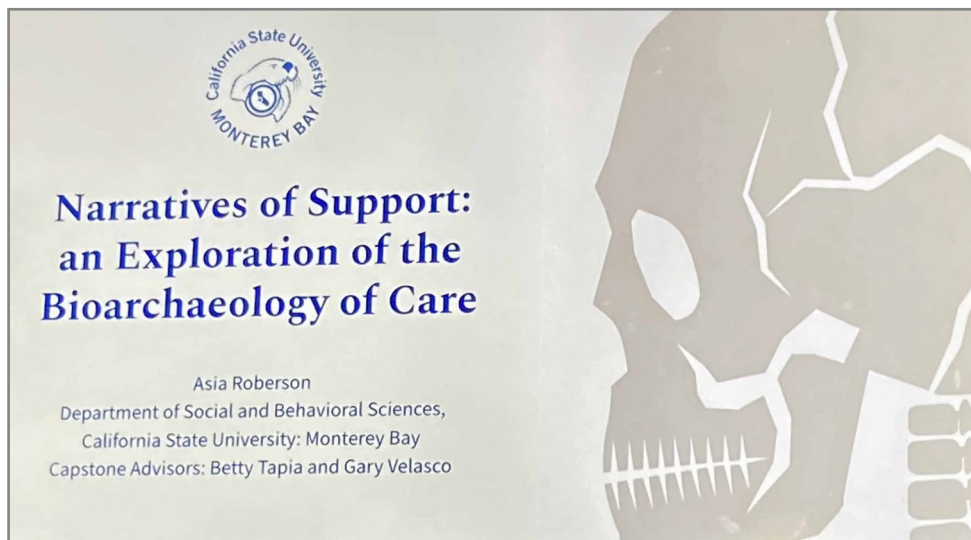
Our speaker on December 12, 2024, was Asia Roberson, a recent graduate of CSUMB's Social and Behavioral Science Studies Program.

Her talk was titled: "Narratives of Support: and Exploration of the Bioarchaeology of Care".

She said that humans are social agents, and we make decisions on how to care for and accommodate people in our society who require help, for instance, for physical and mental disabilities. Referring to the Index of Care (indexofcare.org), she showed us how bioarchaeologists can study disability and care in the past using a cross-disciplinary method. This is particularly useful for bioarchaeologists because human burials can tell us so much about the society in which the deceased individual lived. How can we begin to understand past societies which may have been small, in the deep past, or with little remaining of their material culture? We can start to understand them through their care practices. She offered two case studies. In one, a woman in Peru, who died in her 50s had obviously received medical care for a debilitating upper body condition, including cranial trepanation, which had healed.

In the other case, a young man from northern Vietnam who lived about 4,000 years ago, had a condition leading to lower body paralysis and he apparently lived with this condition for another ten years. It was clear that he couldn't have walked or cared for his own needs, so his survival was aided by others. There was no evidence of damage from say, rough handling, prior to his death.

These case studies highlight the values of these communities, that they cared for those who couldn't care for themselves. ✕



SCA Northern Data Sharing Meeting

Sonoma State University, Stevenson Hall, October 19, 2024 by Mary Gerbic



The SCA Northern Data Sharing Meeting was held in Stevenson Hall at Sonoma State University, and I was happy to see the building had been remodeled inside since my days there earlier in the century. There was plenty of pre-meeting pastries and beverages. The Society for California Archaeology hosts a pair of meetings each fall, one in the “north” and one in the “south” of California. This was the Northern meeting. It’s a time when California archaeologists and students can gather and hear about new research, and hone their presenting skills before the main event in March. This year, we were also celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Anthropological Studies Center at Sonoma State. Some SCAS members attended Sonoma State’s graduate program in Cultural Resource Management. We participated in internships at the ASC, and also worked there. The meeting attendees gathered in the auditorium with our caffeinated beverage of choice to hear the announcements by Justin Wisley, SCA Northern Vice-President, who also presented later.

It was also a great day for reconnecting with friends and colleagues.

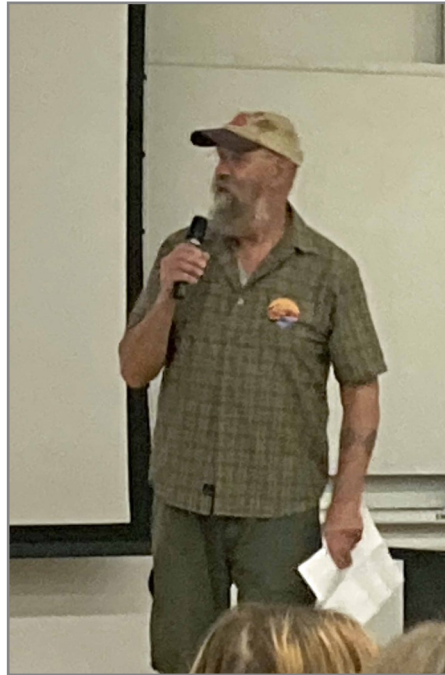
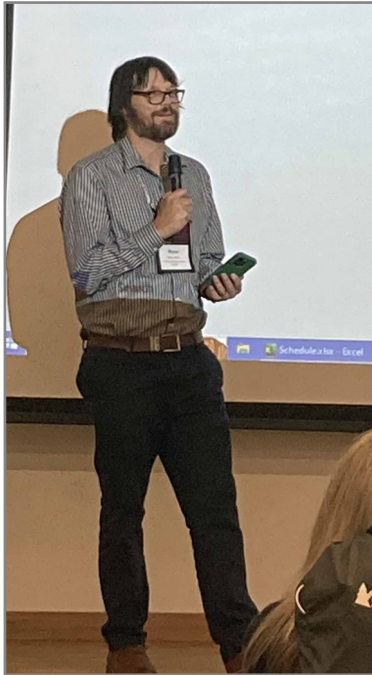


Hi! Dawn Johnson, Mary Gerbic and Beth Armstrong



Dusty McKenzie and Annamarie Leon Guerrero

The first announcement was about something dear to SCAS members: the Rob Edwards Memorial Award for Field Study: a grant to support students applying for field school. Preference will be given to community college students and people with Native American heritage. Students can apply for this grant on the SCA website at <https://scahome.org/page-18565> Awards recipients will be announced at the March SCA conference.




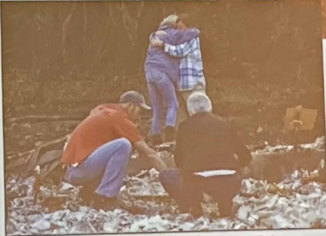
(L-R) Bryan Much, Coordinator, Northwest Information Center, SSU, Dr. Adrian Praetzelis, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, SSU and Emeritus Director of the Anthropological Studies Center, Beth Padon, co-founder of CASSP and Executive Director of Partners for Archaeological Site Stewardship. Below, Tom Whitley, Director of the ASC, speaking on the history of the program.

TEACHING CRM AT SSU (2010s – 2020s)


- Since the mid-2000s, thesis projects have been increasingly inclusive of:
 - **Community Engagement** – Working with tribes and descendent communities, not just to facilitate consultation, but to actively develop projects that benefit those communities themselves.
 - **Interdisciplinarity** – Partnering with other disciplines to create outcomes that integrate interpretation and management beyond the material culture alone.
 - **Multivocality** – Becoming inclusive of alternate voices, perspectives, and forms of knowledge. Also, recognizing the biased outcomes of social injustice on the heritage of marginalized communities.

SSU CRM faculty (now retired) Margie Purser began the Santa Rosa Neighborhood Heritage Mapping Project – a community-driven archaeology/history/and human geography project





Several SSU faculty, current and former grads (including Alex DeGeorgey - in orange) have participated in the Sonoma Fires remains recovery and oral history project



I scribbled notes as fast as I could but couldn't catch everything. I may get another chance at the SCA Conference in March 2025. Standout topics: "Epigenic analysis: The Future of Researching Diabetes in the Past and How to Research it in the Future" by Julia Ann Thomas, "Sexual Division of Labor in the Late Prehistoric Central Sierra Nevada" by Katherine Holst, Alex Boutin of Sonoma State spoke on the difficult history of the Sonoma Development Center, founded in 1898 as a home for "feeble-minded children" and the use of geophysical techniques to survey the home cemetery. San Dunham told us about his work on artifacts from the Auburn Joss House. Tom Whitley followed up with the history of the Anthro Studies Center at SSU. All in all, a great day for learning about the archaeology and history of Northern California. ✕

The Society for California Archaeology
proudly announces
The Rob Edwards Memorial
ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP



Purpose: To provide \$1000.00 in financial support for a College student participating in an archaeological field school and to encourage students to explore archaeology as a profession.

Eligibility: Any California college student who enrolls in an archaeological field school may apply for this grant. *Preference will be given to Community College students, Indigenous students, and students attending Cabrillo College.*

Application Deadline: February 21, 2025.

Submission Guidelines: Interested students must provide a one-page letter stating why they want to attend an archaeological field school. Please include the name of the institution offering the class, field school location and dates, and name(s) of instructor(s). Be sure to include student applicant's name, email, and mailing address. A letter from the instructor confirming the applicant's eligibility to attend the field school is also required.

Submit information to:

RobEdwardsMemorialFundCommittee@gmail.com

Selection Schedule: The Rob Edwards Memorial Fund Committee will evaluate applications and select a grantee by March 1st. The awardee and the field school instructor will then be invited to attend the Society for California Archaeology Annual Meeting March 13-16 in Burlingame, where the award will be presented.



The Memorial Scholarship

Rob Edwards taught Anthropology and Archaeology at Cabrillo College for more than 40 years. He was a powerful teacher known for his focus on high professional standards and on the ethics of archaeological work that demanded coordination with, and respect for, the communities whose past archaeology has recorded and now sheds light on. Rob loved his work, both as a professional archaeologist and as a teacher. The scholarship in his name is intended to provide financial support for students to explore the wonderful discipline and new understandings that archaeology can offer.

STUDENTS, be sure to check out this information. <https://scahome.org/page-18271>

Report: SCAS Board Meeting Minutes Summary October-December 2024

By Mary Gerbic, SCAS Secretary

October 2024

Financial Notes: Kevin reported that we are in compliance with the Registry of Charitable Trusts, and we can check online at their website. We have paid our internet service provider for another year.

Membership Report: Branden told us we had one individual renewal this month. He said that there are 49 members in arrears on dues, so we agreed to have Branden cull membership rolls of those who have not paid since 2022. Some of these people may be students, who gave us their school email account, and now email is bouncing.

Speakers and Website: Pat said that the November meeting at the Resource Center for Non Violence is set. We will be hearing from Dr. Kent Lightfoot. We are renting the larger room, expecting a large turnout. In December, Asia Richardson, a CSUMB graduate, will be speaking about her Senior Capstone work. Pat has other speakers ready for early 2025.

Professional Advisor Updates: Sarah received email from someone named Lily Stevens, mother of a boy (Isaiah) who is trying to earn his Archaeology Boy Scouts Merit Badge and she asked that we link to a specific site and that would help him. We thought this sounded fishy. The site we were asked to link to had some very general archaeological information but seemed to be a place where someone was selling gold jewelry. We decided to pass on this. Why was the mother contacting us and not the son? Mary found something similar online after a little searching, from “Lily Stevens” and a son named “Logan” who was trying to earn a Boy Scouts fishing badge and was contacting a person who operates a fly fishing site, and asked him to link to a site that sells yachts in Florida. You’d think she’s at least change her name...

In other news, we seem to have ironed out the technical problems we were having recently re. running a hybrid meeting. It was apparent that we needed two people handling the meeting details-someone to manage the remote (Zoom) and someone to help the speaker get set up in the room.

The SCAN: Mary is gathering information for the winter issue of the SCAN. She has been collecting job descriptions from each of the board and committee members so that we had a better idea of what responsibilities and tasks each position entails. The descriptions in the SCAS by-laws are general by design, and do not cover all the tasks that have appeared since SCAS was founded 50 years ago—back when there were no cell phones or internet.

Scotts Valley Display Project: Tomorrow, members of the project committee (Mary, Sarah and Julie) will be meeting at Scotts Valley City Hall with our museum display expert Amanda Boesen, to go over the latest draft of our exhibit text, and do a first layout of the display case. (Pat and Diane Gifford-Gonzalez will be unable to attend.)

We discussed one of our major roadblocks: lack of a set of colorized artifact facsimiles for the exhibit. In the past, we discussed with Amanda the possibility of a colleague of hers, Alicia Goode, who designs and paints museum exhibit models, paint the uncolored artifact replicas we received from Al Schwitalla. We agreed that the lack was holding us up, and we voted to have Alicia paint the artifacts, because 1) this is her profession and her work looks good, and 2) her bid was reasonable. Before leaving town, Diane had turned over the replicas to Sarah, in case we decided to engage Alicia.

Another “like to have” for the exhibit is a display of traditional cordage as might have been used for a fishing net. Pat said she might know an Indigenous person who is skilled in this kind of craft.

Ryan knows Al personally, and volunteered to speak with Al about completing the rest of the artifacts replicas which we have already paid for. Mary will take notes and photos tomorrow and Sarah will write up a synopsis of this year’s progress for the donors to the SVDP, and it will go in this issue of the SCAN and on our website. Kevin will supply us with a spreadsheet of donor email addresses.

November 2024

Financial Notes: Kevin has received email from the Society for California Archaeology. It is time to renew our membership, and decide if SCAS will have a presence at the SCA Conference March 13-16, 2025 in Burlingame, CA. Before Covid hit, SCAS went to every conference, contributed an ad in the Proceedings, and had a presence in the bookroom. As this coming year's meeting is in the Bay Area, it is a good time return to our past outreach. We will discuss this further at our December board meeting.

Membership Report: Branden said that we have three renewals this month. He has removed from our rolls those who have not paid dues since 2022 and have been sent several reminders. There are now 85 members, including life and comp members.

Speakers and Website: Pat said everything is ready for Kent Lightfoot's talk next week but she is a little uneasy because we don't know how many people will be attending the talk, and our technical contact at the RCNV has left. Pat and Sarah discussed showing up in the afternoon in person and talking to someone on staff about our concerns. Asia Roberson will be speaking in December, and the Institute for Canine Forensics is "penciled in" for January. She will make sure there are no objections to having the dogs in the RCNV building. We are happy to invite them back. Samantha Schell will speak in February.

Outreach: After tonight's meeting, Kären will no longer be "acting president". She is stepping down. Ryan asked how long Kären had been president. She didn't remember when she volunteered to stay on as president but it was 2015 or earlier, when Erik Zaborsky, BLM Archaeologist, was our professional advisor. We will miss Kären on our board, and thank her for all her years of hard work on SCAS's behalf, but she will still be around in other capacities. For next month's board meeting, Ryan will be preparing the agenda and leading the meeting. Thanks, Ryan.

Scotts Valley Display Project (SVDP): Mary has written a one-page update, with photos of the latest news from the SVDP members and is seeking feedback from everyone before sending it out to the donors.

Ryan has been in contact with Al Schwitalla, who has promised to have a set of facsimiles ready this year. Al knows that he is late with his deliveries. He is not painting them. The color will be part of the body of the replica and can't scratch off. The set we have that is not colorized was meant for researchers to study the flake scars, not for display. We have sent this set to Alicia to be painted. It is clear that none of us understand the original plan as agreed between Rob and Al.

Mary and Julie are trying to find originals of some of the photos of the 1983 "Big Dig". There is one in particular that Julie likes and she wants it in the exhibit.

December 2024

Financial Notes: Sarah asked Kevin, in light of us using the smaller room at the RCNV last month, will they reimburse us the difference? Kevin says they haven't billed us yet, so no need.

Membership Report: Branden reported two new members this month.

Speakers and Website: Pat said we are ready for December's speaker meeting. The subject is bioarchaeology and Sarah said that there may be people uncomfortable with photos of human skeletal remains. Pat agreed to put a warning on the announcements so no one is surprised. Pat also said that the Institute for Canine Forensics will be our speakers in January. She is working on finding more speaker for this spring. We will **not** be holding a March speaker meeting because it conflicts with the SCA Conference.

SCAN: Mary is starting work on the winter SCAN. The newsletter will be out after Christmas.

Scotts Valley Display Project (SVDP): Ryan has heard from Al Schwitalla. He will be sending out a completed set of artifact replicas by Friday. Mary volunteered to have the artifacts sent to her house so someone could be home to sign for them.

Mary has received enough "OKs" on the donor update paper and she will be emailing it to the SVDP donors. Robbie

will put it on our website. We hope to have more good news from the Committee very soon. If Al sends the completed set of facsimiles and Alicia finishes the painted set and the model of an archaeological unit for the display, we will be pleased about how much progress we have made this year.

Sarah thinks that if we have our display text in good form now, she would like to have the Amah Mutsun review it.

To read about our latest progress, visit: <https://www.santacruzarchsociety.org/scotts-valley-display-project-update>

Business of Past, Present and Future: Sarah produced a job description for Professional Advisor.

We have agreed to place an ad supporting the SCA Conference in the Proceedings, and have a vendor table in the book room for outreach and sales of items supporting SCAS. The book room table is a great way to meet people and is a nice place to sit out of the bustle and noise of the main conference. At present, it appears that Ryan, Sarah, Mary and Kevin will be attending the conference. We hope that some of our members who will be attending can help with a shift at the table.

Kevin was pleased that the venue is close to public transit. He has recently experienced coming home from SFO on public transit, and it was smooth. SFO to Diridon Station in San Jose is 1 hour travel time.

Kevin has our previous design for an ad which we will use again. Mary thought we should update the flier on the SCDP and have copies to distribute from our table. Like the exhibit itself, we can use QR codes for readers to access more information. We will discuss our plans further at the January 2025 Board Meeting.

We have also established some goals for this fiscal year. We would like to have more of a public presence, and work with other local groups, agencies as well as with Indigenous tribes. The Amah Mutsun have regular workdays at Pie Ranch up the coast (sign up on Pie Ranch's website) and also at San Juan Bautista Mission. Branden would like to talk for the Scotts Valley Rotary Club. He spoke for the Freedom branch in the last year and would be happy to speak again.

Ryan has volunteered again to produce the agenda for, and lead the next SCAS board meeting.

What do the SCAS Officers Do?

This fall, after 50 years, the SCAS board decided to revisit our job descriptions. We thought that the descriptions of duties for officers was generalized and didn't reflect the many tasks each board member now executes during their term. Additionally, most SCAS members have probably never read the by-laws and don't know how SCAS is managed. We decided to write job descriptions as we experience the position and publish this information for the benefit of our members.

Here is the first of our self-written descriptions of our jobs as they are in the 21st century, beginning with the contribution of our past-President, Kären Johansson:

President's Duties in Practice:

Board Meetings – Zoom

Prepare the Agenda:

The agenda is created from information in the prior or past meeting notes; miscellaneous reminders; emailed information from other board members; other applicable information that has come to light. Email proposed agenda to the Executive Board, Committee, and Adjunct members at least 2-3 days before the meeting.

Open the Meeting:

Call the meeting to Order; ask for additions or changes to the set agenda items.
Keep the discussions on topic; move through agenda items in an orderly fashion.
Call for decision-making and votes when applicable.
Establish the next meeting date.

Public Meetings: Resource Center for Non-Violence (RCNV)

Arrival time: 6:45 p.m. Arrive no later than 7 p.m., 30 minutes before the meeting begins.
Setup can take more than the technically allowed time, arriving by 6:45 provides a little bit of a time buffer.

If the room is not occupied, a staff member will open the room early. If the room is occupied, setup cannot begin before 7 p.m. *(This typically causes confusion, chaos, and delays, and has happened only once.)*

Make sure to introduce yourself to the speaker and ask what their beverage of choice is. *(In the past, the President had more interactions with the speakers as they arrived including. Now, the above is handled by the Professional Advisor or Vice President.)*

Keep all meeting materials stocked and in order which facilitates storage, transport, and makes set-up flow more efficiently.

Provide storage for these materials – these are currently temporarily stored in the Professional Advisor, Sarah's garage.

Maintain the list of Materials for the monthly public meeting:

Cups, paper plates, napkins, stir sticks/spoons for coffee, tea, sugar, sugar alternatives, snacks (Kevin and others often bring treats.)

Outreach materials: newsletters; membership forms; display stand for newsletters and other displays when applicable.

Donation jar - put \$\$\$ in at time setup which helps with visibility.

Setup SCAS Materials for public meetings:

Tables – setup under windows:

Food table: reference above materials; heat up water for tea; (possibly coffee).

I don't know how to make coffee. If we want to offer it, we should come up with a reasonable solution. No pun intended.

Information table: setup outreach documents, displays (if any), swag. and donation jar.

Chairs – ask volunteers.

Lights – assign to Board Adjunct and have them check in with the Professional Advisor.

Open the meeting as Public Meeting Chair: *(This is newly added here and has not yet been implemented and was handled this way in the past.)*

Welcome everyone

Reference the land acknowledgement & what people can do: donate; get involved in a project; volunteer with a specific group

Provide brief information about the Society

Turn the meeting over to the Vice President and/or the Professional Advisor.



2024-2025 Speaker Lineup

We are planning to meet at 7:30 this fall, “hybrid”, with in-person and Zoom attendance possible. For more information, and directions for how to RSVP for meetings, visit the SCAS website:

<http://www.santacruzarchsociety.org/calendar>

- Jan 9 Institute for Canine Forensics
- Feb 13 Samantha Schell, Pacific Legacy
- Mar 13 No meeting. Join us at the SCA Conference in Burlingame
- Apr 10 TBD
- May 8 TBD
- Jun 12 TBD

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