



# The Folsom Point

Northern Colorado Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society

## Special Announcement from SAA

Dear Members and Friends of Members,

You may have heard that in the coming weeks the Trump administration plans to submit a budget to Congress that defunds the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). These federal agencies, especially NEH, help support the protection of the archaeological record by funding our members' research and field work. The National Humanities Alliance says that elimination of these agencies would save the federal government 0.02% of its budget, and is in part a move to cut off support for innovative - and sometimes dissenting - fact-based research in the humanities.

If you care about the quality of our cultural lives, and about freedom to investigate our past and present, I urge you to click on [this link](#) and contact your representatives in Congress.

Please recall that the Trump budget has not yet been submitted to Congress, and that negotiations over its provisions have not yet begun. This issue will probably resurface for us all again this spring.

Please share this message to your family, friends, and colleagues - and consider visiting your congressional representative's office soon to voice your concerns to staff members there.

Sincerely,

Diane Gifford-Gonzalez

President (Society of American Archaeology)

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## February Program

Wed, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

**Place: Medical Center of The Rockies**

**2500 Rocky Mountain Avenue, Loveland, Colorado 80538**

Big Thompson Room

**Time: 5:00 PM – board meeting at Nordy’s**

**6:00 PM -- business meeting, activities, discussions,**

**7:00 PM -- Program**

## Program

**Dr. Payson Sheets:** BEFORE THE VOLCANO ERUPTED: THE SURPRISING QUALITY OF LIFE OF ANCIENT MAYA COMMONERS.

PhD, Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, 1974

### **Research in past 10 years:**

Directed the Arenal Research Project in Costa Rica, employing NASA’s finest remote sensing technology from satellite and aircraft platforms. Found footpaths connecting habitation sites with lithic material sources, graveyards, and springs. Excavated early village sites dating to 2000 - 3600 BC. NSF support.

Directed the Ceren Program, a multidisciplinary research program integrated with architectural and artifact conservation and with educational-outreach efforts. Supported by NSF, and various organizations in El Salvador.

**March: Dr. Linda Scott Cummings**

**April: Dr. Christopher Johnston**

**More to come like Dr. Thomas Griffith, Dr. Gerardo Gutiérrez**

**We are looking forward to a fun-filled year with many interesting guest speakers.**

## Thanks to Our Generous Donors and other news.

Thank you seems so little when members step up time-after-time to support the Northern Colorado Chapter of CAS. Every Spring, the NCC-CAS James and Doris Greenacre Scholarship Fund provides a stipend to a deserving anthropology/archaeology university or college student. Members step up to provide those funds. Thank you to Pat Cockerill, Christian Zier, Mary Birmingham, Lessee & Ron Heusinkveld, Larry McMillen, Margaret Grant and Jason & Laura LaBelle for your support of the Greenacre Scholarship Fund.

Donations are accepted at any time during the year.



<http://www.cvent.com/events/saving-places-conference/custom-18-c1423b1082384b37ab783404c9dc1778.aspx>

### CCPA 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

**March 9 – 12 in Grand Junction**

**Details will be posted here as they come in**



Annual Meeting <http://coloradoarchaeologists.org/meetings-events/annual-meeting/>

If you have a suggestion for the new CCPA Forum on Archaeological Practice, please contact Nathan Boyless at 303.425.4507. More information about the meeting schedule will appear in the winter newsletter and in this space later this fall

## News with PAAC

From Assistant State Archaeologist Chris Johnston:

Congratulations April Gray (Northern Colorado Chapter) and Susan Dougherty (Chipeta chapter). Both completed the Archaeological Lab Techniques class in Dolores to earn the PAAC Scholar certificate. From looking at their records, April and Susan both showed a strong dedication to completing the program in a very short time, traveling across the state for classes and excelling in every one along the way. (The Northern Colorado Chapter adds our own "Way to go, April!")

This spring, Dr. Holly Norton and I will be holding a PAAC Lab at the El Pueblo Museum in Pueblo. The lab will occur on Wednesday (starting late February/early March) with the chance for additional participation slots once volunteers have been trained. Volunteers will be working with two students from CSU-Pueblo who are completing an internship related to their studies in anthropology. We will be working on cataloging, analyzing, and curating an extensive historical artifact collection from excavations at the site by the late Dr. William Buckles. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about historical artifact identification and analysis, as well as earn credit towards the PAAC Lab certifications. Interested individuals should contact me ASAP.

The PAAC summer training survey is slated for July 2017. This summer we are partnering with Paleocultural Research Group (PCRG) to do an intensive survey, testing and rock art recording project in the San Luis Valley. Participants will have the opportunity to get experience conducting survey and testing, recording and documenting sites, and working with volunteers and professionals from across the state. The Valley has a rich archaeological past, spanning from Clovis to Hispanic settlement and farming and ranching; we are very excited about this partnership and look forward to you joining us. A field camp location is being explored in or near Antonito and details will become available soon. Participants will be provided tent camping accommodations during each project session and all meals will be provided. There will be two sessions: one from July 8-15 (arrive the afternoon of the 7th), and one from July 20-27 (arrive afternoon of the 19th). More details will be announced soon but if you know you are already interested please contact me. Chris Johnston

### Membership Renewal by Rae Todd

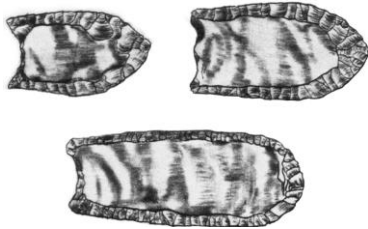
To ensure your delivery of *The Folsom Point*, the Northern Colorado Chapter's monthly newsletter, in addition to emails on coming activities and meetings, please renew before March 1st. Non-renewing members will no longer receive emails and the Folsom Point after March 1.

The New, Renewal Membership and Donation form is and can be found on the Chapter's website, [www.fortnet.org/casncc](http://www.fortnet.org/casncc). Thank you for supporting your Northern Colorado Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.

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[www.casncc.org](http://www.casncc.org)

### Mission Statement

The Colorado Archaeological Society is a non-profit organization committed to the stewardship of archaeological resources in Colorado. This is achieved through public education, research, and enhanced opportunities for responsible participation in archaeology for interested individuals and organizations.

The Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) came into existence in 1935 as a focus for people having interest in the history and prehistory of humans in Colorado. The interest in archaeology led to the establishment of the office of the State Archaeologist within the History Colorado Society, a state government society.

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**Membership – Rae Todd**                      **Webmaster – Heidi Short**

**CAS Chapter Advisory Rep – Dale Agger**

**Professional Advisor – Dr. Jason LaBelle**

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## Educational Offering

### Trails of the Buffalo Soldiers: Roads to Equality

Feb 20, 2017

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Location

History Colorado Center

1200 Broadway

Denver, CO 80203

Reservations Required: Tickets can be purchased [online](#), by calling 303-866-2394, or at the door.

Cost: Members: \$8.50, \$6.50 with student ID (check website)

From the American Revolution to the present day, African Americans have stepped forward in their nation's defense. Now, more than 150 years after Congress authorized blacks to serve in the Regular Army, peer into the eyes of formerly enslaved men who bravely bought their freedom on bloody Civil War battlefields—then trekked westward to Fort Garland and pursued Pancho Villa into Mexico. Historian Dr. John Langellier brings new vitality to a stirring subject, emphasizing the role of these “buffalo soldiers” in opening the West.

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