

Society for Archaeological Sciences

2020-21 President-elect Report

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This past year, as President-elect of the SAS, I continued supporting the leadership of the society with President Marcos Martín-Torres and Past President Rachel Popelka-Filcoff but mainly keeping my eyes and ears open and learning from them and the other members of the SAS as one of the newest members of the Board. I participated in all the online meetings of the Executive Board discussing and contributing to the decision-making processes on a number of issues. In collaboration with the SAS Bulletin Editor, and in consultation with other Board members, I've undertaken the preparation of the calls for two new SAS initiatives:

Student and ECR Research Support - a new, more flexible, research funding program to support the work of students and early career members during the COVID-19 pandemic that aims at temporarily replacing the existing Student Research International Travel Award and a Postdoctoral Conference Travel Award that was to have debuted in 2020. In light of most in-person conferences, symposia, and workshops being postponed or canceled, we have decided to channel the budget that was originally allocated for the two above travel awards to a more flexible research funding scheme to cover laboratory and fieldwork expenses. Applications can be submitted twice during 2021 (20 June and 20 December) prior to the proposed analyses or field research.

Charles C. Kolb Award 2021 - for the best published paper on science-based archaeological research in ceramics in honor of Charles C. Kolb. The purpose of the award is to promote and acknowledge research excellence in the field of archaeological ceramics and highlight the key role of interdisciplinarity. The award has been established to honor Charles C. Kolb, a longtime member of the SAS, and dedicated editor of its Bulletin, for his intellectual contributions to ceramic studies, his significant role in communicating and transferring knowledge through his comprehensive reviews, and his continuous efforts to support new scholars. Nominations will be considered once per year (submission deadline: 31 December, for papers accepted within that year). The first results will be announced by spring 2022 for the best 2021 paper.

This past year has been an important learning experience for me and I would like to thank all members of the board for their patience, assistance and excellent collaboration. It has been definitely a very informative time preparing me gradually for the handover.