



The Society for Archaeological Sciences (SAS)

Representative on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Archaeological Science (JAS)

Report for SAS Annual General Meeting

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The main role of the SAS Representative on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Archaeological Science is to coordinate different SAS-JAS joint activities, most importantly the SAS and JAS Emerging Investigator Award. The purpose of the award is to promote and acknowledge research excellence among early career scientists and provide an international venue for publication of significant work. Manuscripts are nominated for consideration for the award upon submission to JAS with the first author or equal first author being an early career researcher (awarded their PhD or highest academic degree within the previous 8 years at the time of manuscript submission). The Emerging Investigator Award is selected by the SAS Executive Board and senior editors of JAS after evaluating the group of nominated and published manuscripts.

Ester Oras took the role over from Prof. Rachel Popelka-Filcoff (University of Melbourne) in Autumn 2024, and has coordinated the selection of awards for 2023 and 2024 nominations.

Total of 58 manuscripts were nominated and evaluated in 2023 round, and the winners were Jonathan S. Lim and Gonzalo J. Linares Matás as equal first authors of the paper “Dunes, death, and datasets: Modelling funerary monument construction in remote arid landscapes using spaceborne stereo imagery”.

Total of 71 manuscripts were nominated and evaluated in 2024 round. Due to very high number and quality of papers in this round, the Award Committee decided to announce one winner and three Honourable Mentions for the SAS-JAS Emerging Investigator Award 2024. The names of the winner and honourable mentions will be announced in the coming days, as the committee is currently confirming the necessary eligibility criteria of the selected nominations (as on 20th of May 2025).

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