

Annual Report for the Society for Archaeological Sciences

Tatsuya Murakami (tmurakam@tulane.edu), VP for Membership Development

SAS Student Ambassador Program

The program, launched in 2019, is part of our new professional development and outreach programs. We currently have five ambassadors: Iride Tomažič (University of Michigan), Alana Pengilley (University of Texas at Austin), Panagiotis Koullouros (The Cyprus Institute), Anna Karligkioti (Cyprus Institute), and Gavriela Logothetou (University of the Peloponnese). Anna and Gavriela joined the program this academic year.

They organized a journal club via Zoom as a new forum for SAS student members to discuss archaeological science topics, themes, and new methods.

R.E. Taylor Student Poster Award Competition at the SAA 2025

We held R.E. Taylor Poster Award at the 90th Annual Meeting of the SAA in Denver, April 23-27, 2025. We received eight applications. Following the last year's practice, we implemented a judging procedure consisting of two rounds: We selected three finalists before the SAAs and announced them broadly through social media; then our judges interviewed the finalists on the ground and selected the winner and an honorable mention. This year's winner is Sophie Forbes (The University of Georgia), and her poster is entitled "Five Thousand Years of Oyster Harvesting on Ossabaw Island, Georgia: A Sclerochronological Analysis." An honorable mention went to Olumide Ojedian (University of Colorado Boulder), whose poster is entitled "Understanding Human-Equid Relationships in Old Oyo Empire, West Africa."

Beta-SAS Radiocarbon Dating Award Competition 2025

We created a new award program in collaboration with Beta Analytic for AMS radiocarbon dating. We received four applications and selected three winners, who received one free AMS date:

Estíbaliz Espada-Martín (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

Project: "*Neolithization of the Iberian Peninsula: Radiocarbon Dating of a Negative Structure in the Middle Tajo Basin (El Congosto, Rivas-Vaciamadrid, Madrid)*"

Pedro Henríquez Valido (University of Alcalá)

Project: "*Radiocarbon dating of archaeoentomological material of Los Murciélagos Cave of Albuñol (Granada, Spain)*"

Marie Kolbenstetter (Leiden University/Université Paris Nanterre)

Project: "*Chronology building for precolonial Southern Honduras*"