

Society for Archaeological Sciences
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This past year I was pleased take on the role as Past President and support the leadership of the SAS with President Marcos Martín-Torres and President-Elect Vangelio Kiriati. Throughout the past year I have supported and advised on SAS initiatives and projects.

In my role as the Journal of Archaeological Science Editor for SAS, we have a new initiative to support early career researchers through the JAS-SAS Emerging Investigator Award, working with the SAS Board and the JAS Editors-in-Chief Marcos Martín-Torres, and Robin Torrence. 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. In addition, this award can support the careers of ECR researchers through the promotion of their accepted, peer-reviewed research. We have just finalized the award out of a total of 15 submissions that met the award criteria. We also look forward to continuing the scheme and encouraging ECR scientists to apply in the next round, as part of one of our commitments to supporting the next generations of archaeological scientists.