

# KyOPA NEWSLETTER

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Pepo Squash 5,000 B.P.  
Sunflower 4,800 B.P.  
Marshelder 4,400 B.P.  
Chenopod 4,000 B.P.

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## I. Spotlight: New Shawnee Tribe Cultural Center & Kentucky Archaeology

In early November the newly-built Shawnee Tribe Cultural center opened in Miami, Oklahoma. The center is a 6,000 square foot long house-shaped structure that hosts hands-on exhibits, displays and programs. According to the Shawnee Tribe the center is "a place for the Shawnee to tell the story of the past, how that informs and shapes the Shawnees today, and who we see ourselves becoming tomorrow." One exhibit, *From Ancient Hands: Rediscover of Stories in Fire and Clay*, involved a partnership between the Shawnee Tribe, Native potter Richard Zane Smith and archaeologists including Gwynn Henderson and David Pollack. This cooperative work exemplifies the important way archaeology can be active in contributing to Native American communities today and may provide a model for developing the relationship between the archaeological and Native communities moving forward.

News report about the [Shawnee Tribe Cultural Center](#).

The Shawnee Tribe Cultural Center [web page](#).

The Shawnee Tribe Cultural Center [Facebook Page](#).

## II. Events & KyOPA Misc.

1. KyOPA is hosting a social / fundraiser at the Monnik Beer Company in Louisville on January 22, 2019, from 6- 9PM. Monnik has offered to give KyOPA \$1 per beer sold during that time! Come meet other archaeologists, have a drink, and help support KyOPA's mission! We are seeking items for a raffle, silent auction, or other fundraiser. Please contact Duane Simpson at duane.simpson@cardno.com with questions or ideas.

2. Save the date and call for papers! The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference will be hosted by KHC, Northern Kentucky University, and KyOPA. To be held March 1 to March 3, 2019, at the Landrum Academic Center on the NKU campus. Abstracts are due by January 30, 2019.

3. The Eastern Kentucky Archaeology Group (EKAG) and the University of Kentucky Anthropology Graduate Student Association (AGSA) are planning a joint speaker series for 2019. EKAG will be hosting talks in Richmond this year, and AGSA is considering options for their 2019 venue. Some of the 2019 talks will be streamed live on the internet. More details to come in January!

### Tentative AGSA / EKAG Speaker Slate:

January: open  
February: *Archaeological Textiles* - Chris Pappas  
March: *Sweet Lick Knob Site, Estill Co.* - Steve Ahler  
April: open  
May: open  
June: open

### *Miscellaneous KyOPA Updates*

1. A KyOPA board meeting took place in October. The organization drafted a mission statement and goals, which they intend to propose to the membership at the 2019 KHC Archaeology Conference and have a vote on the content.
2. KyOPA is working on a design for an archaeology themed mug that will be used to raise funds for the organization's events, the research grant, and other initiatives supported by the organization. A design will be released next month and we may be taking pre-orders!
3. If you haven't already, please pay your dues and/or make donations online at <HTTP://KYOPA.org>. Just click the "Donate" button at the bottom of the page and donate as much as you like!



Artistic rendering of the Shawnee Tribe Cultural Center, Miami, OK.

### **III. People**

#### ***Obituary***

*by D. Pollack - edited to fit here*

#### **Thomas N. Sanders**

Thomas N. Sanders received his B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Kentucky in the 1960s, and earned his Master's Degree in 1983. While at UK in the 1960s he worked on several projects, including survey and limited excavation of sites to be inundated by the creation of Cave Run Lake. From late 1970s to early 1980s Tom was one of several archaeologists hired by the Kentucky Heritage Commission to conduct county-wide surveys, several of which were published (Christian, Floyd, Franklin, Perry, and Powell). Shortly thereafter Tom became head of the Kentucky Heritage Council's Site Protection Program, a position he held until his retirement in 2004. After retiring from the Heritage Council, Tom was employed by FEMA, working disasters throughout the country.

While at the SHPO Sanders carried out the Section 106 review and consultation process, and worked with state and federal agencies to minimize adverse effects to significant archaeological sites and historic buildings. Over the years, he prepared countless memorandum of agreements, and worked with federal agencies and communities throughout the state to implement programmatic agreements that expedited the review process, while also preserving and protecting archaeological sites. During Tom's tenure as program manager he also led the effort to develop the Kentucky fieldwork and report preparation standards still used today.

Tom encouraged staff to nominate archaeological sites to the National Register of Historic Places, supported creation in 1983 of the statewide archaeological conference, gave editorial support for many KHC conference paper later published, and compiled the 1990 comprehensive state plan. One of his most lasting contributions was his support of research through the Kentucky Heritage Council's federal and state grants program. Projects supported by these grants led to new insights into Mississippian towns in western Kentucky, Fort Ancient villages of central and northeastern Kentucky, Adena Mounds of central Kentucky, and Archaic shell middens along the Green River.

#### ***Southeastern Archaeological Society***

#### ***Lifetime Achievement Award!***

**Dr. Richard Jefferies**



This November, Dr. Jefferies was awarded the SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award for his decades of research, teaching, and many important contributions to the field through publications, advising students and running projects throughout the region.

### **IV. Job Announcements!**

1. CRA-I is seeking mid-level staff for FEMA disasters in multiple states. Advanced degree + 5YRS exp. or Bachelor's degree + 10YRS exp. required. Pay \$30/hr. For addl. info. see CRA's website or contact Bridgette Robinson at [barobinson@crai-ky.com](mailto:barobinson@crai-ky.com)

2. University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is seeking a research assistant professor of anthropology and director of Jeffrey Brown Institute of Archaeology. See the UTC website for more information or contact Pamela Ashmore at [Pamela-Ashmore@utc.edu](mailto:Pamela-Ashmore@utc.edu)

## V. Research & Training

**Doctoral Dissertations Successfully Defended!**  
(abstracts to come when they are available)

**Amber Osterholt - University of Nevada Las Vegas**  
Title: *Bioarchaeology of Instability: Violence and Environmental Stress During the Late Fort Ancient Occupations of Hardin Village.*

**Justin Carlson - University of Kentucky**

Title: *Middle to Late Holocene Archaeological Site Formation Processes at Crumps Sink and Changing Land Use Patterns in the Central Kentucky Karst, USA.*

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### Undergraduate Senior Capstone Research

**Isaac Garvin - Berea College**

Isaac's senior capstone project employed the concept of cultural erasure to examine the historical trajectory of Native Americans have been represented through time in the state of Kentucky. The overarching goal of Garvin's project was to develop a historiography of how Native Americans have been represented generally in United States history, and specifically in Kentucky. His study found that Native Americans have been written "into" and "out of" Kentucky's history during the last two and a half centuries.

Garvin highlights that Kentucky archaeologists, especially since the mid-to-late 20<sup>th</sup> century have established without question the presence and continuity of Native Americans. Further, state and federal laws as well as concerted efforts of Federal land management agencies have worked to both protect sites from development, and have worked in an increasingly collaborative manner with Native American communities under the auspices of Section 106 and NAGPRA to preserve and study the cultural remains located in their ancestral homelands.

### American Antiquity Publication!

Kudos to Philip Mink (U Kentucky), co-author alongside Alan Sullivan (U Cincinnati), on *Theoretical and Socioecological Consequences of Fire Foodways*, in *American Antiquity* 83(4):619-638. The publication discusses "the effects of anthropogenic fire on the subsistence economies of small-scale societies, particularly those of the prehispanic northern American Southwest". The ideas presented here could be useful in assessing the relationship between anthropogenic fire in the Kentucky region as well.



**DON'T MISS THE KYOPA SOCIAL JAN 22, 6-9pm  
@ MONNIK, 1036 E. BURNETT AVE, LOUISVILLE**



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