

BALLOT 2018
New York Archaeological Council

Instructions. Vote for **four** Board members from the following list of candidates (see attached statements from candidates). Write-ins are accepted. Only full and graduate student members in good standing may vote:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Board Members	April 2018 – April 2021	<u>Patrick J. Heaton</u>	_____
		<u>Allison Manfra McGovern</u>	_____
		<u>Stephanie J. Roberg-Lopez</u>	_____
		<u>Elizabeth “Beth” Selig</u>	_____
		<u>David Staley</u>	_____
		<u>Nina M. Versaggi</u>	_____
		<u>David E. Witt</u>	_____
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Such attachment should remain in WORD format or be scanned as a PDF. **Please make sure your name is included on the envelope or in the e-mail to ensure that only members in good standing vote.** However, all attachments will be saved without sender info on arrival and be opened all at once during ballot counting (ensuring anonymous voting).

DEADLINE: April 13, 2018 (ballots must be postmarked by 4/10/17)

Candidate Statements

Patrick J. Heaton, MA, RPA

I have been working in cultural resources management/archaeology in New York State since the mid-1990s and am the Director of Cultural Resources services at EDR, an environmental consulting firm based in Syracuse. I hold an MA in anthropology from New York University and a BA in the same major from Hartwick College, Oneonta. My personal interests in archaeology and history are diverse but very much focused on regional heritage issues. Since graduate school I have been interested in the historic-period archaeological record of both rural and urban areas of New York and the use of GIS applications in archaeological survey and research. Recently, my attention has been focused on both Erie Canal-related sites and visual impacts on historic properties, and I have enjoyed expanding my academic training to include research on visual impact assessment methods and practice. I am running for a NYAC Board position because I support the overall mission of the organization and would like to specifically help promote opportunities for continued professional development for archaeologists and cultural resources practitioners who are operating outside of academic settings. For instance, I was excited to recently see the soils/geomorphology workshop that NYAC is sponsoring. I would be interested in working with others within the organization to identify and coordinate similar types of training opportunities in the future – for instance, workshops on specific field/lab best practices, materials analyses, or other topics such as historic architecture documentation, visual impact assessment, or professionalism/consulting practice in CRM. In addition, I am interested in supporting partnership or collaboration with the NY SHPO's office and other parties concerning topics such as the refinement of guidelines and standards, best practices, and policy advocacy for both archaeology and historic preservation.

Allison Manfra McGovern, PhD, RPA

I have a PhD and MPhil in Anthropology from the CUNY Graduate Center, a MA in Anthropology (specializing in Historical Archaeology) from Syracuse University, and a BA in Anthropology from Hunter College. I joined NYAC in 2017; I am also a member of the Society for Historical Archaeology, the American Anthropological Association, and the Professional Archaeologists of New York City. I am especially interested in how archaeology is useful in shedding light on the lives of people whose histories have been marginalized. I have recently seen and been involved with archaeology as a tool for some communities to reclaim their local histories. But as a professional in the field of cultural resources management, I am aware that my work facilitates the kind of change that some neighborhoods fear will impact their sense of identity and community. I am interested in running for the NYAC Board because as a practitioner, I think it is very important to stay informed of standards, policies, current regional research and CRM projects, and the activities of fellow professional archaeologists. I also think that my work and research experience in cultural resource management, my involvement with public/community groups, and my advocacy in educating the public about the importance of archaeology/heritage management will make a positive contribution to NYAC.

Stephanie J. Robert-Lopez, MA, RPA

Stephanie Roberg-Lopez has been a practicing archaeologist for over 30 years. She received her BA in Anthropology from Columbia University and her MA in Archaeology from Yale University, and has been a SOPA/RPA member for 27 years. As a Cultural Resource Consultant, Stephanie has worked on hundreds of sites in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Vermont. She has served on the NYAC Board for several terms. As a Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology at Dutchess Community College, Stephanie has dedicated decades to the education and support of New York's next generation of archaeologists, some of whom are now NYAC members themselves. Her continuing interests are attracting more young archaeologists to NYAC, and developing educational and professional development programs sponsored by the New York Archaeological Council.

Elizabeth 'Beth' Selig, MA RPA

I am a Registered Professional Archaeologist and have served for two years on the NYAC Executive Board. I completed my BA in Anthropology at the University at Albany (SUNY) and received a MA in Liberal Studies from Empire State University. My MA research focused on 19th century cultural contexts. I have worked in the field of Cultural Resource Management in New York State for 20 years, completing all phases of archaeological investigations throughout the northeast and New England States. In addition to my work at Hudson Valley Cultural Resource Consultants, I am a part-time instructor at Dutchess Community College. I want to continue as a NYAC Board member to further serve the archaeological community and help to provide educational opportunities for professional archaeologists, as well as local community residents. In addition, I would like to work to raise awareness about the need to preserve archaeological resources, prevent the erosion of current preservation standards, and evaluate the role of technological advances in site excavation methodology.

David Staley, MA, RPA

For the past 16 years I have worked as an archaeologist/Principal Investigator with the New York State Museum's Cultural Resource Survey Program. Prior to working in New York, I worked for a variety of state and federal agencies and in the private CRM sector from Alaska to New Mexico. Awarded a BA from the University of New Mexico in 1981 and an MA from Washington State University in 1990 my career has spanned over three decades. I would like to be re-elected to the Board so I may contribute toward the development of policy and protocols regarding collections culling. I also would like to continue organizing relevant training opportunities for the membership thereby fulfilling one of NYAC's education missions, creating obvious value for the organization, and incentives for new members.

Nina M. Versaggi, PhD RPA

I joined NYAC in 1976 and have had the privilege of serving this organization in various capacities, including president and chair of committees, since then. I received my MA and doctorate in Anthropology from Binghamton University (SUNY). For the past 30 years, I have served as director of the Public Archaeology Facility, a research center on the Binghamton campus. During those years, I have witnessed the high points of CRM, and the low points when recessions have impacted the profession. I have also lived through threats to the Section 106 process by changing federal administrations, but never have seen the intensity of those threats as exist today. The professional community in New York needs to maintain vigilance and advocacy for historic preservation not only in our home state but in support of colleagues across the country. I view NYAC's mission as one that strengthens our professional standards, provides educational programs for our members, coordinates advocacy initiatives, and promotes strong community outreach projects that inform the public about the value of archaeology and historic preservation. I would like to continue as a board member of NYAC to assist with these initiatives.

David E. Witt, Ph.D., RPA

I am a (not-so-recent) transplant to New York, having grown up in L.A., but moved to Buffalo for graduate school in 2004. I have a PhD in anthropology and Masters' in geography and anthropology from SUNY Buffalo and a BA in archaeology and history from Baylor University. I am a research associate with SUNY Buffalo's Department of Anthropology, where I focus mostly on frontiers & borderlands, landscape archaeology, and (surprisingly) phenomenology. I have been involved in CRM in various capacities since moving to New York and have project work in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Texas. Currently, I serve the public as the Department of Environmental Conservation's Indian Nations Affairs Coordinator and on SAA's Government Affairs Committee. If elected to NYAC's Board, I would advocate for, and facilitate, cooperation between NYAC, government agencies, and academic institutions to help ensure that graduating students are better prepared for today's, and tomorrow's, job market. While understanding anthropological theory is important and necessary, students need practical experience to learn the skills necessary to be good archaeologists. We do them, and ourselves, a disservice by graduating them only half prepared for CRM or government jobs. I look forward to advocating for the needs of our organization and serving our discipline in this matter.