

BALLOT 2019
New York Archaeological Council

NOTE. Vote for **one person in each position** from the following list of candidates. Only one Board position is open this season and the two candidates listed for the Board slot are running for the same seat.

Candidate statements follow on the next two pages.

Write-ins are accepted. Please print the write-in name. A write-in candidate will not be considered unless they agree to serve during the voting period.

Only full and graduate student members in good standing may vote.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Vote</u>
President	April 2019 – April 2022	<u>Douglas Perrelli</u>	_____
		Write in: _____	_____
Secretary	April 2019 – April 2022	<u>Daria Merwin</u>	_____
		Write in: _____	_____
Board Member	April 2019 – April 2022	<u>Matthew Sanger</u>	_____
		<u>David E. Witt</u>	_____
		Write in: _____	_____

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DEADLINE: April 10, 2019 (ballots must be postmarked by 4/10/17)

Candidate Statements

Daria Merwin, PhD

I would be honored to support NYAC's mission in the role of Secretary. I have more than 20 years of experience directing surveys and excavations on prehistoric and historic period sites in New York, with a research focus on maritime and underwater archaeology. I hold an MA degree in Nautical Archaeology from Texas A&M University, and PhD in Anthropology from Stony Brook University. My dissertation fieldwork entailed scuba diving to recover submerged evidence of prehistoric Native American sites in the Hudson River and New York Harbor. Prior to moving to the Hudson Valley, I taught several classes and worked as a Project Director at the former Institute for Long Island Archaeology, both at Stony Brook University. I served as a Historic Preservation Specialist at FEMA for the Irene/Lee disasters, and later joined the Architectural Survey Unit of the New York State Historic Preservation Office. I am now Co-Director of the Cultural Resource Survey Program at the New York State Museum. Drawing on my background in both agency and consulting roles, I hope to help foster dialog within and beyond our profession to advocate for New York State archaeology.

Douglas J. Perrelli, PhD, RPA

Doug Perrelli is a Registered Professional Archaeologist with 30 years of experience performing archaeological work in western New York. He subscribes to the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) and New York Archaeological Council's (NYAC) Code of Ethics and Practice, has upheld this code as a NYAC board member since 1998, and currently serves as NYAC President. His interest and activity in New York State archaeology began in 1984 as a student of the State University of New York at Geneseo. Since that time, he has received a master's degree (1994) and a doctoral degree (2001) from the University at Buffalo (UB), with active participation in exploring and preserving western New York's archaeological heritage. Perrelli has been a member of the Society for American Archaeology since 1993 and of the Register for Professional Archaeologists since 2001. He currently serves as Chair for the New York State Board for Historic Preservation and the Archaeology Committee of the board. Dr. Perrelli has been the Director of the Archaeological Survey, University at Buffalo (UB) since 2001, and has a Clinical Assistant Professor appointment in the Anthropology Department at UB. He brings considerable experience and knowledge about New York state archaeology and the workings of numerous boards, councils, societies and committees to the table. His research interests include Iroquoian archaeology, the study of stone tools and cultural resource management (CRM) in the context of historic preservation.

Matthew Sanger, PhD

I received my MA from Hunter College, CUNY and PhD from Columbia University in New York City. Most of my work has been in the Southeastern United States, but after being hired at Binghamton University in 2015, I have been shifting to work in New York. My previous work in the Northeast has including compliance-based fieldwork in New York City, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. I am currently the Director of the Public Archaeology Program at Binghamton University and focus much of my energies in training students to think of their work as a public good and as requiring community-engagement. It is through these efforts, particularly in terms of working and collaborating with indigenous groups, that I believe archaeology will remain

relevant in the future and grow as a discipline. It is my hope to bring this point of view to NYAC, where I know many others feel the same way. I also hope that my involvement, as a Director of MA-granting degree and a faculty member of a PhD-granting department, will bring more student engagement in NYAC.

David E. Witt, PhD, RPA

I have been a member of NYAC since 2015, and a resident of New York since moving to Buffalo for grad school in 2004. I have a PhD in anthropology, MAs in geography and anthropology, and a BA in archaeology and history. I have been involved in CRM in various capacities since moving to New York, and have worked on projects throughout New York, Vermont, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. I have served as crew chief on projects in the Capital Region, so I understand the day-to-day, infield conditions and decisions that must be made. Currently, I am the Department of Environmental Conservation's Indian Nation Affairs Coordinator (a.k.a., tribal liaison), where I manage consultation with tribal historic preservation offices. I am also on the SAA's Government Affairs Committee and RPA's Field School Certification Committee. Finally, I am currently a Research Assistant Professor (an unpaid, volunteer position) with SUNY Buffalo, where I study frontiers & borderlands, landscape, and acoustic archaeology. If elected to NYAC's Board, I would focus on developing relationships between NYAC, government agencies, and academic institutions to help ensure that graduating students are better prepared for the job market. Students need practical experience to be good archaeologists, experience that may be lacking in academic departments, and we do ourselves and our field a disservice by not ensuring they are prepared.