

Arkansas Archeological Society 2021 Annual Meeting September 24 – September 26, Conway, Arkansas

Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn and UCA

This year the Arkansas Archeological Society is holding its Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. The hotel is located in the heart of Conway, just off of I-40. The hotel has an on-site restaurant, lobby bar, indoor pool, fitness room, and offers free WiFi.

The meeting will include all of the usual fun—we'll open with our traditional Friday evening reception at the hotel followed by interesting papers on Saturday, the ARF silent auction, awards, a delicious banquet and keynote presentation at the McCastlain Ballroom on the UCA campus.

So, mark your calendars, register and join your friends for a weekend of fun and frivolity combined with learning!



Accommodations

The Hilton Garden Inn is located at 805 Amity Rd., next to I-40, exit 127, 10 minutes from UCA. The room rate for Annual Meeting attendees is \$109.00 plus tax single occupancy and \$114.00 plus tax double occupancy. To make reservations **call 501-329-1444 and be sure to say the Group Code of AAS** to secure the group rate. If you would like to make reservations online, just click on this link and go through the steps:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=LITCWGI&groupCode=AAS&arrivaldate=2021-09-24&departuredate=2021-09-26&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&roomId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Rooms will be held for the meeting at this rate only until 9/3/2021 or the block of rooms have been reserved.
Make your reservations now!

Friday Evening Reception

The Friday evening reception will be held in Juniper/Cypress Ballroom from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Refreshments will include a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday Presentations

A variety of interesting papers will be presented on Saturday in the McCastlain Ballroom on the UCA campus. Here's a sampling of Saturday's presentations:

- J. Rossen – Glisson Hollow
- M. Rathgaber – Educational Resources
- J. Lynch – The Gregoire Collection
- M. Jeter – Eagle Lake Mound Site

Award Nominations

Nomination forms and descriptions for Society awards can be found on the Society website at: <http://arkarch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/AAS-AwardNominationForm.pdf>. Please mail or email your nominations to reach Marilyn Knapp by Thursday, **August 15**.

Saturday Evening Banquet

The banquet will begin at 7:00 pm in the McCastlain Ballroom. The banquet menu includes:

Seasonal Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

A choice of Chipotle Pork Loin Topped with a Pineapple Salsa

OR

Eggplant Lasagna (**not both entrees**) (**Please indicate your choice on the registration form**)

Pan Roasted Vegetables

Goat Cheese and Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Bread Pudding with caramel Apple Sauce

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Water, Iced Tea, and Coffee

Reservations for the banquet must be received and prepaid by **September 3**. There will be no late walk-ins to the banquet.

Saturday Keynote Speaker

Eric Mills (Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Section 106 Manager and Archeologist) – With more than 15 years' experience working in the state, Eric has served as the cultural resource manager for the Arkansas State Military Department, in various capacities as a consultant, and is currently an archeologist and the Section 106 program manager for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. The keynote address will highlight the importance and relevance of avocational and professional archeological work to the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process in Arkansas.

Registration Information

Early registration for the meeting is available at a reduced rate until **September 3**. In order to get this rate, you must pay at the time you register. Cancellation of your registration, with no penalty, is allowed until September 3. After that date, you will forfeit your registration fee. The higher late registration rate can be paid any time after September 3 up to and at the meeting itself. Please note that there are two new registration categories, Student and Tribal Member registrations.

All adults must pay the individual registration fee, but children under 18 years old, accompanied by a paying adult, are admitted free.

Archeological Research Fund

Don't forget that there are always lots of goodies available at the ARF Silent Auction and Raffle! Past items have included books, art, handcrafts, and special surprises. The ARF committee appreciates all the items donated by Society members over the years to make the auction a great success. This year will be no exception! The Silent Auction will be set up in the Fireplace Room in the McCastlain Hall early Saturday morning beginning at 7 am. Do not bring your ARF donations to the reception at the hotel.

Please contact Jessica Cogburn, ARF Chair, at 501-690-1875 or email her at jessica.cogburn@arkansas.gov for any questions or to make arrangements.

Exhibits and Displays

Exhibits and displays are welcome, but please contact Marilyn Knapp (mxj02@uark.edu) **in advance** to ensure there will be appropriate space and tables that meet your needs. Space is limited.

Sunday Tour

Quadrante, El Quarante, Cadron Settlement: "...a vortex of swindling and idleness".

Visit the oldest historic settlement in Faulkner County, and one of the oldest Euro-American sites in the state, just a few miles west of Conway on the banks of the Arkansas River. We'll cover 10,000 years of human activity at this significant site including a tour of the reproduction 1811 Blockhouse and a brief lecture on Cadron's place in Arkansas history. For more information, please contact Lynita Langley-Ware, Director, Faulkner County Museum. email: fcu@conwaycorp.net, or phone: 501-581-1492. Please pre-register for this tour on the registration form.

Tentative Schedule

(Times and locations are tentative; please check your program after arrival.)

Friday, September 24

3:00p-4:30p	Society Executive Board Meeting – Juniper Room
1:00p – 8:00p	Registration – Foyer
6:00p – 9:00p	Reception – Juniper/Cypress Room

Saturday, September 25

7:00a	Board of Advisors Breakfast – Reserved Area Next to Bar (Attendees on your own.)
8:00a	ARF Silent Auction & Raffle Sales – Fireplace Room (McCastlain Hall)
8:00a	Registration – McCastlain Hall Entry
8:30a – 10:30a	Papers and Presentations – McCastlain Ballroom
10:35a – 11:45a	Business Meeting; Presentation of Awards & Certificates – McCastlain Ballroom
11:45a – 1:00p	Lunch on your own
1:00p – 4:20p	Papers and Presentations – McCastlain Ballroom
4:20p	Drawing for ARF Raffle – Fireplace Room (McCastlain Hall)
4:30p	ARF Silent Auction Ends
7:00p	Banquet – McCastlain Ballroom
8:00p	Keynote Address: Eric Mills

Sunday, September 29

9:00a	The Cadron Blockhouse
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