



The **NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS)**

will welcome **David Kilby** as the featured speaker for the **January 10th** meeting. (see **Page 2**).

NTAS meetings are **free** and visitors are always welcome. See **Page 5** for location and directions)

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North Texas Archeological Society

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President's Message

Something old, something new. No, we are not going to discuss a wedding; what I have in mind is the name change for our society. By a vote of 28-8, our name was changed at the November meeting. We are now the North Texas Archeological Society (NTAS). That's what's new. What's old – and wonderful – is our reputation as an outstanding Archeological Society.

The Tarrant County Archeological Society was founded in 1955. Since that time, TCAS has been actively involved in many archeology projects and activities, locally and throughout the State. Our reputation has grown steadily through time, in part because of the outstanding leadership provided by Presidents like Jim Blanton, Bryan Jameson, Wendy Lockwood, Glynn Osburn, Jay Hornsby, Katrina Nuncio, and Chris Meis, as well as the TCAS Board of Directors. TCAS officers and members have shown a consistent dedication to excellence in everything TCAS has done. Our organization now has a new name, but the TCAS commitment to preserving the past for the future will certainly continue.

On December 8, about 50 TCAS/NTAS members enjoyed another



James Everett, President

Christmas party at Paula Vastine's house (as shown in several photos included in this newsletter). We all thank Paula for her repeated hospitality to our members.

The Christmas party is just one of the activities that help make NTAS members an "archeology family". As in all families, sometimes there are emergencies, accidents, hospitalizations, etc., involving our archeology family. When those times arise, we need to be able to contact someone who can inform us about the situation and what we can do to help. Conversely, emergencies could arise during NTAS activities and we need to know who to contact to get the word out among friends and family.

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That is why we have begun to request emergency contact information on our membership form (see the new form at the end of this newsletter). Please consider providing us with the information requested; it will

help our entire NTAS community.

I have very fond memories of serving as the TCAS President from 1975 through 1978. Now, 40 years later, I am excited to once again help lead the out-

standing group now known as the North Texas Archeological Society. Together, we will ensure that the membership and reputation of NTAS will continue to grow.



January Speaker: David Kilby

Bio: David Kilby is an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Texas State University and is Co-Director of the Ancient Southwest Texas Project. His research focuses on the archaeology of the earliest inhabitants of the Americas, with particular emphasis on the relationship between Ice Age foragers and the changing physical environment of the North American Southern Plains, West, and Southwest. He is currently undertaking new investigations at Bonfire Shelter in west Texas. He has also pursued research on Clovis caches throughout his career. David's current fieldwork also includes Blackwater Draw in New Mexico (the Clovis Site), and two new Paleoindian sites in the Texas Panhandle. He is editor of the books *Clovis Caches: Recent Discoveries and New Research and Geology, Archaeology and Climate Change at Blackwater Draw, New Mexico*, and the author of numerous book chapters and journal articles on Paleoindian archaeology.

Bonfire Shelter: A Jumping Off Point for Understanding Ancient Americans in West Texas

Abstract: The Ancient Southwest Texas Project (ASWT) at Texas State University began a new fieldwork initiative at Bonfire Shelter in 2017. The site is compelling for two primary reasons. First, it may preserve evidence of the oldest and southernmost "bison jump" in North America; however, there is disagreement as to whether a 12,000-year-old layer of bones represents one or as many as three hunting events, and whether or not they truly represent bison jumps. If they do, it is an unprecedented adaptive strategy for North American Paleoindians. Second, a lower layer includes remains of mammoth and other Pleistocene megafauna of ambiguous origin. Previous researchers have argued that these 14,600 year old remains also reflect human activity, but this has never been verified. If the lowest deposits were confirmed as human-related, the site would rank among the earliest in America. This presentation will review the new investigations at Bonfire Shelter by ASWT, and present some tentative conclusions along with some lingering questions.

Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

February 14th: Dr. Tim Sullivan
March 14th: Dub Crook
April 11th: Doug Boyd
May 9th: Dr. Christopher Lintz

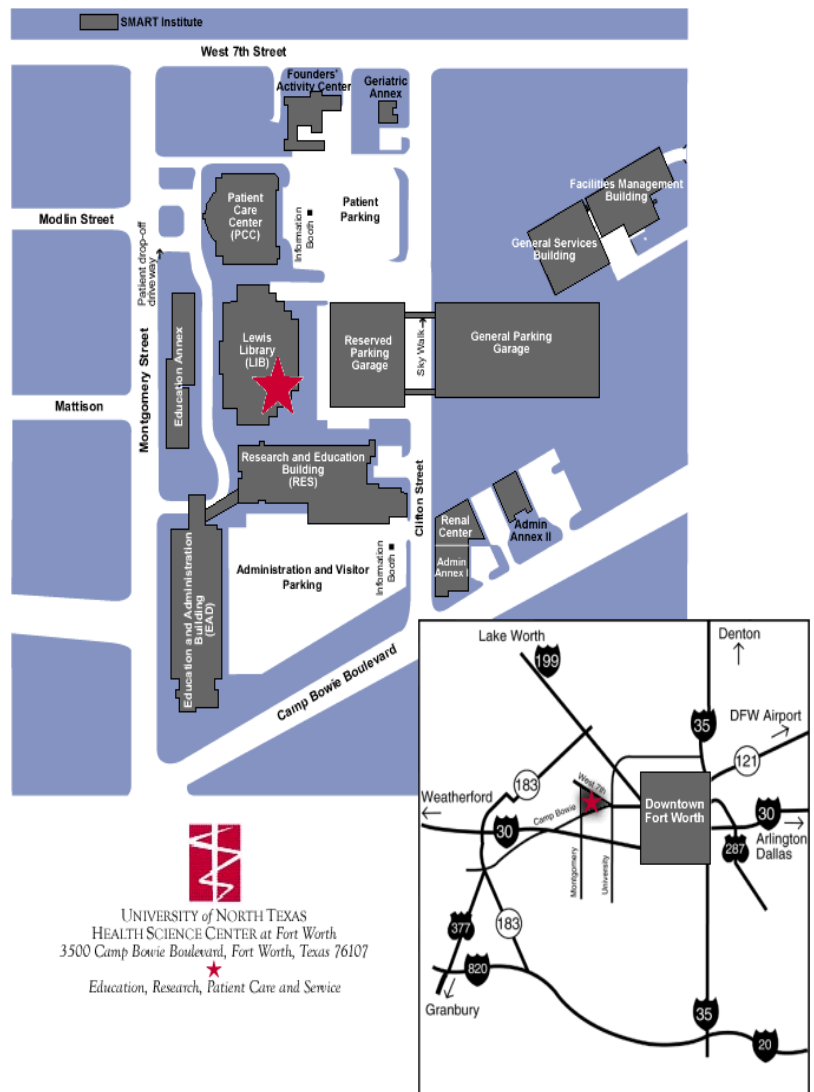
Welcome New NTAS Member:

Brian Luetchford

NTAS Monthly Meeting Location & Directions

NTAS meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (except June and December) at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, 3500 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth (in the Lewis Library Building, Room 110), near the intersection of Camp Bowie and Montgomery Street.

Traveling west on I30 from downtown, take the Montgomery Street exit. Turn right on Montgomery and continue to the five-way intersection at Camp Bowie. Turn right onto Camp Bowie, followed by an immediate left onto Clifton Street. Continue on Clifton to Parking Lot "I" on your left (past the Parking Garage and Sky bridge). Park in the patient spaces (after 5:00 p.m.) and go past the information booth into the underground parking garage. Turn left down the corridor at the double doors in the center. Proceed down the hallway until you come to Room 110 in the Lewis Library building.



2018 Holiday Party

As usual, the holiday party provided delicious food, wonderful friends, and creative gifts.

Thanks to all who came and contributed, especially to Paula, who generously hosted!

Ona B. Reed & Max Ratheal



“Santa” Jim Blanton, James Everett, & Bryan Jameson



Andie Comini, Mike Shannon & Dana Ritchie



Linda Lang with gift



Several members enjoying the gift giving

Call for Help with New Logo Design

Because of our name change, we are revamping our logo.

The projectile point image will remain as depicted here. But, we'd like to see some redesign of the text (maybe even add something, like "since 1955"). Anything that our creative members can come up with will be considered.

If you are interested in working on this, a member of the board can provide you with a digital file to work with.



Newberry Cabin & Doss Heritage and Culture Center Featured on Fox 4 News:

<https://www.fox4news.com/news/376529436-video>

Teresa Vinson & Katrina Nuncio
(right) and Murray Cohen (below)
analyzing artifacts from the
Newberry Cabin Site.



A Thank You to the Society

Hello! I am Payton Carroll. I received the TCAS Annual Meeting Scholarship to attend the TAS Conference last week. I want to thank all of you so much for the opportunity to attend the conference. I heard many fascinating talks (I particularly enjoyed the "Titans of Texas Archaeology" symposium), met many amazing archaeologists and potential employers, and increased my knowledge by leaps and bounds. I left the conference inspired and excited to see where my archaeological journey leads. All of this is due to your generosity. I cannot thank you all enough for giving me the opportunity to attend the TAS conference. I am so grateful to you all.

Sincerely,
Payton Carroll

Upcoming Texas Archeology Events

2019 Rock Art Academy in El Paso

When: February 16-17, 2019

Registration Ends: January 17, 2019

Where: El Paso Museum of Archaeology & Hueco Tanks State Park

From the TAS website:

Learning to record and interpret rock art can illuminate both how a site was used by people and how people interacted with the natural environment and cultural influences. This Academy will include classroom instruction, and field trips where participants will have the opportunity to participate in a rock art recording session at Hueco Tanks State Park. The instructor team includes experienced rock art specialists and archeologists who specialize in Mogollon culture.

More information is available from TAS at <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/192>

This Academy is being presented in partnership with the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, the El Paso Archaeological Society, and Texas Parks and Wildlife – Hueco Tanks State Park.

2019 East Texas Archeology Conference: The Paleoindians

When: February 23, 2019

Where: Ornelas Activity Center at The University of Texas at Tyler

From the ETAC website:

The East Texas Archaeology Conference includes speakers from across East Texas and surrounding regions, presenting the latest in archaeological research. The conference is open to the public. (Please note that you do NOT need to preregister for the ETAC conference! You can register at the event starting at 8am on Saturday! The \$20 registration fee includes lunch served on site (with vegetarian options).

We are pleased to announce the 26th annual East Texas Archeology Conference will focus on Paleoindians. We look forward to keynote presentations by Dr. Michael Waters, Dr. Michael Collins, and Dr. Amanda Evens.

More information available: <https://sites.google.com/view/easttexasarchaeologyconference/home>

2019 Lithic Academy in San Marcos

When: April 27-28, 2019

Where: Texas State University

From the TAS website:

Join archeologists to learn about Texas history and prehistory as revealed through archeological investigations. The course will include a brief overview of stone tools, why stone artifacts are important, how they are produced and used, and how stone tools contribute to the archeological record. The academy will include a review of raw stone materials and how they were used.

More information is available from TAS at <https://txarch.org/civicrm-event/193>

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Three easy and quick ways to pay your 2019 NTAS dues!

By PayPal: Complete the Application Form and pay online using with PayPal at the NTAS website,
www.tarrantarch.org

By mail: Complete the application below and mail it with your check to:
North Texas Arch Society, PO Box 24679, Fort Worth, TX 76124

In person: Give your dues and completed application to Lloyd Erwin at the monthly meeting.

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NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Preferred Phone _____

City\State\Zip _____ Email Address _____

Emergency Contact(s): Please provide the following information regarding the individual(s) from whom we can request or to whom we may provide information in the event of an emergency. Please consider listing at least one contact who does not live at your residence.

Primary Contact Name _____ Alternate Contact Name _____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____

Phone Number _____ Phone Number _____

I want my newsletter delivered by _____ email (\$0) or _____ by USPS mail. (\$10) **Thank you** for choosing delivery by email.

Membership Type & Fees (Membership Term: January to December)

New Individual \$20 USPS Mail Delivery \$10
 Renewal Family \$25 Optional Memorial Fund Contribution
 Student \$10 (*enrolled in grade school through college/university whose coursework is considered to be half time or more*)
 Contributing \$30

****Until further notice, please make checks payable to TCAS****

Code of Ethics (signature required): I PLEDGE THAT I WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL ANTIQUITIES STATUTES CONCERNING CULTURAL RESOURCES OR ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICES OF BUYING OR SELLING ARTIFACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES OR ENGAGE IN THE WILLFUL DESTRUCTION OR DISTORTION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA OR DISREGARD PROPER ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD TECHNIQUES. I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE SOCIETY.

Signature _____

Date _____