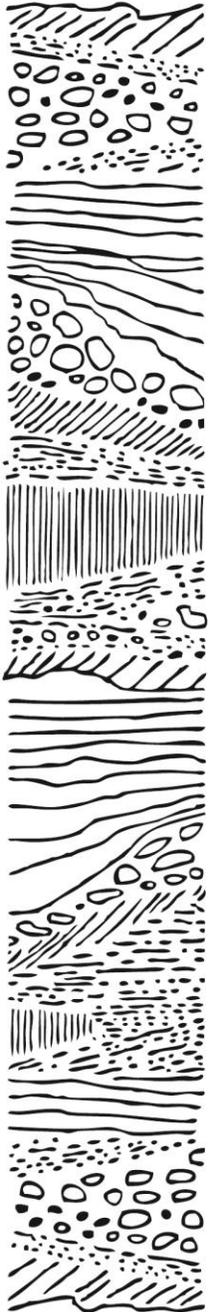




**PANYC**



# Professional Archaeologists of New York City – Newsletter

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### **I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings! And Happy Spring!

Our March membership meeting is here and happy to be able to share with you some exciting events that have occurred since our last membership meeting in the fall, as well as some announcements for upcoming happenings.

To start off, the Neighborhood Preservation Center (NPC) has highlighted PANYC as part of their NPC Spotlight Series, which is posted on their website here: <http://neighborhoodpreservationcenter.org/content/spotlight-professional-archaeologists-new-york-city-panyc>. Stay tuned to see and partake in more collaborative events with NPC.

I was honored to be able to speak on behalf of PANYC on the Historic District's Council's Architect Panel for continuing education credit entitled "Archaeology and the Landmarks Commission". The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission could not speak due to a schedule conflict and asked PANYC to fill in and lend our experience with archaeology in the city. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak on New York City archaeology and PANYC. Fellow PANYC member and past president Alyssa Loorya also spoke. It was an engaged group of architects, some with historic preservation background, which found the information on New York City archaeology not only exciting but educational for their work. We hope to participate in more events like this in the future with various organizations and groups.

In addition, as we move forward in the new administration, we may see changes that affect what we do and how we go about doing it as archaeologists. Please feel free to forward any workshops, seminars/webinars or events that may be relevant to our members such as the ACRA webinar, “The CRM Industry in the Age of Trump,” that we forwarded this past fall. I’m reminded of the phrase “Think globally, Act Locally” and as PANYC is an organization founded and dedicated to the protection and preservation of archaeological resources in NYC, our local efforts to protect archaeological resources will have an effect on the larger stage as well.

Just a friendly reminder that if your membership renewal is now due. If yours is in arrears from last year and would like to bring dues current, or would just like to renew your membership, please bring renewal form and membership fee either to next PANYC meeting or mail directly to our treasurer: Shelly Spritzer, 301 E. 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 14, New York, NY 10021. Also any additional donations are tax-deductible too! Checks can be made out to PANYC.

With spring comes new growth, and great time for PANYC to grow as well. If any of you have students or colleagues that would be interested in joining PANYC, please invite them to come to our Public Program and get a membership form!

We have some interesting presentations and workshops being put together for PANYC members and as a reminder if anyone has an interesting topic to discuss or presentation of recent work that may be of interest to the general membership, please feel free to contact me at [info@panycarchaeology.org](mailto:info@panycarchaeology.org).

Finally, please note your calendars for this year’s PANYC Public Program on Sunday April 30th from 2-4 pm at the Museum of the City of New York and see more on this from the Public Program Chair-Lynn Rakos in this newsletter.

**Upcoming PANYC Membership Meeting Dates:**

March 21, 2017, 6pm - ANNUAL MEETING, all members, no board meeting previously (change of date due to snow on 14<sup>th</sup>)

May 23, 2017, 6pm - GENERAL meeting, all members, no board meeting previously

All meetings held at Neighborhood Preservation Center 232 E 11th St, New York, NY 10003.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Best,  
Kelly M Britt  
PANYC President

## II. MEETING MINUTES

**PANYC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Neighborhood Preservation Center**  
**232 East 11th Street, New York, NY**  
**November 2, 2016 6pm**  
**Final**

**Present:** Britt, Cantwell, Geismar, Linn, Martin, Pickman, Rakos, Seignoret, Spritzer, Stone, Wall, Wiley

Britt welcomed everyone to the general meeting.

Stone asked for a clarification about the Newsletter’s publication of the meeting minutes. In the past the Newsletter had published the minutes from 2 meetings past. This was determined to be unnecessary as of now since meeting minutes are pre-approved via email. The membership believed that, going forward, it is fine for the Newsletter to only include the last meeting’s minutes.

Britt asked for those present at the meeting to go around the table and introduce themselves for our newcomers. The members did so along with prospective members Kevin Wiley and Herbert Seignoret.

Britt then announced that she had just received an email from Amanda Sutphin at the LPC. Sutphin said that the repository just won an award for its website (<http://archaeology.cityofnewyork.us/>):

“The Best of NYC” Excellence in Technology award – Best External Applications. This award is given annually for exceptional performance, dedication and commitment to excellence in technology. “The Best of NYC” award will be formally presented on November 14th 2016 at New York Technology Forum held at New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge.

The repository is widely congratulated for this well-deserved award.

Britt then asked for members to bring up any other issues for discussion.

Rakos announced the Public Program will be Sunday April 23rd and as it’s on a weekend it will cost a higher rate as we will be paying for security and staffing. The board had decided that it is worth the cost to see what the difference in audience will be this year compared to the last two years when it took place on a weeknight. The contract has been back and forth between Rakos, the PANYC board and the museum events staff and is almost finalized. The question of a “student rate” is still being finalized.

Stone asked about the cost of the weekend and why we are sure we would want a weekend event if it will cost double what MCNY would charge for a weeknight. Britt responded that she had heard from many people that they couldn’t come on the weeknight last year. The board had

decided it would make sense to see if the extra cost was worth it for this year while looking into grant money and/or another venue.

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Stone then stated that she has been looking into grant money for the funding of the public program. NY Council on the Humanities might be a good option for a \$500 grant. She brought up that we could also think about asking for a small donation from members on the renewal form since we're a non-profit.

Cantwell asked if we will get the auditorium at the MCNY and Rakos thinks yes it's open since renovation but we don't know if we will get it at this point.

Members agreed that a committee should be formed for grant writing and to look into a new venue for the public program. Stone suggested even one person added to the program committee could work on these issues. Members suggest she contact Sarah Kautz and Camille Czerkowicz because they both have good experience with this sort of research. Stone planned to send them an email.

Rakos announced that the theme will either be the use of new technology in archaeology or potentially the whole program could cover one site. The latter is a proposal that has been brought to her by a member and she is considering the options.

Members then discussed what people could be approached for papers related to technological innovations in archaeology. The work Celia Bergoffen has been doing with 3D photography would be interesting as would the repository's process of creating a database and website. Stone brought up that the use of LIDAR would be a good topic for the program as well.

The subject of the Public Program was left at that point and Stone reported on the NYAC meeting. It took place in Binghamton. She said that they are working on developing statewide standards for repositories somewhat based on NYC standards although there would be more consideration of prehistoric collections than we have to consider here. She also said that they are considering regionally-based repositories versus one central location if economically feasible.

The next NYAC meeting will be on April 21, 2017 in Lake George. It will cover the making of archaeological videos. Matt Sanger will chair the program committee for that meeting.

Wall then brought up the subject of the Met Chapter. She welcomed ideas or subjects for the upcoming Met Chapter events. She is also considering holding an election to bring in some new participation. Do we still want the Met Chapter? Britt immediately said yes as it brings in a larger audience than PANYC. Stone suggested that we could promote PANYC event talks to Met Chapter members also. Rakos pointed out that link for the Met chapter on the NYSAA website doesn't work which could be affecting participation. Spritzer said, encouragingly, that the Met Chapter is actually the largest chapter.

Pickman asked about the Met Chapter website. Does the chapter create a website and then a link for NYSAA and they pay for this? Could PANYC and Met Chapter share a web portal? All agree

that NYSAA needs get this link working. Spritzer told the meeting that NYSAA had let their non-profit status lapse and so the website may have suffered for that.

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Britt suggested that future PANYC meetings could be set up with discussion questions and small group break-out sessions as Stone has suggested in the past. She had seen these work well for the last year's NYAC meetings. Something like that might work for a Met Chapter event too. People would be prepared with the subjects or questions ahead of time.

Britt then asked for any more topics that needed to be considered at this meeting. There were none and so the meeting was closed and all present were pleased to welcome Herbert Seignoret, Hunter College, CUNY and recipient of The Bert Salwen Award for Outstanding Student Paper. He presented his paper, entitled "The Ecological Transformation of Manhattan Island: A Study of The Environmental Changes in the Shift from Mannahatta to New York City Through Archaeological Studies."

The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Lizzie Martin, PANYC Secretary.

The next three meetings are scheduled as follows:

January 18, 2017, 6pm - BOARD meeting only

March 14, 2017, 6pm - ANNUAL MEETING, all members, no board meeting previously

May 23, 2017, 6pm - GENERAL meeting, all members, no board meeting previously

### **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2017 Scheduled Meeting Dates**

September 21, 2016, 6pm–BOARD meeting only

November 2, 2016, 6pm–GENERAL meeting only (no board meeting)

January 18, 2017, 6pm–BOARD meeting only

March 21, 2017, 6pm–ANNUAL MEETING, all members, no board

May 23, 2017, 6pm–GENERAL meeting only (no board meeting)

#### **Current Board Members (2016-2017):**

President:	Kelly Britt
Vice President:	Lynn Rakos
Secretary:	Lizzie Martin
Treasurer:	Shelly Spritzer

Board Members:           Camille Czerkowicz  
                                  Diane George  
                                  Meredith Linn  
                                  Jessica MacLean  
                                  Linda Stone

Past President:           Joan Geismar

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#### IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Date	Link
"Curating the Colonial: European Ethnographic Museums and Their Futures" Special Seminar on Museums by the Center for Archaeology, Columbia University- Wayne Modest	951 Schermerhorn Ext., Department of Anthropology	4:30 PM January 20, 2017	centerforarchaeology@lists.columbia.edu
"Water and the Big History of the Pre-Columbian Mississippi Valley" The New York Academy of Sciences Anthropology Section@ The Wenner-Gren Foundation Timothy R. Pauketat, Discussant: Severin Fowles,	Wenner-Gren Foundation, 470 Park Avenue South, 8th Fl. North, New York, NY 10016	6:30 PM February 27, 2017	<a href="https://wennergren.org">https://wennergren.org</a> .
"Brooklyn Bridge Park:A Dying Waterfront Transformed" Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College - Joanne Witty in conversation with William Solecki	Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College 47-49 East 65th Street (between Park and Madison Avenues)   New York, NY 10065	6:00 PM March 1, 2017	<a href="http://www.roosevelthouse.hunter.cuny.edu">www.roosevelthouse.hunter.cuny.edu</a>
"Close Encounters: The Dilemmas of Contact for Isolated Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon" The New York Academy of Sciences Anthropology Section@ The Wenner-Gren Foundation Glenn H. Shepard Jr., Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, Belém do Pará, Brazil	Wenner-Gren Foundation, 470 Park Avenue South, 8th Fl. North, New York, NY 10016	6:30 PM March 27, 2017	<a href="https://wennergren.org">https://wennergren.org</a> .
"Unraveling Disciplinary Mind-sets" The New York Academy of Sciences Anthropology Section@ The Wenner-Gren Foundation Laura Nader, University of California-Berkeley	Wenner-Gren Foundation, 470 Park Avenue South, 8th Fl. North, New York, NY 10016	6:30 PM April 24, 2017	<a href="https://wennergren.org">https://wennergren.org</a> .
"Weeksville: Transforming Community/In Pursuit of Freedom" New On-going	Weeksville Heritage Center, 158 Buffalo Avenue, Brooklyn, NY	2:00 PM April 30, 2017	<a href="http://www.weeksvillesociety.org/">http://www.weeksvillesociety.org/</a>

Exhibit and Walking Tour	11213		
<p>“Keeping Up with the Times: Technology in Archaeology”                  PANYC's 37th Annual Public Program with the Museum of the City of New York                  Speakers: Celia Bergoffen, Richard Hunter, Joe Schuldenrein, Amanda Sutphin, Kevin Wiley</p>	<p>Museum of the City of NY, 1220 Fifth Ave at 103rdSt.</p>	<p>2:00 pm                  April 30, 2017</p>	<p><a href="http://mcny.org/event/keeping-times-technology-archaeology">http://mcny.org/event/keeping-times-technology-archaeology</a></p>
<p>New York Historical Society Exhibit: The First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World</p>	<p>NY Historical Society, 170 Central Park West</p>	<p>Oct. 28 – Feb. 26, 2017</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/first-jewish-americans-freedom-and-culture-new-world">http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/first-jewish-americans-freedom-and-culture-new-world</a></p>

## V.MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER/INFORMATION:

If you are interested in joining PANYC or if you would like to subscribe to the PANYC Newsletter, please complete the form below and return it to:

Lizzie Martin, PANYC Secretary, email: [lizziepmartin@gmail.com](mailto:lizziepmartin@gmail.com)

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I wish to subscribe to the PANYC Newsletter only (\$10) \_\_\_\_

I wish to make an additional donation to PANYC \_\_\_\_

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The PANYC Membership package can be found at: [www.panycarchaeology.org](http://www.panycarchaeology.org)

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