


# Professional Archaeologists of New York City Newsletter

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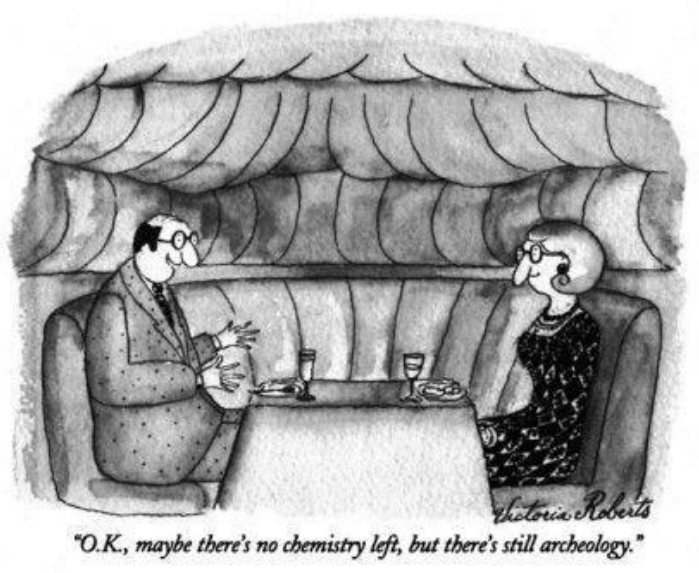


"O.K., maybe there's no chemistry left, but there's still archeology."

# President's Message

Hello PANYC Members,

Lots of exciting things have been going on with PANYC since our last newsletter. Although we are still maintaining our archaeological watch-dog tasks, I announced last fall that I am shifting our focus towards another of our 3 missions – "promote cooperation and communication among professional archaeologists in New York City." To that end, I'm generally abandoning our stale meeting agenda in favor of membership engagement. I know this was shocking to some of our long-time members, but in preparing for this newsletter, I was looking through our archives and found the October 1979 letter from Bert Salwen and Anne-Marie Cantwell announcing the first meeting of the group that would become PANYC (republished here). Interestingly, they cited the interest in "renewing regular professional contacts among the archaeologists who work in New York City" as impetus for the meeting. Apparently, as it turns out, I'm turning back the clock in moving forward.

Since making the announcement, I have, and will continue through my term as President, start our meetings with business announcements and then move on to interact in other ways, including time built in for socializing. We had our first in-person meeting since the start of the Covid pandemic last November. All of our new members who joined since the lockdown were in attendance, along with some of our long-time members. We polled attendees ahead of time to see what archaeological topics were of most interest. The top 3 (in no particular order) were Public education & outreach, Social equity issues and Artifacts (analysis, identification, inventory…). We continued exploring the Artifacts interest at our January meeting, organized by Matt Spigelman and Jessica Maclean. It was a virtual meeting regarding issues of culling with Vivian James of NYAC providing us with lots to think about and ways to engage by working on individual material-based guidance. If you missed the meeting and are interested in more information, please let Matt, Jessica or I know and we can put you in touch with Vivian.

Our Annual Meeting, always in March, will have our typical agenda, but also with social time built in afterwards. It will be in-person on **Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30**, with the board meeting ½ hour earlier. There will also be a Zoom component for those who are unable to attend in person. On the agenda will be a continuation of our discussion of Social equity issues and public engagement, as well as a vote on some minor bylaws amendments. In addition, I'm also interested in continuing the discussion about how you, our members, would like to engage with one another and with PANYC going forward.

As always, feel free to reach out via our email info@panycarchaeology.org with ideas or if you're interested in getting more involved. If you're unable to attend meetings, as many are, and we'd still like to hear from you and have been talking about how to better connect with you too. All ideas will be appreciated.

I hope to see you all soon.

Well wishes,
Linda Stone
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October 4, 1979

Dear colleague,

The Metropolitan Area Archaeological Survey (11.1\AS), which was chartered some years ago to promote archaeological research and the preservation of archaeological resources in the New York Metropolitan area, has been inactive for the past few years, although it presumably continues to function as a legally incorporated body.

Recently, there have been expressions of interest in renewing regular professional contacts among the archaeologists who work in New York City. One such expression was a meeting organized by Kathryn Mish of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission on August 9th to explore the possibilities for creating a New York City archaeological consortium. At that rneeting, it was decided to postpone concrete action until the fall, when more professional archaeologists would be available for consultation.

Bert Salwen agreed to contact individuals (including the members of MI\AS who live or work in the city) who should be consulted before firm decisions are made. In consultation with the present officers of MAAS, it was agreed to invite all professional archaeologists with research interestsin New York City to a meeting at which decisions can be made concerning the best organizational form for the advancement of New York City archaeology.

We have scheduled this meeting for Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 PM, in Room 709 Main Building, New York University (northeast corner of Hashington Square Park). We would appreciate it if you would return the enclosed slip, indicating if you will be able to attend the meeting, and if not, if you would like to be included in any future actions of the proposed group.

Sincerely,

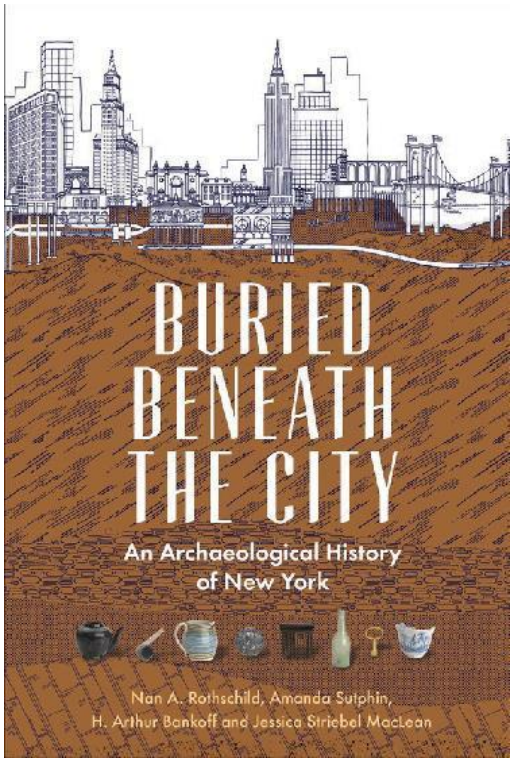
Bert Salwen
Professor of Anthropology

Secretary, MAAS

# NOTES AND NOTABLES

## CONGRATULATIONS

Nan A. Rothschild, Amanda Sutphin, H. Arthur Bankoff, and Jessica Striebel MacLean will be receiving the SAA Book Award—Popular at the upcoming annual conference for their book Buried Beneath the City: An Archaeological History of New York (Columbia University Press)!







Late last year, the Jay Heritage Center was awarded the New York State Historic Preservation Award for Excellence in Non-Profit Achievement. Eugene Boesch (left, center) was one of the recipients!

Kelly Britt made the short list for the Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award! Her work is featured in this NYTimes article and in a CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez's Op-Ed piece in AMNY.

## NOTES

In October, Meredith Linn led a Met Chapter tour of Seneca Village (below). Many PANYC members as well as members of the Brennan Chapter attended.



Matt Reilly has a piece in Sapiens highlighting the Back-to-Africa Heritage and Archaeology Project (BAHA)'s work in Liberia.

NYAC will host its Spring General Meeting on the weekend of April 21st in Suffern, NY. This meeting will be held jointly with NYSAA; further information can be found here.

NYAC's Friday afternoon general session will include an update from Vivian James on the culling guidelines (which were presented at our January PANYC meeting) and a discussion of examples of the Material Sample Sheets (MSS).

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## WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

If you are interested in being the NEW newsletter editor for 2023 or would like to take a turn at guest editing the newsletter, please contact PANYC President Linda Stone at lindastone@juno.com.

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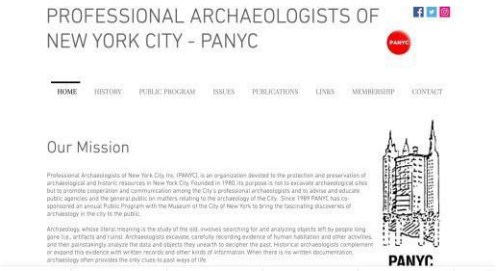



**Hit the PANYC Button-We Have a NEW Website!!!**

Thanks to Lynn Rakos for creating and the rest of the website committee-Kelly Britt and Linda Stone-we have a new public face for PANYC.

Any additional photos? Stories? Info you want to share on website? Feel free to email with thoughts to info@panycarchaeology.org

**Check out our new website here: www.panycarchaeology.org**

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## An Impossible Subject

### New York City, Archaeology, and the Future of the Past

Last week, Nan Rothschild and Kevin Wiley talked over Zoom for the first installment of a new member spotlight section of the newsletter. We focused on two main topics: the history of PANYC and Nan's approach to archaeological research.





KW: What prompted the creation of PANYC? How did it come into being?

NR: The origins of PANYC derived in part from its predecessor, the Metropolitan Area Archaeological Survey, MAAS. That was an organization more like the Met chapter except that it was more local. It was an organization in which people exchanged information about what they were doing. But PANYC was really started as a byproduct of CRM legislation and the beginnings of that kind of archaeology in New York City. NYAC, of which I was President a long time ago, was the statewide organization that was more involved with CRM before New York City was and so NYAC preceded PANYC. And both of those organizations were dealing with how to respond to this legislation, which required archaeology of a certain type in places where people had not always wanted to look before, you know, sewer lines and railroad lines and then in the city where most people hadn't really thought there would be archaeology or didn't want to do archaeology. And I think that the fact that the SHPO really ignored New York City was part of why Landmarks got so involved, so Landmarks was the local agency that stood in SHPO's place. I don't know why SHPO didn't want anything to do with the city. But in any case, PANYC had several missions. One was to protect the resources. One was to figure out how to deal with this kind of legislation with this staged sort of evaluation of the existence of resources and their importance. But there was also an education component.

It consists of professional archaeologists, and that first word is important because you know the Met chapter, for example, does not require people to be professionals. We felt the resources needed an advocate. We felt the public needed to know about archaeology. And I remember, the early days of PANYC, we spent a lot of time writing, basically, scolding letters. People who had the nerve to excavate a privy that they found in their backyard, or there was this guy whose name escapes me, but he had found an extinct subway station in Brooklyn, and he was taking people and charging them money to see this subway station. And we wrote him. We wrote the Times; there were all kinds of people that we wrote. I don't think they were terribly effective those letters, but we felt we had to do it because you couldn't just go and dig up your own backyard. You had to have somebody who knew what they were doing.

KW: Right! Only in New York are you going to find a subway station in your backyard! So, would you

also say that PANYC was formed to foster a sense of community among archaeologists?

NR: Yes, it was. But as I said, there were earlier organizations that did have some of that same community. It was mostly academics. It was people like. Ralph and Bert and their students. Arthur Bankoff was an early member, Joan Geismar. Anne-Marie. Diana. And some others who I'm sure I'm forgetting. I did talk to both Diana and Anne-Marie before doing this interview, to get their insights.

KW: And the Metropolitan Area Archaeological Survey, what happened with that organization?

NR: I think it just fizzled out. Once we realized that we needed a different kind of organization that really paid attention to what the resources were and what these new laws were. I think that was what really stimulated the formation of PANYC. And of course, you know, the interesting thing is that PANYC was most active during the boom in Lower Manhattan development in the 80s. Landmarks had a lawyer whose name was Dorothy Miner, and she had been to an archaeological field school. She was influential in the way the excavation of the Stadt Huys block came about. Originally, the block had been landmarked. Because of some 19th century buildings that had existed on it. And of course, the 19th century buildings were why we thought there might be archaeological materials still remaining because they would have had backyards. And in fact, that was true. So, the people who were building the Goldman Sachs building needed to de-designate the block in order for the Goldman Sachs building to be built. And what they initially were supposed to do was reconstruct the facade of one of those 19th century buildings somewhere near the new building. But they couldn't find it. I mean, it had been stored in one of those chambers under the Manhattan Bridge or the Williamsburg Bridge. But when they went to find it they couldn't. And somebody suggested doing an archaeological excavation, and Dorothy Miner was very pleased with the idea. And so that was how the Stadt Huys Block project happened. 7 Hanover Square, I think 60 Wall Street, the one that Joel Grossman excavated on Broad Street. And Joan Geismar did a landfill block, the first block beyond Hanover Square.

KW: 175 Water Street?

NR: Yes, Water Street and then Telco Block and all of those were excavated during roughly that same period in the 80s, and then a couple of things happened. People started focusing more on development uptown. And then Giuliani became mayor, and he fired Dorothy Miner. He got a lawyer who was much more pro-development. And not pro-archaeology. And so that's when a lot of changes came into being. And there was less archaeology after that and certainly much less of this mega block, this large stuff which was really expensive, time consuming, and very exciting to archaeologists.

KW: And so how would you say PANYC has changed since its founding? Has it changed in response to changes to archaeology in the city or to the political landscape in general?

NR: PANYC certainly changed. Partly because its original mission is no longer so central. Most people now have an understanding of the CRM process. The CRM process itself I think has been watered down. So that, for example, Landmarks is not interested in anything, as I understand it, dating to the 19th century. You know, they say the 19th century is well enough documented in documents and so there's less archaeology. And therefore, less for PANYC to do. I think PANYC is trying to figure out what its current role, what its current mission is. I think educating the public is still a very important mission. I think the issue for PANYC today is it should focus a little more on its public education aspect. Obviously, we need to continue to be watchful about advocating for the resources, but access to the resources is controlled in such complex ways, by all of these agencies, many of which would like to do no more archaeology, ever. And we don't have the power to make them do archeology. So, it seems to me that that it is important for PANYC to reinvigorate the public education component of its mission.

KW: Am I following the logic: The public interest serves to advocate for the archaeological resources? Fostering public interest provides some power?

NR: Yes, it does. The more people know about the potential existence of archaeological resources, the more protected they are.

KW: Regarding archaeological resources and given the strong spatial component of your work, what general research questions do you think should be prioritized for archaeology conducted in the city?

NR: Well, you know, I once had this fantasy. That we could create a map of the city. Landmarks did this quite a long time ago. There were a series of five or six maps temporally. Variables that showed land use in the 1790s, 1820s, 1850s, 1900, something like that. And it wasn't just Manhattan, it was the whole city. And I thought, well, you could use that framework. As a kind of research design and you could plug into it a project in any part of the city, and say all right, I would expect to find in this excavation material of this nature from this time period. So, in the 1830s, I would expect it to be rural, I would expect it to be showing the beginning evidence of urbanization, perhaps more particular or even central places as they became more important. And so, I thought you could take perhaps any project and fit it into one of those maps, or a series of those maps. And predict what you would find. That's of course only one way of going about it, Basically, it has to do with land use and the way cities grow. I've always been interested in cities. And the process of urbanization. But you could also, not so much in a predictive way, you could also investigate any site in terms of what kinds of data it offered. The thing about CRM that's sort of frustrating is that you can only dig in the project area and there could be anything fabulous a block away, but you can't go there.

KW: That's a very interesting idea! Instead of using those maps as part of a regulatory assessment in reaction to development projects, turning the process on its head and leveraging those data to find locations where research questions could be answered.

NR: That means that you don't go into a project with a wish to excavate things. But you go in with an expectation of, well, these are the kinds of things we might find. It's not like doing surveys out West where you say, well, this is my research design. I'm going to try to find the answers to these questions. You are a little more flexible in terms of the kinds of things you're willing to be interested in. But you know the city is an impossible subject. It's impossibly huge and very interesting. And cities don't all work the same. New York has a distinctive history when you compare it to Boston or Philadelphia or other cities out West. So, it's very important to document it.

KW: Which brings us to your book. Last year, you, Amanda, Arthur, and Jessica published "Buried Beneath the City: An Archaeological History of New York." What new perspective does it bring to the city's past?

NR: It was stimulated by the opening of the Repository. To me, what is exciting about it is not so much that we have written what is known about the history of New York but the way in which finding a particular kind of object stimulated research. For example, the sugar mold. I didn't know that New York was the center of sugar production in the 18th and 19th century but finding that sugar mold and then doing research on the production of sugar and the triangle trade. It was a phenomenally important industry in that time period. And so, there were things that came out of the artifacts themselves. The artifact stimulated research and the research enriches the story greatly. And to me, that's one of the more important contributions of the book. It provides New Yorkers with information that they hadn't known; it's the surprises.

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**PANYC General Meeting**
**via Zoom**
**September 20, 2022,**
**6:35pm**

**Next meeting:** ~~Tuesday, November 15, 2022~~ [rescheduled to Thursday, November 17, 2022]

**Present:**
Linda Stone – President
Meredith Linn – Past President
Matthew Spigelman – Secretary
Jessica MacLean – President Elect
Elizabeth Meade – Treasurer
Matthew Reilly
Lizzie Martin
Nan Rothschild
Diana Wall
Ryan Clark
Kevin Wiley
Joan Geismar
Shelly Spritzer
Anne-Marie Cantwell
Camille Czerkowicz

**Treasurer's report (Meade):**
$5987.49 is in the bank. Will start dues collection soon, not due until March.

**President's Report (Stone):**
Thank you to Wiley for editing the newsletter.
The letter in support of the Montpelier Descendants Committee was sent and a letter of appreciation was received in return. These letters are included in the September issue of the PANYC Newsletter.
NY SHPO has had a series of CRIS (Cultural Resource Information System) workshops to gather ideas for revamp.
The NYAC Nomenclature Committee has created a Guide for Referencing Indigenous Communities, which is available on the NYAC webpage and a link was included in the September issue of the PANYC Newsletter.

**Web Committee (Stone):**
Still need an email service, Google for nonprofits still being discussed as an option.

**MET Chapter (MacLean):**
Two events this fall: October 16th @ 1pm, joint tour with Brenan Chapter of Seneca Village. Date TBD, arranging a tour of the Quaker cemetery in Prospect Park, with sexton.
NYAC fall program on October 1st @ 2pm, focused on exploring African American contexts. There will be an in person in Albany and a zoom option. Will circulate the announcement to PANYC email list.

**Public Program (Linn):**
Have emailed Frances Rosenfeld at MCNY and have not heard back.

**Newsletter (Stone):**
Next newsletter slated for March, so time for someone to step up to guest edit or take on the role. We welcome newcomers and there is no pressure to edit more than one issue.

**Membership (MacLean):**
Two membership applications: Leah Mollin-Kling and Anna Semon. Mollin-Kling was previously accepted as a member but membership had lapsed. Semon is employed at AMNH and is engaging in work with their NYC collections. Membership vote taken (during New Business). Wall – motion to approve on both membership applications, Rothschild – second, vote to approve unanimous.

**Old Business (Stone):**
No old business to discuss.

**New Business (Stone):**
Have tentatively set meeting dates:
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 [rescheduled to Thursday, November 17, 2022]
Thursday, January 26, 2023
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
Monday, May 8, 2023
From the by-laws, the three purposes of PANYC are to:
1) Protect and preserve the archaeological and historical resources of New York City.
2) Educate and advise agencies and the general public on matters relating to archaeology of New York City.
3) Promote cooperation and communication among professional archaeologists in New York City for the foregoing purposes.
The role of educating and advising public agencies was a focus when PANYC was founded, because there were no professional archaeologists employed by New York City, but that has changed. Would like to move forward with a discussion of how to shift the focus of PANYC to better fit the current conditions.
Geismar – Agree that things should change and ideas for new events.
Clark – As an archaeologist at a federal agency (but not speaking for that agency) there is a lot of movement for coastal storm risk management and needs for the greater NYC area, with studies coming out that request public comment and PANYC could provide feedback.

Rothschild – Would like for PANYC to be a venue for more conversation about what is going on in NYC archaeology at the moment, i.e., what site are you digging, what's your favorite artifact, etc.
Stone – These Army Corp and other projects are very large; how do we advocate for archaeology in them?
Clark – Up to 1% of the overall budget is allocated for cultural resources.
Spigelman – How to we keep discussion flowing while on zoom?
Stone – Can we meet in person to generate more interactions? Reilly or Linn both have spaces available.
Reilly – Space is available in the West Village.
Linn – Bard Graduate Center space on West 86th is available but pending the COVID policy.
Meade – Motion to adjourn, Clark – second, all approve.

**Meeting adjourned 7:30pm**

**PANYC General Meeting**
**via Zoom**
**17 May 2022, 6:30 PM**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

**Present:** Britt, Czerkowicz, Geismar, Juergens, Linn, MacLean, Martin, Meade, Rakos, Rothschild, Reilly, Spigelman, Stone, Wall, Wiley

**President's Report (Stone):**
James Madison's Montpelier has appointed 11 members of the Montpelier Descendants Committee to the board and have re-hired the staff that were let go.

Army Corp study of inlets invited PANYC to be a consulting party. Some debate on if PANYC should be a consulting party but the Corp does have archaeology involvement and anyone is welcome to attend as an individual.

**Treasurer's Report (Meade)**:
Currently have a balance of $6069.21. All members who wanted to renew have paid and all new members have paid.

**Committee Reports:**

**Advocacy** – no report

**Archives** – no longer an active committee

**Awards (Rothschild reporting, with Anne-Marie Cantwell and Joe Schuldenrein not present):**
Have an award for a non-professional archaeologist (BRC a developer of supportive housing and shelters, who went above and beyond with descendant community consultation for an African American Cemetery in Inwood) who the committee agrees upon but they have not been notified yet nor is there a date to present the award.

The student award is $100 and there are questions if that should be published on the website or not. No decision made.

**Landmarks (Geismar):**
Nothing to report.

Stone – Mayor Adams was proposing to cut LPC budget but the full budget has been restored
Jessica MacLean – that money includes funds to fill 8 currently vacant positions

**Membership (MacLean):**
An application is pending but without an accompanying CV, waiting to hear back.

**MET Chapter (MacLean):**
A joint tour with the Louis Brennan Chapter planned of Seneca Village. Continuing to do the speakers series at the NYSA level online, including recordings. Meta Janowtiz and co gave a presentation on ceramics from the Hannover Street site. A presentation by Sissy Pipes was zoom bombed and will be rescheduled but has not yet been rescheduled. She has published on the same topic in the bulletin.

**Newsletter:**
Stone – Newsletter is in search of an editor. Reach out to Stone with questions or other about the newsletter. Britt has a template that can be cut and pasted out of. Geismar is considering it.

**NYAC (Stone):**
Recent meeting brought up several issues:
1) Presentation to Geismar of the NYAC Founder's Award, was successfully kept a surprise!
2) Putting together a guide to the use of language to reference Indigenous Communities in reports. Will be posted as a draft report as they are still waiting for comments from a few tribes.
3) Looking at SHPO reviews throughout the state and unevenness of the knowledge base of reviewers. Proposal that NYAC members could write contexts for regions of the state and send them to SHPO. NYAC will be discussing this issue and how much involvement SHPO may have, as well as archaeologists in various parts of the state. PANYC will see how this goes and will reach out if needed.
4) Was a hybrid meeting, with about five people in person and the rest on zoom.
5) Geismar – Carol Weed is the new NYAC President.

**Parks (Linn):**
Have been talking about Seneca Village related things and they are doing more tours and are putting together an event for Juneteenth and are thinking more about that area of the park.

**Public Program (Stone):**
Typically, the public program is handled by the president elect, but we have not done one in three years so the last planning was done by Linn.

Linn – have discussed with the Museum if the program could be at another time of the year than the Spring, the Fall is ok but waiting to hear back.

**Repository** – no longer a committee now that there is a repository
[Clarification from Joan Geismar on September 7, 2022: The committee is on hold due to the creation of a repository for New York City sponsored projects, however, there remains no repository for artifacts recovered from private development projects.]

**Website (Stone):**
Have switched over website to WIX. Email is still working but need to determine the longer-term plan. Google for non-profits is an option for email and is being considered. Please send edits to Rakos!

Czerkowicz – are letters published on the website?
Stone – yes, when the newsletters are published after a year the letters are included. The Montpelier letter cc'd the Montpelier Descendants Committee lawyer, so it will be made public through that avenue.
Rakos – should there be an advocacy section update to the website?

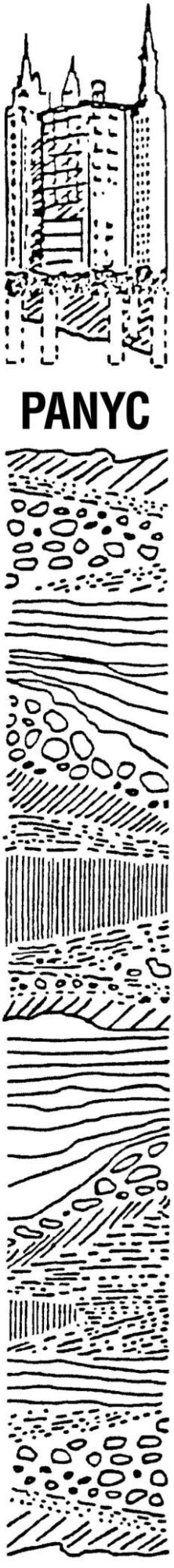
**Old Business (Stone):**
No old business to discuss.

**New Business (Stone):**
Britt and Reilly have both received CUNY awards for assistant professors and their research.

Setting meeting dates. Previously we would set dates for the whole year but with remote meetings we have not done that. We would like to have an outdoor meeting in September, with a date and a rain date. Proposing September 20th as the date and the 21st as the rain date. Will be discussed by the board and final info announced at a later date.

Stone motion to adjourn, Rakos and Geismar second, none opposed.

Minutes prepared by Matthew Spigelman, PANYC Secretary




**Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc.**

October 24, 2022

Honorable Sarah Carroll, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor, North
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Carroll,

I am writing on behalf of Professional Archaeologist of New York City, Inc. (PANYC) both to congratulate you on your recent reappointment as Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and to let you know we would like to meet with you to share thoughts about archaeology. We are pleased that during your last term you were able to shepherd the Aakawaxung Munahanung Archaeological Site through the designation process, see the creation of the Seneca Village Online Exhibit, and enable the publication of *Buried Beneath the City*. All are terrific achievements, not only for you, your agency, and your staff, but also for the people of the City. We thank you for your support for archaeology.

As you may recall, PANYC is a non-profit organization of professional archaeologists. Among our missions are educating the public and advising agencies on matters relating to New York City archaeology. To that end, when would it be possible for Dr. Meredith Linn, our Past President whom you met with at the start of your last appointment, and me to meet with you in person to discuss issues of mutual concern to both the Landmarks Commission and PANYC?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Linda Stone

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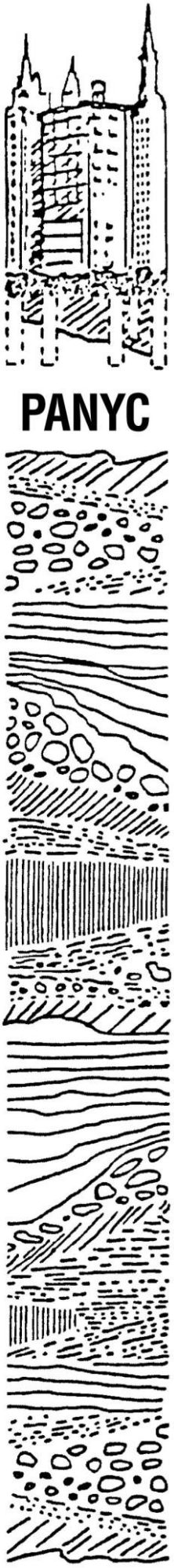


**Professional Archaeologists of New York City, Inc.**

December 31, 2022

Honorable Sarah Carroll, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
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Dear Ms. Carroll,

I am writing on behalf of Professional Archaeologist of New York City, Inc. (PANYC) to congratulate you once again on your reappointment and to thank you for the productive meeting last week. We were pleased not only to be able share ideas about archaeology and update each other on what we have been up to this past year and what we have planned for the upcoming year, but also that we will keep up this tradition of meeting annually in the years to come. We think of LPC as a partner, and hope you feel the same about PANYC.

We commend the commission on its support of the NYC Archaeological Repository and its new pathbreaking cataloging project, and for establishing an Equity Framework to include archaeology. As we discussed, archaeological resources have a unique ability to shed light on previously neglected or misrepresented histories of minority and immigrant New Yorkers, many of whom are the ancestors of present-day residents. We are thus pleased to learn that the Commission will consider potential below-ground resources in conjunction with above-ground properties as new districts come before you for consideration. When above and below-ground resources are brought together, more information will be revealed than with either source along.

We; however, continue to urge you to make consideration of archaeological resources a requirement for all properties within designated districts, new and old, when the period of significance coincides. While we realize this can be a challenge for LPC when property owners previously have not had to consider archaeology for below-ground alterations and/or if property owners do not have sufficient financial resources, but identification and notification could be considered a prelude to phasing in a requirement. Sharing knowledge of potential archaeological resources with property owners, rather then withholding such information (even if the intent is well meaning), is the ethical and equitable thing to do and could thereby be considered part of the Equity Framework. Although you're not currently able to commit to this type of notification, we are glad you have not outright ruled it out, and we look forward to working with you on this and other projects of mutual interest in the future.

Sincerely,

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