

**PROGRAM OF THE JOINT 2020 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF  
THE LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (LAS) AND  
THE MISSISSIPPI ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (MAA)**

**Friday, February 7, 2020**

- 9:00 a.m. - Noon      Registration (Hotel Vue Lobby)
- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.      Vendor and Exhibit Viewing (Hotel Vue Cypress and Cedar Rooms)
- 12:45 p.m.            Welcoming Remarks and Papers (Hotel Vue Oak Room)
- 1:00    James E. Starnes and Jonathan Leard  
         **A Newly Discovered Hattiesburg Quartzite Quarry in Amite County, Mississippi**
- 1:20    James E. Starnes and Jonathan Leard  
         **Orthoquartzite in Southeast Mississippi**
- 1:40    James Fogleman  
         **Whetting Your Appetite to See the Light: Novaculite and Quartz Crystals at Sites  
         in Central Louisiana**
- 2:00    J. Javi Vasquez  
         **ESRI GIS Tools and their Applications, Fort Polk Cultural Resources Office,  
         Louisiana**
- 2:20    Sara A. Hahn, Rita D. McCarty, and Bryan S. Haley  
         **In the Trenches: Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Camp Shelby 113<sup>th</sup>  
         Engineers WWI Training Trenches (22FO1443), Camp Shelby, Mississippi**
- 2:40    Julie Doucet, Valerie Feathers, Velicia Bergstrom, and Paul French  
         **Return to Lac St. Agnes – Results of the 2017 Field Season and 2018 Public  
         Workshops**
- 3:00 - 3:20            BREAK
- 3:20    Elizabeth Hunt, Sadie Schoeffler, Samuel Huey, and Mark A. Rees  
         **The Willow Lake Site (16MA115) Revisited: A Report on a Late Woodland Village  
         and Multicomponent Site in Madison Parish, Louisiana**
- 3:40    Chip McGimsey  
         **State of Louisiana Archaeology 2019/2020**
- 4:00    Christine L. Halling and Ryan M. Seidemann  
         **Recovery of Three (Presumed) Native American Skulls from a Curio Shop in New  
         Orleans, Louisiana**

- 4:20 Jeffrey M. Mitchem  
**Pottery Vessels from the Ground into the Netherworld**
- 4:40 Jack Green  
**Introducing and Interpreting the 'Mississippi Frog' Flint Clay Figurine**
- 5:00 Samuel O. Brookes  
**An Effigy Bannerstone from the Ferguson Mounds, Jefferson Co., Mississippi**
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. LAS Executive Committee Meeting (Hotel Vue Pilot House 1)  
MAA Executive Committee Meeting (Hotel Vue Pilot House 2)

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

- 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. Registration (Hotel Vue Lobby)
- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vendor and Exhibit Viewing (Hotel Vue Cypress and Cedar Rooms)
- 8:10 a.m. Opening Remarks and Papers (Hotel Vue Oak Room)
- 8:20 Ian W. Brown  
**A Mosaic of Three LMSers as Celebrated in their 70th Year: Philip Phillips, Robert S. Neitzel, and Jeffrey P. Brain**
- 8:40 Seth Grooms  
**Untangling the Poverty Point Phenomenon at the Jaketown Site**
- 9:00 Grace M.V. Ward  
**The Food Forests of Mississippi: Investigating Poverty Point-era Land Use at Jaketown**
- 9:20 Hunter B. Johnson and Keith J. Little  
**Recent Cultural Resource Management Investigations at Some Notable Sites in the Lower Mississippi Valley**
- 9:40 Jessica Kowalski and Erin S. Nelson  
**Above and Below the Greenline: Variation in Mississippian Settlement Patterns in the Yazoo Basin of the Lower Mississippi Valley**
- 10:00 LisaMarie Malischke, PhD  
**Spreading the Word: Fort St. Pierre and Public Archaeology as Classroom Curriculum**
- 10:20 - 10:40 BREAK

- 10:40 Vincas P. Steponaitis, Vernon J. Knight Jr., André Delpuech, Benoît Roux, and Geoffroy de Saulieu  
**Effigy Pipes from a Natchez Temple**
- 11:00 Tony Boudreaux, Vin Steponaitis, and Stephen Harris  
**Finding a “Missing Mound” at the Fatherland Site: Recent Fieldwork at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians**
- 11:20 Megan C. Kassabaum and Anna F. Graham  
**Exploring 2,000 Years of Lower Mississippi Valley History at Smith Creek**
- 11:40 Anna F. Graham and Megan C. Kassabaum  
**Middens and Mound Summits: 2019 Excavations at the Lessley Site**
- 12:00 Christopher B. Rodning and Jayur M. Mehta  
**Crawfish, Snakes, Earth, Water: Archaeology, Resilience, Persistent Places, and Native American Cultural Landscapes in the Gulf South**
- 12:20 -1:40 p.m. LUNCH BREAK
- The Pilot House restaurant at Hotel Vue will offer lunch consisting of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert, and tea for \$14.95.
- 1:40 Brooks B. Ellwood, Sophie Warny, Rebecca T. Hackworth, Samuel J. Bentley, Rebecca A. Saunders, Suzanne H. Ellwood, Dewitt H. Braud, Jonathan H. Tomkin, and Geoff Clayton  
**New Dates for the LSU Campus Mounds (16EBR6) make them the Oldest Known Standing Man-Made Structures in the Americas**
- 2:00 Rebecca Saunders  
**Excavations at the LSU Campus Mounds (16EBR6), 2012 and 2018.**
- 2:20 Dennis Jones, Samuel O. Brookes, and John M. Connaway  
**Gone but Surely Not Forgotten: Results and Implications of the 1967 Investigations at the Monte Sano Site (16EBR17)**
- 2:40 – 3:00 BREAK
- 3:00 Diana M. Greenlee, Rinita Dalan, Thurman Allen, Michael Hargrave, R. Berle Clay, and George R. Holley  
**Investigating the West Plaza Rise at the Poverty Point World Heritage Site**
- 3:20 Jeffrey Lewis Jr.  
**Preliminary Investigations of Poverty Point’s North Three Lithics**
- 3:40 Dana Hauffe  
**Prehistoric Agriculture of the Lower Mississippi Valley**

- 4:00 – 4:30 LAS General Business Meeting (Hotel Vue Oak Room)
- 4:30 – 5:00 MAA General Business Meeting (Hotel Vue Oak Room)
- 6:00 – 8:00 Reception and Reflections - Historic Natchez Foundation (108 S. Commerce St., Natchez)

The reception for the 2020 LAS/MAA annual meeting will feature complimentary hors d'oeuvres, with wine and beer served at a cash bar. Vin Steponaitis will be the featured speaker.

Vin Steponaitis

**Reflections on the Lower Mississippi Survey's Legacy in Natchez**

The Lower Mississippi Survey (LMS), a collaborative effort among archaeologists from several universities that spanned more than half a century, was a major force in shaping our understanding of the ancient cultures of Louisiana and Mississippi. Here I reflect on how one small project undertaken by the LMS in the early 1970s set the stage for the proliferation of archaeological work in the Natchez region today, a trend that is well reflected in the papers presented at this conference.

Vin Steponaitis is professor of archaeology and anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Steponaitis served as the director of the Research Laboratories of Archaeology at UNC Chapel Hill from 1988 until 2016, when he stepped down from that position to serve as the Secretary of the Faculty and the Director of the Office of Faculty Governance for the university. He has an A.B. degree in archaeology from Harvard University as well as M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in archaeology from the University of Michigan. Steponaitis has authored numerous books, monographs and articles on the archaeology of the southeastern United States. His current research focuses on the Moundville site in Alabama, Mississippian art and iconography, and the archaeology of the Natchez Bluffs where his first archaeological work occurred as an undergraduate

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**

- 9:00 a.m. **Tour of Grand Village of the Natchez Indians** (400 Jefferson Davis Blvd., Natchez)  
 Director Lance Harris will give a presentation and tour highlighting the work conducted by the University of Mississippi Center for Archaeological Research, and how that material will be utilized in the new interpretation at the site.
- 10:30 **Tour of Fort Rosalie** (528 S. Canal St., Natchez)  
 Curator Cheryl Waldrep will inform visitors about the site and will provide information on recent archaeological research. Guests may also visit the exhibit “Mapping Fort Rosalie” on the mezzanine floor, directly above the Natchez Shop, at the Natchez Visitor Reception Center (640 S. Canal St., Natchez).