

**OHP ARCHAEOLOGY EVENT/  
STAA QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**January 24, 2015**  
**INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES**  
**801 E. Cesar Chavez Boulevard**  
**12:45 P.M. TO 3:00 PM**

OHP ARCHAEOLOGY is co-hosting an exciting line-up of presentations for the STAA Quarterly Meeting to be held on Sat. January 24, 2015, at the Institute of Texan Cultures located at 801 E. Caesar Chavez . The meeting will be held in the Connally Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. There is limited free parking in Lots 7, 8 and 9 (in front by the flag poles) and there is a city parking lot as well. The meeting schedule is as follows:

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| 12:45 p.m. | Registration; Meet and Greet           |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Business Meeting, Election of Officers |
| 1:15 p.m.  | Awards Ceremony                        |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Presentation by Casey Hansen           |
| 2:15 p.m.  | Presentation by Amy Borgens, THC       |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Wrap-Up                                |



## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE PLAZA DE LAS ISLAS (MAIN PLAZA)***

The City of San Antonio's Main Plaza has been the central landscape for the development of the city and its diverse inhabitants since the Canary Islanders arrived in 1731. Archaeological explorations in the plaza in 2007 have provided insight into how early residents used this space through the artifacts they left behind. Much of this information points to daily life for the people of the plaza, including how people may have used material culture to express their sense of identity and status as well as how the community used the plaza's landscape over time.

### ***THE MONTERREY SHIPWRECKS PROJECT: THREE EARLY 19TH CENTURY WRECKS SUNKEN DEEP IN THE GULF OF MEXICO***

Lying at a depth of 4,300 feet off the coast of Texas in the Gulf of Mexico are the remains of three early 19th century shipwrecks, laden with a wide array of artifacts, from arms to tanned hides. Following discovery in 2011 and documentation in 2012, a privately-funded collaboration of federal, state, and academic institutions carried out a

detailed mapping effort of the first shipwreck, Monterey A, and recovered potentially diagnostic artifacts in 2013. This fieldwork also provided the opportunity to document two nearby shipwrecks never before investigated. The new sites, Monterey B and C, were more fully documented in 2014. The project's multidisciplinary approach is answering questions about not only the shipwrecks themselves, but is also examining the broader context of maritime activity in the Gulf region during a time of economic expansion and political transition, as well as site formation processes in the deep ocean environment.

Check out these links to the story!

<http://www.boem.gov/Gulf-of-Mexico-Expedition-Discovers-Amazing-Historic-Shipwreck/>

<http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2013/07/24/the-monterrey-shipwreck-two-more-shipwrecks/>

<http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/oceanos/explorations/ex1402/background/shipwrecks/welcome.html>

## SHORT BIOS

Casey Hanson is an archaeologist currently working on his PhD. at the University of Texas, Austin. His dissertation research is based on the Main Plaza excavations and examines identity formation in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Texas. Casey received his BA from Texas A&M in 2003, and his MA from the University of Texas, Austin in 2010. Casey served as the Project Archaeologist for the Main Plaza excavations.



Amy Borgens was appointed State Marine Archaeologist at the Texas Historical Commission in June 2010. As the State Marine Archaeologist, Amy is responsible for the preservation, protection, and investigation of shipwrecks in all state-owned waters. She earned a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Purdue University and received her master's degree from the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University. She has worked in the field of Texas and Gulf of Mexico maritime archaeology since 1997 and has been associated with notable shipwreck projects in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Canada, and Turkey, including *La Belle* (1684), *HMS Princess*

*Charlotte* (1814), *Heroine* (1838) and USS *Westfield* (1863). In addition, she participated in the remotely operated vehicle investigations of four early 19th-century shipwrecks in the Gulf of Mexico known as the Mardi Gras Shipwreck and Monterrey Shipwrecks.

You don't want to miss these presentations! Make plans to attend! After the meeting, please join us for food and beverages at Azuca, 713 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX.