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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What I like best about belonging to CCPA is the annual meeting and the opportunity it provides to meet with and hear about the research of old friends, as well as new professionals working in the state of Colorado. Because of the long-time ties many of us have to Colorado archaeology, membership in this organization has been an important way to maintain these friendships through the years. This is an important function of the CCPA, but we're not just a social club. The CCPA is a professional organization established for the purpose of "maintaining and promoting the goals of professional archaeology in the State of Colorado." The stated goals of CCPA include (among other things) "establishing and promoting high standards of archaeological research, reporting, and management," and "establishing and promoting open communication and cooperation between archaeologists and the living descendants of groups subject to archaeological research in Colorado."

Recently, our president-elect has been accused of failing to carry through with requirements for Native American consultation during the excavation and removal of human remains from a construction site in the state of Washington. I've known Gordy Tucker since 1977, when we were at the University of Colorado Mesa Verde Field School together, and I can't recall any situation where Gordy has acted less than professionally. Still, as a professional organization, CCPA has a responsibility to investigate possible ethics violations when the issue is raised. As such, the Executive Committee will meet with Gordy to discuss the situation, and will determine whether to establish an ethics review committee. We will report back to you on the results of this investigation. In the meantime, as he is a long-time member of CCPA, a colleague, and a friend to many of us, I hope you will all join me in offering Gordy your continuing friendship and support.

I also hope you will join me at the annual meeting March 16-19, during which we will all have an opportunity to learn more about working with Native Americans in archaeology. For preliminary info on the annual meeting see Rosemary's article below.

Carol Gleichman, President

WWW.COLORADOARCHAEOLOGISTS.ORG

The Web Site Committee, Carole Graham, Mary Sullivan, Todd McMahon, and Ken Bedingfield, is pleased to announce the posting of the new CCPA web site. The address is:

www.coloradoarchaeologists.org

President Carol Gleichman has appointed Mary Sullivan to be our organization's first Web Master. At present, the web site (hand-crafted by Mary) provides basic information about CCPA, downloadable copies of the By-Laws, membership forms, and some links to other web sites of interest. There is also a fun page (send in those cartoons, beer recipes, and tattoo photos!). There are definite plans to add other features to the site.

Mary plans to update the site about once a month, usually towards the end and welcomes submissions of a nondubious nature. She would especially like to get graphics and narrative about field projects our members have been involved in - to produce a sort of virtual poster session. Please send your material in a *digital* format to Mary, along with information on how to get a hold of you if there are questions.

MEETING OF THE MILLENNIUM!

Submitted by Rosemary Sucec

LOCATION: Called the "Hub of the Hinterlands" and "Where the Plains Meet the Mountains," **Denver** is the sight of our next annual CCPA meeting. Our generous – and welcoming! – host this year will be the Department of Anthropology of the University of Colorado.

DATE: The meeting is scheduled for March 16 (Thursday) through March 19 (Sunday). This weekend marks a special occasion for the City of Denver. In addition to our landmark event, two others are scheduled. Thursday: The "Early Bird" Reception will occur on Thursday evening, an integral part of the annual event.

<u>Friday</u>: In addition to our regular business meeting, we will have a general session of papers presented by members and students. The CCPA banquet will occur Friday evening.

Saturday: This year's symposium will continue our focus on strengthening working relationships with American Indians. For the past several years in Colorado, archaeologists have routinely consulted American Indians. However, the state's archeologists also vary in their experience, knowledge, and ability. A recent phone survey with members identified three areas of the greatest need for more information:

- (1) How to do consultation that is legal, successful, provides more tools, and continues to build strong relationships;
- (2) Continued dialogue with affiliated American Indians to learn their needs, perspectives, increase cooperation, and reduce mistrust; and
- (3) Means for insuring that information from consultations gets recorded somewhere, used to interpret data, and used to direct future research. The symposium will focus on addressing the needs and suggestions identified by CCPA members.

Sunday: After you've enjoyed the festivities Denver has to offer Saturday night, Carol Gleichman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be greeting you the next morning at the relatively decent hour of 9:00 a.m.. Until 1:00 p.m., she'll conduct an interactive workshop on the new regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As you know, these new regulations include significant new provisions for

The Denver March Powwow, considered to be the largest gathering of Indian nations in the country, falls on this weekend. The main event is Saturday night and does not conflict with CCPA activities. That same weekend, the largest contingent of Irish-Americans in the Intermountain West will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Traditionally, the City is graced with musicians from the Fair Isle through Sunday.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Denver Convention Bureau is helping us find reasonably priced, yet comfortable accommodations "close-in" to University Campus and Lower Downtown (LoDo). Likely both will be within walking distance or located nearby (Cherry Creek), within a 10-15 minute drive. The room rates will be comparable to those of the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs.

SPECIAL MEETING EVENTS:

consultation with Indian tribes and alter the procedures for compliance on data recovery projects.

"Consultation is interesting, dynamic, contradictory. Most of us are terrified of it, afraid of doing the wrong thing or getting in trouble. Yet excited, too, at the possibilities!" (Denver archaeological consultant).

WARD F. WEAKLY SCHOLARSHIP NEWS Submitted by Adrienne Anderson

One application for a Ward F. Weakly Memorial Scholarship was received for this fall's application due date. Unfortunately, the request was for general tuition and fees, so could not be awarded. While the applicant has an exciting and very relevant course of study, a clear precedent has been set for providing scholarships only for projects that will benefit Colorado archeology and not for general monetary support.

In other news, the memorial scholarship fund has benefitted through the generosity of Betty LeFree's family and friends. Her family desired that contributions in her memory be sent to the Denver Zoo and the Colorado Council of Professional Archeologists' Ward F. Weakly scholarship fund.

FROM THE EDITOR

I've taken the liberty of sending the newsletter by e-mail to all members with e-mail addresses in our database. If you received the newsletter by e-mail and prefer to get the next one via snail mail, let me know. If you received this by post and would like to receive the next one by e-

mail, let Mary Sullivan know so she can get your e-mail address into the database. Submissions for the next newsletter are due by January 30, 2000 (it's so thrilling to write '2000'!) and can be sent to me at the address below. All the contributions for this issue are much appreciated!

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P.S. I see that one of our members, E. James Dixon, has a new book published. *Bones, Boats, & Bison:* Archaeology and the First Colonization of Western North America is discussed in the November/December 1999 issue of Archaeology Magazine. Congratulations, Jim!

MINUTES -- CCPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 5, 1999 Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Treasurer's Report: (Mary Sullivan) See statement in June newsletter. Mary reported on a request from the IRS for back taxes. The snafu was resolved with no charges to CCPA

Election Results: (Bob Brunswig) With approximately 50 percent of the membership voting, Bob announced the results of the 1999-2000 elections. Gordy Tucker was elected President-Elect, Mark Mitchell was re-elected Secretary, and Minette Church and Todd McMahon were elected Board Members.

Membership Committee: (Mary Sullivan) Membership remained stable for 1999. Current membership consists of approximately 100 individuals.

Ward Weakly Fund: (Adrienne Anderson) Adrienne indicated that the committee has changed the maximum grant award from \$400.00 to \$500.00. The committee will be working on ways to increase the number of scholarship applicants.

Newsletter Report: (Carole Graham) The newsletter will be distributed in electronic form in the coming issue. Paper copies will still be available for those who prefer them.

Agency News and Reports: The new Section 106 regulations will be published in the Federal Register in May, and will probably take effect early in the summer.

The National Park Service is undertaking a major effort to implement the Vanishing Treasures program. The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation is in the process of negotiating changes in Colorado's unmarked graves law.

NEW BUSINESS

CCPA Web Page: The membership approved the expenditure of up to \$600 for the development and maintenance of a permanent web site for CCPA.

Historical Archaeology Context: The CCPA Board reiterated the need to discuss a historical archaeology context for Colorado, and possible approaches to organizing and funding such an effort. Discussion on specific topics was deferred until after the historical archaeology symposium held on Saturday, March 6, 1999.

Archaeological Impacts to SHF Sites: (Steve Baker) Steve offered a draft resolution to the CCPA membership expressing the organization's concerns about the lack of historical archaeological evaluation prior to the implementation of historic architectural restoration and conservation projects. After some discussion the issue was referred to the CCPA Executive Board.

BLM Grazing Permit Renewal Policy: (Mike Metcalf) Mike discussed problems with the Colorado BLM's implementation of the Section 106 process for term grazing permit reissuance. Several members agreed that the BLM has failed to adequately take into account the effects of grazing on historic properties. The issue was referred to the CCPA Executive Board for further action.

Submitted by Mark Mitchell, Secretary

[Editor's Note: The minutes of the March Executive Board Meeting were printed in the last newsletter]

MINUTES -- CCPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING July 17, 1999 Denver, Colorado

Board Members Present: Jon Horn, Carol Gleichman, Richard Carrillo, Mark Mitchell, Todd McMahon, Carole Graham, Mike Metcalf, Minette Church. Rosemary Sucec was also in attendance.

2000 Annual Meeting: Rosemary Sucec summarized her annual meeting proposal for the Board. As submitted the proposal called for the annual meeting to be held in Denver from March 17-20, 2000. The session would entail two days of presentations and discussion titled

Humanistic Archaeology in the New Millennium, and would focus on:

- 1) "the historical factors that have acted to keep apart archaeologists and American Indians,
- 2) [an understanding of] the benefits to be gained by archaeologists in research, interpretation, and education by consulting with American Indians,
- 3) [adding] to archaeologists' tool kit in conducting their work, and
- 4) [providing] useful suggestions for conducting consultation." A portion of the session would also be devoted to a discussion of the new CFR Part 800 regulations.

The proposal generated a number of questions from the board. Mark Mitchell questioned whether there would be adequate Native American representation, given the historical levels of American Indian participation in the organization. Mike Metcalf suggested that the session as conceived did not adequately account for the current state of American Indian consultation. Both Mike Metcalf and Jon Horn expressed a preference for a focus on "nuts and bolts" issues, indicating that considerable change has taken place since this issue was last addressed at a CCPA annual meeting. Carol Gleichman noted that portions of the session may be too academically oriented. She and Carole Graham suggested that, because each consultation involved different people and different circumstances. generalized discussion might be difficult to sustain. Both Mark Mitchell and Richard Carrillo suggested that a twoday focus on American Indian consultation would prevent other topics of general interest from being discussed. Minette Church noted the importance of establishing a positive, cooperative atmosphere at the meeting. Todd McMahon noted that the effects of the new regulations will be emergent and difficult to discuss, given that less than a year will have passed between their implementation and the next meeting. Mark Mitchell and Carole Graham suggested that the focus should be on what the original proposal terms "The Outcome of Humanistic Archaeology." That portion of the session covers specific instances of collaboration and consultation between practicing archaeologists and American Indians.

The Board agreed in principal that the 2000 Annual Meeting should be held in Denver and should include some discussion of issues related to American Indian consultation. Rosemary Succe will develop a revised proposal for the meeting which will include no more than one full day of discussion on consultation, will focus on "case studies," and will incorporate a keynote address. The meeting will be held March 17 and 18, unless there are specific conflicts with the Denver Powwow which is also scheduled for that weekend. Other unresolved issues include ways to generate additional Native American participation in the meeting, whether it is possible to pay

travel expenses for symposium participants, and who will assist Rosemary with planning and implementation. The associated social events have yet to be determined as well. Rosemary also asked whether the Prehistoric Context authors might be interested in providing brief synopses on the state of consultation in their respective context areas.

Web Site: Carole Graham and Todd McMahon reported on a web site development proposal. The proposal called for an appointed webmaster, hosting on a commercial server, and the use of Front Page software. The site would be built in-house. The new web site would use the domain name "coloradoarchaeologists.org," and would be built by about October 1, 1999. The final version would be available by about November 1, 1999. Total cost for the project would be approximately \$240-300 for development and hosting, with a \$100 annual maintenance cost. The membership had previously allocated \$600 for the project. The Board agreed that the cost was well within expectations, and that the proposal would accomplish the goals of the organization. Additional suggestions for links and topics included resources for teachers, research reports, a listserve, a research topic forum, and student resources. The Board also agreed that a listserve should be a secondary priority, given past experience with other such lists. The Board approved the existing web development committee (Mary Sullivan, Todd McMahon, Carole Graham) to continue development, and spend up to \$600. The President will appoint a web master, based on the recommendation of the committee. The web master position may eventually be shared between two people.

Publication Series: Mark Mitchell summarized the information developed by Gordy Tucker on a CCPA publication series. Under the current proposal the series would be published annually, and would be a benefit of CCPA, and perhaps CAS, membership. The journal would be peer reviewed and would focus on research conducted in, or relevant to, Colorado. There would be several submission categories, including longer, more indepth articles; shorter descriptive reports; notes; and comments on previous papers or current topics. Based on the experience of the Utah Professional Archaeological Council a similar effort in Utah costs approximately \$4.50 to \$6.00 per copy for a 500-copy run. The journal would be funded through memberships dues and perhaps subscriptions. The journal would require an editor, and perhaps an editorial committee, along with a stable of reviewers.

The Board was split on whether the membership would be willing to pay additional dues, as necessary, to cover the cost of the publication. Jon Horn noted that the idea of an additional outlet for professional scholarship was an appealing idea. Mike Metcalf noted that such a

publication might raise the visibility of CCPA, and therefore its membership. Carole Graham noted that it may be difficult for the organization to sustain both a journal and the upcoming historical archaeology context. Todd McMahon suggested that student papers should be incorporated. Mike Metcalf volunteered to work on the project, along with Mark Mitchell and Gordy Tucker and other interested members. The Board asked that the committee develop a detailed proposal prior to the annual meeting, which includes cost estimates, a timetable for implementation, an editorial board structure, an author policy, a name proposal, and a marketing proposal.

Historical Archaeology Context: Richard Carrillo reported on the Historical Archaeology Committee meetings held during the spring and summer. Two meetings have taken place. The committee has developed a list of resources (potential contributors or reviewers), a scope of work statement, a scheduling and cost estimate, and a grant administration proposal. Some of these decisions may be presented in a workshop to be held at the 2000 annual meeting. Specific issues raised in these meetings included the extent to which the historical archaeology context would cover the Protohistoric period, the relationship between a proposed historical archaeology context and a concurrent effort by the CHS to develop thematic contexts, and the professional standards for historical archaeology. Upcoming meetings will review existing historic themes to develop a direction for the new publication. The committee has agreed that the initial volume will summarize historical themes, and will explore how they are interrelated. The initial volume will therefore not be organized on a strictly geographical or thematic basis. The initial volume will also include a discussion of the resources available for historical archaeology, a set of standards for recording historical archaeological sites, and a discussion of theoretical problems and issues. Future volumes would be more thematic, perhaps incorporating or mirroring volumes produced by the CHS.

Mike Metcalf asked whether the committee needed additional direction from the Board. Richard indicated that was not necessary at this time, and that the next meeting was scheduled for August 2 in Salida. Carol Gleichman asked who will write the volume. Jon Horn replied that the contract-based approach used in the prehistoric contexts might not work, owing to the small number of historical archaeologists in the state. However, Susan Chandler may agree to administer the project; in any case it will be important for CCPA to be involved, in order to lend credence to the effort. Carol Gleichman stressed the importance of an editor and peer review. Mike Metcalf suggested that the organization may not be able to handle the money, and that a non-competitive process would be acceptable if an oversight committee is

in place.

CCPA Assistance to the State Historical Fund: Carol Gleichman reported that Georgiana Contiguglia responded to the CCPA letter offering assistance with historical archaeology review of State Historical Fund grant applications. The letter indicated that the applications had a "check-off" for historical archaeology input, but that feature has been eliminated in the application streamlining process mandated by the legislature. The SHF would, however, like CCPA to assist when historical archaeology input is required. Carol Gleichman suggested that CCPA could provide the OAHP or the SHF staff with information on evaluating the archaeological potential of projects. It may also be possible to have OAHP staff assist SHF staff in evaluating and developing proposals, or have OAHP staff review proposals. The latter possibilities may be difficult to sustain, given the current workload at OAHP. CCPA will develop a training sheet or checklist to be used by SHF staff in evaluating projects. Jon Horn will begin work on this training sheet with help from Minette Church and Anne McKibbin. This effort will be coordinated with Mark Wolfe, SHF project manager.

Blue River Contract: Mike Metcalf reported that the White River National Forest has let a survey contract for a 7000 acre timber sale. This contract was awarded to a firm bidding less than half of the amount of other firms bid. Several contractors may protest the award. Mike Metcalf suggested that CCPA may be concerned, given the important archaeological resources in the timber sale area, and the need to establish and maintain professional standards for such work. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation may be a suitable forum for such issues, particularly given the new CFR 800 regulations which make it possible for the Council to provide additional comment where they perceive potential problems. Comment by CCPA may carry less weight, but could be used to indicate the organization's concern about the quality of archaeological research conducted in the state. No action by the Board was taken.

BLM Grazing Permit Reissuance: The BLM has not responded to CCPA's request for information on NAPA compliance for term grazing permit reissuance. The BLM did however send a letter asking for comment on new grazing agreements, to which CCPA will respond.

Ceramic Volume Sales: Carol Gleichman reported on plans to improve sales of CCPA's archaeological pottery volume. Planned activities include an advertisement in *Southwestern Lore*, a flier distributed to universities, and a table at the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference. Additional suggestions included an advertisement in *Plains Anthropologist* and consignment

to a university press.

Strategic Plan Goals: The Board reviewed progress on four key strategic goals developed during the CCPA "visioning" process. These included an information and publication program, student involvement, interaction with other organizations, and an increase in membership numbers and diversity. The Board agreed that substantial progress has been made on the first goal, with the completion of the prehistoric context, the development of a web site, and the current proposal for an annual journal. Progress on the remaining three goals has been limited. Student involvement might be improved by increased participation of academic archaeologists. The annual meeting should also be well publicized among students. On interaction with other organizations, several initiatives have been made, including cooperation with Colorado Preservation, Inc. (Richard Carrillo), SAA's Council of Councils (Mike Metcalf, Bob Brunswig, Mark Mitchell, Minette Church), and CAS (Gordy Tucker). The CPI annual meeting in January will have a session on archaeology. Finally, membership may be increased and broadened as a result of other activities, including a publication. Todd McMahon will redo the CCPA membership flier to include information about what archaeologists working in the state have learned during the past 20 years. Carole Graham will help with this effort.

Other Business: Many people attended a memorial service for Betty LeFree. Mike Metcalf will prepare a memorial for the next annual meeting, and Carole Graham will ask Adrienne Anderson to write an article for the next newsletter. Mike Metcalf suggested that next year's early bird party be held in Betty's honor. The Ward Weakly fund is also taking donations.

The CCPA Bylaws (6.6.2.9) require a financial review committee to be appointed at the end of each fiscal year. Carol Gleichman will appoint a committee. Mary Sullivan's report on the context income indicated that the organization will make money from the prehistoric context documents, and that half will be placed in the Ward Weakly fund, while the other half will be placed in the general fund and earmarked for education projects.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted by Mark Mitchell, Secretary

EL MORO COKE OVENS (5LA7589): REPORT OF 1998 ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY, COLORADO

by Kae McDonald, Ph.D., Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

The El Moro Coke Ovens (5LA7589) are a single battery of beehive ovens located approximately two miles northnortheast of Trinidad, Las Animas County, Colorado. The ovens were built along the base of a hill system, overlooking Gray Creek. Originally owned by the Colorado Coal and Iron Company, a battery of 200 ovens was completed by 1880, reaching a full complement of 250 by 1891. El Moro was the first of a number of coking operations established throughout the coal country of south-central Colorado. The principal source of coal for the El Moro ovens was the Engle (El Moro) mine. In 1892, the Colorado Coal and Iron Company merged with the Colorado Fuel Company, creating Colorado Fuel and Iron Company (CF&I). The El Moro coke ovens were transferred to CF&I by the Colorado Coal and Iron Company on October 21, 1892. The decline of the smelting industry heavily impacted CF&I, and the El Moro coke ovens were abandoned in 1908.

The El Moro Coke Ovens were crossed by the Colorado Interstate Gas (CIG) Campo Lateral pipeline. Recommended eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, Section 106 compliance required mitigation of negative impacts to this resource. Since avoidance was not a feasible alternative, a treatment plan was accepted which included archaeological excavation. Objectives of the treatment plan included detailed site documentation, test excavations, photography, and engineered drawings.

Testing verified the construction methods for the "standard" coke oven as presented in a 1904 publication of CF&I's Camp and Plant. The ovens are aligned in a single battery, and the remains of a rock facing wall in front of, and behind, the ovens were revealed during excavations. The rear wall also served as the foundation for lorry car tracks that are visible on the top of the ovens. No artifacts were unearthed during excavations, although samples of the bricks and paving stones that comprised the ovens were collected. Construction monitoring occurred at the time that CIG crossed through the oven battery; no new features or artifacts were discovered at that time.

PROFILE OF A COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGIST

Name: Joanne M. Sanfilippo

Current Position: Glenwood Springs Resource Area Archaeologist, Bureau of Land Management

Hometown: Massapequa, New York

Degrees/Institutions:

A.A. Business - College of Boca Raton, Florida B.A. Anthropology - San Diego State University, California

M.A. Anthropology - Northern Arizona University, Arizona

How I Became an Archaeologist: While working as an international crew scheduler for the airline industry, I took introductory cultural anthropology for fun. I enjoyed it so much that I completed a B.A. in general anthropology. The summer before finishing, I was working as a wilderness trip leader in Durango, Colorado and a cultural resource contracting company offered me an archaeology job in California. There was a shortage of archaeologists that summer, so the company was hiring students who had taken archaeology classes and field school. I have

worked continuously in archaeology ever since that summer in 1984.

Current Projects of Interest: Automating the Glenwood Springs Resource Area cultural records using a geographical information system.

Favorite Hobbies: Hiking, horseback-riding, canoeing, traveling, reading.

Most Recent Good Book I Have Read: Ride the Wind by Lucia St. Clair Robson - a historical novel about the Comanche.

Most Challenging Archaeological Experience: Lying on my belly under the low back ceiling of a small Hawaiian lava tube cave trying to map the site within it, while a mongoose stood over my face blocking the exit.

Most Dangerous Archaeological Moment: Sitting in the back of a field vehicle that was rolling backward toward a cliff edge several thousand feet above the Stanislaus River, while the driver and front seat passenger tried to stop the truck by standing behind it.

Most Rewarding Archaeological Experience: Living for months at a time so far back in the wilderness of Northern California that helicopters had to periodically fly in supplies, food, and alcohol.

The Most Exciting Thing in Archaeology Right Now: DNA studies.

What Colorado Archaeology Needs Most at Present: More discussion on the criteria for determining the significance of cultural resources.

Things I'd Really Like to Do Before I Die: Live in Europe and get a Ph.D.

Next Victim: Steve Baker

MOVED? CHANGED YOUR NAME? FOUND AN ERROR? Please send changes in your membership information to the CCPA Treasurer/Membership Chair:

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OFFERS PERMANENT POSITIONS

Submitted by Adrienne Anderson

The National Park Service has 3 vacant archeological positions that will be advertised this fall for Navajo (2 positions) and El Malpais National Monuments. These positions will be open to All Sources, meaning that anybody who meets the basic academic and experience criteria for archeologists can apply, not just those individuals already working for the federal government. The El Morro position may be advertised as late as the December holidays. Please check www.usajobs.opm.gov for the listings. They will also appear on the Society for American Archeology's web site, www.saa.org

These positions are funded through the NPS's Vanishing Treasures Initiative and will focus on documentation and preservation of the prehistoric structures in addition to other routine duties of park archeologists. Inscription House, Betatakin, and Keet Seel ruins which are among the most spectacular sites in the four corners area, are part of Navajo NM. The El Malpais position will also provide archeological support for El Morro National Monument. Selection factors include experience within the general Anasazi/Puebloan Culture Area, exposure/experience with prehistoric architectural documentation, exposure/experience with general conservation/stabilization practices, and some exposure to Native American cultures.

The Office of Personnel Management's web site, usajobs.opm.gov, features all permanent and many temporary positions offered by the Federal government.

It is an ever-changing site that can be searched by agency, by position category, by geographic area, and the like. One can search for archeological jobs either by selecting archeology or selecting the position series GS-193.