The ACUA hopes you’ve had a happy holiday season and are on track to an amazing 2018! With the 2018 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference fast approaching, this Issue of ACUA Student aims to help you make it through your time in New Orleans. From conference etiquette, events to attend, and cheap eats nearby, this newsletter is your guide to SHA 2018. *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*
University of West Florida, which grew into “Auntie Della’s Tips for Getting Through Grad School, An Occasional Series.” Now covering a variety of topics, from thesis writing to interpreting your advisor’s comments, it all started with “how to conference correctly”. Having organized the 2010 SHA conference as well as attended a few, believe me when I tell you:

- **DO** attend papers. You are there to learn something new, not just to hang out in the bar.
- **DO NOT** be late for your own paper! Yes, this has happened.
- **DO** turn off your cell phone during presentations unless you are the SHA Social Media Chair. This includes texting.
- **DO NOT** criticize the conference. Unless you have organized a conference, you can’t imagine what goes into the successful organization, administration, and running of a conference. Besides, the Conference Chair might be standing behind you.
- **DO** join a committee. This is how you meet people, make good impressions, gain professional experience, make a difference, and get involved in your Society.
- **DO** remember you are being watched by future employers and colleagues all the time, and getting drunk in the bar is unlikely to make a good first impression.
- **DO NOT** assume that any sort of harassment and conference go together. If you, or someone you know experiences harassment during an SHA or ACUA sponsored event please report it immediately to the SHA or ACUA leadership. We expect everyone to be treated with respect and dignity.
- **DO** dress professionally. You don't have to wear a coat & tie and/or heels every day, but dress like you take your profession and field seriously.
- **DO NOT** stand in the hallway outside presentation rooms and laugh, talk, have loud phone calls, or gossip. The presenters and audience can hear you, and it's beyond distracting, not to mention rude.
- **DO** have your advisor/professor review your paper before you submit it for presentation. You may be unaware of issues of professional etiquette or data reporting protocols.
- **DO NOT** stand and chat in the entranceway of the bookroom, or the top of the escalator, or the door of session rooms. You will get run over by folks trying to get to their papers or make a meeting.
- **DO** remember your career is long and the field is small - try to remember that what you say and do here will be talked about for decades.
- **DO NOT** walk out in the middle of a presentation. Wait until the speaker is done, and sit by the door if you know you'll have to leave.
- **DO** introduce yourself to the Legends in the field. The vast majority are happy to chat with students and share some lessons learned, or provide guidance. Just make sure to catch them when they're not in a hurry to get somewhere. You will likely catch them at the bar, in the lobby, the Past President’s Student Reception, or a conference sponsored reception.
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Each year, the ACUA Graduate Student representatives and the Academic Professional and Training Committee hold a joint panel covering topics useful to students interested in developing their careers. This year’s panel, entitled Underwater Archaeology Skills, Training, and Opportunities in U.S. Colleges: The 2017 ACUA University Benchmarking Survey, includes nine professors and professional archaeologists from around the United States and explores how students, professors, and employers perceive and prioritize “basic” underwater archaeological skills. We will also discuss what steps universities are taking to prepare students for life beyond graduation.

If you are a current undergraduate or graduate student in underwater archaeology, or if you are about to begin or apply for a university program with a focus in underwater archaeology, this panel is for you! We strongly encourage you to come, bring your friends and plenty of questions. Don’t be shy! This is your opportunity to make connections and get answers that could help you direct your educational and professional career. Hope to see you all there!

The 2018 ACUA/SHA archaeological photo and video competition has broken all records for most entries! We received: 114 photos & 4 videos from 34 colleagues! This is going to make it a hard job for the People’s Choice Award judges… which is YOU!

You can view and vote on your favorite images by visiting our website: www.acuaonline.org/photo-contest. Voting is open until midnight on Thursday, Jan 4. Winners will be announced on Friday, Jan 5. Have your say and show your support – don’t forget to vote!

Above: Winner of the 2016 People’s Choice Award; Marine Biology Sampling on the Port Side Hull HMS Erebus by Thierry Boyer

You’re Invited…

**Where:** Underwater Archaeology Skills, Training, and Opportunities in U.S. Colleges: The 2017 ACUA University Benchmarking Survey (ACUA/APTC Graduate Student Panel)

**When:** Thursday, January 4th, 1-3pm

**Where:** Galerie 1

**Abstract:** The Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology developed 3 Benchmarking Surveys to understand how students, professors, and employers perceive and prioritize “basic” underwater archaeological skills. The ACUA surveys are intended to guide students, faculty, and employers as new generations of archaeologists enter the profession. The second survey, completed in 2017, was directed to university faculty in the United States, and received 14 responses from 8 universities. The survey asked professors to rank the skills and qualifications most emphasized in their respective programs, in hopes of revealing broad and/or university specific patterns of emphasis and training. This panel reports the 2017 survey findings, and is comprised of professors from 7 universities. Discussants will give an overview of the specific opportunities afforded by their university programs, and provide their opinion on the value of various qualifications and training.
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria caused unprecedented destruction to large swaths of the US, and Caribbean. While it is important to remember these deadly storms took the lives of dozens and disrupted the lives of millions more, they also caused significant damage to our nation’s natural and cultural resources under the National Park Service’s (NPS) protection and stewardship. NPS units from Texas to North Carolina and the Caribbean suffered varying levels damage and disruption from these major storms. Once basic life, health, and safety concerns were addressed, the NPS quickly worked within the Incident Command Structure (ICS) to identify, recruit, and deploy technical specialists and resource advisors into effected areas to assess and document damages to park resources. The experts provided rapid assessments to document damage and identify resources severely impacted that will required more detailed documentation at a later date. These investigations included diving and underwater film/photogrammetry, and helicopter flights for more isolated sites. Threatened or imperiled artifacts were collected under storm specific accessions, and archival and museum collections were assessed for mold and degradation due to damaged or destroyed infrastructure. Efforts made by NPS Incident Management Teams helped mitigate the damage caused by these major storm events while ensuring the protection of NPS cultural resources for the betterment and enjoyment of this and future generations.
## Restaurant Options Near The Conference Venue -- The ACUA Graduate Student Representatives know how expensive conferences can be for students, so we’ve put together this list of nearby restaurants. Bon appétit!

### Brother’s Food Mart
248 Carondelet Street  
0.3 miles, 5 Minute Walk  
Open 24 Hours  
Less than $10/person  
This place boasts a gas station vibe and reasonably good fried chicken and meat pies. Side items like red beans and potato wedges. Beer. Not a sit-down restaurant.

### The Alibi
811 Iberville Street  
0.3 miles, 5-minute walk  
Open 24 Hours, Delivery  
$10-15/person  
Dark, divey little bar with bar pretty good food. Mostly burgers, wraps, and po-boys, with a decent appetizer selection. If you’re trying to eat on the lighter side they have seared tuna steak salads and sandwiches. Over 150 international beers by the bottle.

### Mother’s
401 Poydras Street  
0.3 miles, 6-minute walk  
7am – 10pm  
$15/person  
This place is a New Orleans institution. Mother’s has breakfast all day and lunch and dinner starting at 11am. They have traditional Louisiana hot plates like étouffe, shrimp creole, and jambalaya, and po-boys. Their sides are excellent. Potentially a long wait with limited seating.

### The Halal Guys
301 St. Charles Avenue  
0.2 miles, 5-minute walk  
10:30am – 12am  
$10/person  
So this one is part of a national franchise but hey, it’s good, it’s cheap, it’s nearby. Gyros and chicken, falafel and hummus.

### Cochon Butcher
930 Tchoupitoulas Street  
0.8 miles, 18-minute walk  
10am-10pm, closes 11pm on Friday/Saturday and 4pm on Sunday  
$10-15/person  
Right next to the WWII museum, Cochon Butcher has very good food. It’s next door to Cochon RESTAURANT and is a bit cheaper. Truly excellent sandwiches and charcuterie to be enjoyed with a glass of wine.

### Ruby Slipper
200 Magazine Street  
0.3 miles, 6-minute walk  
7am – 2pm, closes 3pm on Sat. & Sun.  
$15-20/person  
Who doesn’t love brunch? This is a great place for it. Several variations on your classic eggs benedict, shrimp and grits, fluffy pancakes, and a good Bloody Mary.

### Juan’s Flying Burrito
515 Baronne Street  
0.5 miles, 11-minute walk  
11am-10pm, closes 11pm Sat. & Sun.  
$10-15/person  
Tasty burritos! Plenty of vegetarian options and a good margarita. They also have enchiladas, tacos, quesadillas, nachos, fajitas, cupcakes, and a happy hour special. House margaritas are 2 for 1 and PBRs are $1 on weekdays from 2pm-7pm.

### Café du Monde
800 Decatur Street  
0.5 miles, 11-minute walk  
$10/person  
Iconic New Orleans coffee house. You’ll run right into it if you’re headed into the French Quarter – it’s right next to the French Market. Enjoy some coffee and beignets in an open-air sitting area. Dump confectioner’s sugar all over your conefrence attire while being stalked by merciless hordes of pigeons. There will likely be a jazz ensemble playing live right next to your table. (It’s also worth trying the frozen Irish coffee across the street at Molly’s at the Market — delicious).

### Rouses Market
701 Baronne Street  
0.6 miles, 13-minute walk  
6am-12am  
~$10/person  
This is a grocery store, so pick up some snacks, drinks, hot plates, handmade sushi, and lunch meats. Good deli counter.

### St. James Cheese Company
641 Tchoupitoulas Street  
$15-20/person  
0.4 miles, 10-minute walk  
11am-6pm Mon.-Thurs., 11am-8pm Fri., 9am-8pm Sat.  
Luckily for all of us, St. James Cheese Company just opened a location only half a mile from the conference venue. Try one of their 10 delicious variations on the grilled cheese sandwich, or split a cheese board and bottle of wine with a friend.

### Mona’s Café (at the Riverwalk)
500 Port of New Orleans Place  
0.5 miles, 10-minute walk  
10am-9pm Monday-Saturday; 10am-7pm Sunday  
$15/person  
A favorite Greek restaurant in the city. Mona’s has plenty of vegetarian options.

Explore the Riverwalk while you’re here.

### Clover Grill
900 Bourbon Street  
0.7 miles, 15-minute walk  
Open 24 Hours  
$10/person  
Up too late in the French Quarter? Clover Grill has got you covered. 50’s style diner open 24 hours. Sassy New Orleans institution.

### Verti Marte
7201 Royal Street  
0.9 miles, 17-minutes  
Open 24 Hours  
$10/person  
Excellent resource if you’re out late in the quarter. Little grocery store with a great deli counter. Nothing health conscious about this place, though. CASH ONLY.

### Backspace Bar and Kitchen
139 Charters Street  
486 feet, 2-minute walk  
11:30am-5am Monday-Saturday  
$10-25/person  
Trendy, speak-easy style bar that pays homage to classic authors. Serves classic cocktails and sandwiches. Very convenient late-night location.

### Merchant
800 Common Street  
0.3 miles, 6-minute walk  
7am-5:30pm Mon-Fri., closes 3pm Sat. & Sun.  
$5-$15/person  
Coffee shop with tasty breakfast treats. Plenty of healthy and vegetarian options.

### Carousel Bar (Inside Hotel Monteleon)
274 Royal Street  
0.2 miles, 5-minute walk  
11am-1am  
~$20-50 per cocktail  
Happy Hour is from 3:30 to 6pm. You don’t have to be a guest at Hotel Monteleon to enter. This one made the list because it’s a cool venue – it’s a carousel, and it’s a bar. Great cocktails. They also have a limited bar menu that includes some pretty tasty Louisiana classics.

### Cajun Mikes
116 Baronne Street  
0.3 miles, 6-minute walk  
11am-2am  
$5-10/person  
Bar food with some Louisiana classics thrown in: muffellattas, po-boys, gumbo, and red beans and rice. Nearby, open late, and very affordable.
Happy New Years to all! The ACUA is kicking off 2018 by welcoming in new members! We’d love for you all to meet them too.

Incoming Graduate Student Liaisons:

Tara van Niekerk (left): Tara is a Ph.D. graduate student at East Carolina University, pursing a Coastal Resource Management degree. Tara has extensive experience working in heritage resource management including field work and scientific scuba diving on sites in South Africa, Mozambique, Marion Island, Senegal, the Dutch Caribbean and the United States.

Morgan Smith (right): Morgan is a Ph.D. graduate student at Texas A&M University in the Anthropology program. Morgan specialized in geoarchaeology, underwater landscapes, and Paleoindian archaeology. Morgan has extensive experience working on submerged prehistoric sites in Florida and throughout the United States.

Incoming Board Members

Jennifer McKinnon
Assistant Professor
East Carolina University

Maddy Fowler
Assistant Professor
Flinders University

Sarah Holland
Principal Investigator
Gray & Pape Inc.

Congratulations to the winner of the 2018 George Fischer International Travel Grant: Maria Ktori from Nicosia, Cyprus!

Ms. Ktori is enrolled in the MA program for Field Archaeology on Land and Under the Sea at the University of Cyprus, and she is interested in Maritime Landscapes. She will be sharing her paper entitled Impressions, Itineraries And Perceptions of a Coastscape: The Case of Medieval Paphos (12th-16th Century CE) at the 2018 SHA Conference in New Orleans.