

AWARD

Carol V. Ruppé Distinguished Service Award: Annalies Corbin

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The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) established the prestigious Carol V. Ruppé Distinguished

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Service Award to honor individuals who have a record of sustained and truly outstanding service to the society. In January 2017, at the 50th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology held in Fort Worth, Texas, SHA presented the Ruppé Award to Annalies Corbin, an archaeologist who exemplifies a life of service to her profession, the society, and her colleagues.

Annalies is one of those remarkable people who is passionate about archaeology and education, and who believes her actions and her time are best used in

service: service to archaeology, to the SHA, to the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA), to students, and to authors. She believes in serving communities that have no experience with archaeology and yet that are learning the value of archaeology through the publications and programs that Annalies creates and provides every day.

Annalies has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support both the SHA and the ACUA missions for almost two decades. She has provided financial sponsorship and in-kind resources to the SHA and ACUA, but, most importantly, she has devoted significant amounts of her time and boundless passion for archaeology to both organizations. Annalies donates her time and skills, not because she thinks anyone will notice; but, rather, because this is who she is. She is passionate about archaeology, and she believes strongly that it is her personal and professional responsibility to support the field we archaeologists love.

During her two consecutive elected terms on the ACUA Board of Directors (2002–2009), her service as an institutional associate member (2010–2014), and her ongoing role as editor of the ACUA publications, Annalies has actively promoted sponsoring student travel to the SHA conference, publishing the work of students and professional colleagues from the conference, and works tirelessly to keep both organizations on the straight and narrow with social-media policies, website functions, and publications. She was instrumental in resurrecting the *ACUA Underwater Archaeology Proceedings* in 2007 and continues to work tirelessly behind the scenes supporting the new *Proceedings* editors each year.

Annalies's service to the SHA over the last 17 years has been tireless and complex. She has served the SHA as an associate editor for *Historical Archaeology* (2000–2006), book review editor (2001–2003), and technical briefs editor (2004–2006). Since 2007, Annalies has been the society's co-publications editor, guiding SHA members through various publication tracks with the University Press of Florida, University of Nebraska Press, and Springer. Her expert guidance on issues such as ISSN/ISBN registration, layout schedules, and editorial structures has saved more than one author tremendous heartache. Her attention to detail allows SHA and ACUA publications to progress

under realistic timelines, adhere to accurate and realistic budgets, and, always, with a critical eye toward how these efforts best serve the membership.

Annalies has dedicated her career to engaging the public and promoting education and outreach. She is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of the PAST Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit with a mission to bring anthropology and science into classrooms worldwide, as well as to sponsor new research projects with innovative research designs and potential. She serves as an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Anthropology at the Ohio State University.

Annalies remains active in service and publication. Her publications demonstrate her passion for using archaeology and anthropology to engage students in programs for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. Annalies has been recognized by numerous organizations for excellence in public outreach and education. She was the 2003 recipient of the John Cotter Award for Excellence in National Park Service Archaeology, and a 2004 recipient of the SHA John L. Cotter Award in Historical Archaeology. She has received awards for strategic ocean-research partnerships from the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In 2015, the Clinton Global Initiative highlighted the PAST Foundation's "Commitment to Action"—Redefining Rural and Native American STEM Education. Finally, this past year, Annalies and her PAST team were recognized as one of the top 50 innovators by Ohio Business First and as one of the most innovative program models by the U.S. Department of Education.

For students and young professionals, and women in particular, Annalies is an honest and supportive mentor. Despite her continuing career rise, she has never missed an opportunity to listen to a student or lend a hand to a young professional seeking her advice. Her determination to bring more women into STEM fields is highlighted by PAST's newly launched program, "*Girls Who Lead! Raising the Next Generation of Leaders.*"

Annalies's commitment to the SHA and ACUA is unparalleled. Despite her numerous professional commitments, she devotes her time to unseen, intense, and generally overlooked duties. She looks for places within the society where tremendous

effort, determination, and skill are needed, and then she applies her knowledge, time, and tools to help both organizations move forward. She seeks no recognition for her efforts, but instead sees a need and a role that she can fulfill. Her dedication to the SHA and ACUA has been unwavering,

and her efforts have been instrumental to the publication programs of both organizations. She is an asset to both organizations and is an example to all of what service really means. Annalies is, in short, the perfect recipient of the 2017 Carol V. Ruppé Distinguished Service Award.