

American Association of Biological Anthropologists 2024 Executive Committee Elections: Candidate Information

The AABA invites Regular members to cast votes for five Executive Committee positions this year, including three officer positions and two committee chairs. Voting for AABA Executive Committee positions is open to Regular members. **Votes must be cast by February 9, 2024 (11:59pm Hawaii Standard Time)**. Regular members must login using AABA membership credentials (which can be located prior to voting). Memberships can be renewed [here](#).

Officers

President

Lyle W. Konigsberg, Anne C. Stone

NAME: Lyle W. Konigsberg

Current Position:

Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Education:

1988-1989: Postdoctoral Scientist, Department of Genetics, Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, San Antonio, TX.

1987: PhD in Anthropology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

1980: BA in Anthropology and in Biology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

Research Areas:

Human skeletal biology, Forensic anthropology, Paleodemography, Quantitative methods

Professional Service:

2019-2023: Editor-in-Chief, *Yearbook of Biological Anthropology*

2020-2022: AAAS Section H, Electorate Nominating Committee

2009-2013: Secretary-Treasurer, AAPA

2004-2006: Vice President, AAPA

1998-2002: Book Review Editor, *AJPA*

1998, 1999, 2000, and 2003 meetings: Program Committee for the Annual Meeting of the AAPA

1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 meetings: Student Prize Committee for the Annual Meeting of the AAPA

1992-1996, 2004-2008, and 2008 – 2009: Associate Editor for the *AJPA*

Statement: I became a member of the AABA and began attending annual meetings early in my graduate student career, missing only a few meetings in the 40-some years that I have been a member. When called upon to serve the Association I have always responded. My willingness and ability to serve is documented not only in the various positions I have held (Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor-in-Chief of the *Yearbook*), but also in my serving an extra year as an Associate Editor for the *AJPA* when called upon to do so. The President's main role is to work within the Executive Committee to ensure the health of the Association and to adapt to new situations as they arise. I have served on the Executive Committee of the AABA in various capacities for a dozen years, and consequently have a good working knowledge of this committee and would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the Association as its President. I believe that as President of the

Association I could combine my depth of experience with my recognition and responsiveness to changes as the Association navigates the second decade of this century.

NAME: Anne C. Stone

Current Position: Regents Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University.

Education: B.A. Archaeology and Biology, University of Virginia (1989), M.A. Anthropology, Pennsylvania State University (1992), Ph.D. Anthropology, Pennsylvania State University (1996)

Research Areas: Anthropological genetics, ancient DNA, evolution of pathogens, population history

Professional Service: AABA: Co-chair of the Committee on Diversity, Women's Initiative (2019-present), executive committee member (2015-2018), Associate Editor, *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* (2005-2009), Scientific Program committee (2004-2006), Member (1990-present);

AAAS: Retiring Chair, Anthropology, section H (2021-2022), Chair, (2020-2021, 2022-2024), Chair-elect (2019-2020), Electorate Nominating Committee (2009-2012); **American Association of**

Anthropological Genetics: President (2013-2014), Vice-President (2012-2013), Executive Committee (2010-2012); **NAS:** Class V membership committee (2020-2022); **Leakey Foundation:**

Scientific Executive Committee (2015-present); **Australian Research Council:** member of the advisory committee of the Centre of Excellence for Australian Biodiversity and Heritage (CABAH) (2017-present); **Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research:** Review Panel Member (2008-2010); **NSF:** reviewer HOMINID panel, (2003), **NIH:** ad hoc member, GVE panel (2005-2011).

Editorial Boards: *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, B* (2021-present), *Evolution, Medicine, & Public Health* (2015-2021), *Molecular Biology and Evolution* (Senior Editor, 2012-2019, Associate Editor, 2005-2012), *International Journal of Paleopathology* (2010-2017), *Journal of Human Evolution* (2004-2006).

Statement: AABA unifies researchers across subject and methodological boundaries within biological anthropology. In so doing, AABA catalyzes exciting research and serves as a forum to galvanize teaching and foster career development. Within AABA, it is critical to build connections across boundaries, to foster inclusive opportunity and professional development, and to address ethical issues relating to the practice of our profession. In addition, we must promote the innovative and important research that AABA members undertake to highlight the insights that our field offers for 21st century social and environmental challenges. We need to collaborate with other societies such as AAAS and AAA on public initiatives in science communication and policy, particularly related to understanding human origins and diversity. I am a life member of AABA, and it would be a privilege to serve as president.

Vice President and Program Chair

Siobhán B. Cooke, Amy L. Rector

NAME: Siobhán B. Cooke

Current Position: Associate Professor, Center for Functional Anatomy and Evolution, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Education: 2010-2012 2011 Ph.D. 2007 M.Phil. 2002 B.A. Postdoc, Evolutionary Anthropology, Duke University Biological Anthropology, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York Biological Anthropology, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York Anthropology and Music, Barnard College, Columbia University

Research Areas: Dentition; masticatory functional morphology; platyrrhine evolution; extinction and extinction processes; mammalian evolution in South America and Caribbean; paleoecology

Professional Service:

University Service at JHU-SOM

2023 Timing of the First Clerkship Committee

2021-2023 Armstrong Medical Education Building Committee

2021-Present Genes to Society Integration (GTSIC) Subcommittee of the UMEPCC

2021-Present Member, Years 1-2, Formational Committee

2021-Present Course director, Scientific Foundations of Medicine – Human Anatomy

2019-2021 Member of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Faculty Senate

AABA Service

2013-Present Member of the AABA-COD, LGBTQQIAA section.

2017-2018, 2023 Member of the AABA Program Committee

Symposia and working groups organized and co-organized

2023 *A Gulf of Knowledge: Interconnecting paleobiology research across the Caribbean*. Co-organized and co-chaired with L.W. Viñola-López, A.K. Hensley, and B. Crowley. North American Paleontological Convention, 17-21, June 2024.

2019-21 SESYNC Pursuit: *The death and life of biodiversity: modeling extinction and resilience on islands*. Co-PI with L.M. Dávalos. Funded through The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis, MD.

2019 *Baltimore Symposium on Caribbean Natural History*. Co-organized and co-chaired with Z. Klukkert and N. Scroxtton.

2013 *Assessing function via shape: What is the place of geometric morphometrics in functional morphology?* Co-organized and co-chaired with C. Terhune. Annual Meetings of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, Knoxville, Tennessee, 9-13 April 2013.

2012 *The Extinct Caribbean Primates: A Natural History*. Co-organized and co-chaired with A.L. Rosenberger. XXIV Congress of the International Primatological Society, Cancun, Mexico, 12-17 August 2012.

Statement: I am running for Vice President and Program Chair because I would like to give back to the organization that has been my intellectual home for twenty years. As the 2025 conference will be in Baltimore, Maryland where I live and work, I believe I am uniquely situated to contribute now and to help conference attendees see all Baltimore has to offer. I have previously organized symposia, conferences, a working group, and have completed leadership and diversity training at my university. These experiences and opportunities have allowed me to understand all that goes into organizing a

large event including overseeing symposium and abstract submission, proposal review, and podium and poster presentation. In addition to the technical side of mounting a conference, I believe one of the most important roles of the Vice President and Program Chair is to foster diversity among the presenters in terms of ethnicity, race, nationality, disability status, gender, sexuality, career stage, and academic appointment. This includes assessing proposed symposia for contributions from a diverse set of researchers and fostering diversity among reviewers. I believe that by working collaboratively with the program committee, I will be able to help create a welcoming, diverse, and intellectually stimulating conference.

NAME: Amy L. Rector

Current Position: Associate Professor, Anthropology, and Director, School of World Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University

Education: BA, University of Virginia, MA and PhD, Arizona State University

Research Areas: Paleoanthropology, paleoecology, Plio-Pleistocene hominin evolution, mammalian community evolution

Professional Service: Co-founder, Mid-Atlantic Bioanthropology Interest Group (MABIG); past treasurer and president, Biological Women's Mentoring Network (BAWMN); past member of the AABA Program Committee; past member of the *ad hoc* AABA Science Policy Committee; current member of the *ad hoc* AABA Website Committee; current AABA Secretary and member of the AABA Executive Committee; current Co-Chair, Ford Foundation Anthropology Panel

Statement: I am honored and excited about the possibility of continuing with the Executive Committee when the voice of biological anthropologists remains important nationally and internationally and when we are in the process of updating some of our most important resources. With respect to the VP role and duties, I have a decade's worth of experience organizing meetings on a smaller scale as co-founder of the Mid-Atlantic Bioanthropology Interest Group. As AABA Secretary for the last two years working closely with the current VP, I am familiar with the timeline, processes, and procedures involved in planning AABA meetings. In terms of updating resources, the transition to a new website for our public facing content and membership and meetings registration is going to be a major effort this year. I am a member of the *ad hoc* AABA Website Committee, and I look forward to helping shepherd our organization through this website transition so that our members have access to more resources and opportunities to collaborate and communicate. Most importantly, I am excited about working with our members to realize their ideas of sharing their research, teaching, and science communication with AABA at meetings, on our website, and throughout the year.

Secretary

Kristi L. Lewton, Julienne N. Rutherford

NAME: Kristi L. Lewton

Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Integrative Anatomical Sciences, University of Southern California

Education: B.A. (2002) Anthropology, University of Washington; M.A. (2004) Anthropology, Arizona State University; Ph.D. (2010) Anthropology, Arizona State University

Research Areas: Functional morphology, locomotion, postcranial skeletal adaptation and evolution

Professional Service: AABA: Vice President and Program Chair (2022-present), Membership Committee Chair (2019-2022), Co-Chair Local Arrangements Committee (2019/2020 and 2023/2024), Scientific Program Committee (2013-2020), Steering Committee Member Committee on Diversity Women's Initiative (2018-2022), Steering Committee Member Committee on Diversity LGBTQQIAA (2018-present), Student Awards Committee (2011-2016) **American Association of Anatomists:** Grant Awards Task Force (2018-2019) **NSF:** Panelist **Editorial board:** Associate Editor, *Journal of Human Evolution* (2017-2022)

Statement: I have been a member of AABA for two decades and the Association has been an incredible source of professional development opportunities throughout my career. I began volunteering for AABA committees in 2011 and most recently I've served as AABA Vice President and Program Chair. In this position I worked closely with the AABA Secretary and am familiar with that role, which involves maintaining association records. In 2024, AABA records will be transitioned to new web and database platforms. In my capacities as AABA Vice President and member of the web resources committee, I have worked extensively with both our existing and new database platforms and web resources. Given my close familiarity with both our current and future systems, I believe I am well-situated to assist with this technological transition. One challenge the association faces is communication with the membership. With social media companies in flux and users on differing platforms, getting information to members can be difficult. As Secretary, I would look forward to working with the *Ad Hoc* Communication & Media Committee to facilitate information flow. I would be honored to continue my service to the organization as Secretary during this exciting time of transition.

NAME: Julienne N. Rutherford

Current Position: Professor and John & Nell Mitchell Endowed Chair for Pediatric Nursing, Advanced Nursing Practice and Science, College of Nursing, University of Arizona

Education: BA Anthropology and Zoology, Miami University (1994), MA Biological Anthropology, Indiana University (2004), PhD Biological Anthropology with minors in Animal Behavior and Medical Sciences, Indiana University (2007), Postdoctoral Associate in the Institute for Policy Research and Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University (2007-2009)

Research Areas: Fetal development, placental structure and function, women's health, human and non-human primate reproduction and pregnancy, pregnancy loss, postpartum hemorrhage, developmental origins of adult health and social disparities

Professional Service: AABA: History and Honors Chair on Executive Committee (2021-2024); Program Committee (2020); Ethics Committee (2018-2020); Steering Committee for the Presidential Panel on Harassment (2015-2016); Organizing Member of the New Media Group (2012-2013); Co-Founder of the AABA/American Association of Anatomists Anatomy in Anthropology Student Research Prize (2012); Career Development Committee (2011-2014); Founder, Organizer, and Fundraiser, Biological Anthropology Developing Investigators Troop (BANDIT) (2011-2017); Student Awards Committee (2010-2012)

American Society of Primatologists (ASP): Co-Chair of Media and Public Outreach Committee (2012-2015); Education Committee (2010-2012); Media and Information Committee (2010-2012); Local Arrangements Committee (2006)

American Anthropological Association (AAA): Biological Anthropology Section Editor for *Anthropology News* (2013-2015); Executive Committee, Biological Anthropology Section (2013-2015)

International Federation of Placenta Associations (IFPA): International Scientific Advisory Committee (2018); Early Career Researcher Poster Award Committee (2014, 2016); Early Career Researchers Committee (2009-2011)

Midwest Primate Interest Group (MPIG): President (2013-2018); Vice-President (2011-2012); Secretary (2010-2013); Executive Board (2010-2018); Local Arrangements Chair (2010)

Editorial Boards: *Frontiers in Physiology*, Embryonic and Developmental Physiology Section (2017-present); Annual Review of Anthropology guest member (2017)

Statement: I am honored to be considered for the office of Secretary of the AABA. Having been a member of AABA since 1996, I am inspired by the many changes in our discipline, and the role the Executive Committee plays in that change. I have a **long record of substantive service** to the AABA. I currently serve as the History & Honors chair, in which role I streamlined nomination and voting processes and facilitated the new AABA Oral History Project. Both initiatives involved working with the current Secretary in launching social media campaigns and posting on the AABA website. Having served on the Executive Committee for the last three years I have **effective and collegial relationships** with its current membership; I am familiar with the overall structure and function of the committee as well as the role and responsibilities of the Secretary, ensuring a **smooth transition**. In addition to the active leadership role the Secretary takes at Executive Committee meetings and the Annual Business Meeting, my specific goals would be to 1) **lead** the revision of the Executive Committee Handbook to reflect the current roles and responsibilities of AABA officers and committees more accurately and in accordance with the by-laws and constitution, 2) **serve** on the web resources subcommittee of the Executive Committee as we launch a new website, 3) **collaborate** with the History and Honors chair in the development and archiving of the Oral History Project and other historic documents and activities. In all endeavors, I will strive for **accuracy and transparency**. After nearly 30 years of membership, I remain committed to the continued growth and public relevance of AABA and I would be honored to continue in service as the Secretary.

Committee Chairs

History and Honors Committee Chair

Nathaniel J. Dominy, Ashley S. Hammond

NAME: Nathaniel J. Dominy

Current Position: Charles Hansen Professor of Anthropology, Dartmouth College

Education: BA, Johns Hopkins University (1998); PhD, University of Hong Kong (2001); Post-doc, University of Chicago (2002-2004)

Research Areas: Primate functional anatomy and ecology

Professional Service: My service to AABA includes membership on the Executive Committee (Chair, Professional Development, 2017–20), Program Committee (2022–23), and Nominations Committee (2013). More generally, I have served my discipline as a delegate of Section H (Anthropology) on the AAAS Council (2019–22); as a member of the IUCN Primate Specialist Group, Section for Human-Primate Interactions (2020–present); and as a member of the Research Committee, International Primatological Society (2024–present). In addition to regular ad hoc review activities for a wide range of journals, funding agencies, and institutions, I am a member of the National Screening Committee, U.S. Fulbright Program (East Africa; 2022–present) and three editorial boards—*Evolution, Medicine, & Public Health* (2020–present); *International Journal of Primatology* (2002–present); *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* (2023–present).

Statement: I was very fortunate as an undergraduate. I worked with two outstanding mentors, Mark Teaford and Chris Ruff, both of whom held leadership positions in AABA. I had only a vague understanding of what they did, but I admired their commitment to the Association; to nurturing the next generation. It was quietly and profoundly inspiring, and I figured I would follow their lead when the time was right. But role models are funny thing—they seldom explain the challenges of professional service or the opportunity costs. They just get on with it. I understand the job now and I am so grateful to them and every other officer of AABA past and present. At the same time, serving on ExCom is also a labor of love. It is extremely heartening to experience the camaraderie of one's colleagues and witness their commitment to science and community building. I enjoyed my past service on ExCom and, if elected, I would be thrilled to continue the work of AABA.

NAME: Ashley S. Hammond

Current Position: Associate Curator & Associate Professor and Chair, Division of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History

Education: PhD, Integrative Anatomy, University of Missouri (2013)

Research Areas: Paleoanthropology, functional anatomy of locomotion, ape and human evolution

Professional Service: I have been an AABA member for the last 15 years. I served as the Early Career Liaison to the Executive Committee (2015-2016), was a participant in the data sharing in biological anthropology workshop (2019), and have served on the Program Committee (2017, 2019, 2020).

Statement: The AABA has a vital role in fostering collaboration, accelerating research, developing guidelines for ethical research practices, and promoting the importance of biological anthropology within society. I welcome the prospect of working alongside the Executive Committee and fellow AABA members to shape the future of our organization and, as Chair of the History and Honors Committee, recognizing those members whose work has already played a role in the legacy of our association. A characteristic of a person's professional legacy that I personally value is their ability to help trainees and less advantaged colleagues achieve their goals. I am so pleased to review those who have recently been honored with the Lasker Distinguished Service and Darwin Lifetime Achievement Awards and see that all of these individuals have made astonishing research contributions and selflessly promoted others, either through research or their involvement in the association. It would be an honor to continue guiding this work for the AABA, and to serve on the Executive Committee.

Student Programs Committee Chair

Kevin G. Hatala, Sean D. Tallman

NAME: Kevin G. Hatala

Current Position: Associate Professor of Biology, Chatham University

Education: BS (2009) Biological Anthropology & Anatomy, Duke University; PhD (2014) Hominid Paleobiology, The George Washington University

Research Areas: paleoanthropology, biomechanics, functional morphology

Professional Service: AABA – Early Career Liaison to the Executive Committee (2019-20), Member (2021-present), Subcommittee Chair (2022-23), and Associate Chair (2023-present) of Program Committee, **Other** – NSF panelist (5x, 2019-21), AAAS/NSF Forensic Science Research Evaluation (2015)

Statement: Since joining the AABA in 2010, I have been impressed by and benefitted from the association's commitment to fostering community among student, early career, and senior members. Through AABA events I have formed valuable collaborations, found mentors, and built lasting friendships. The Annual Meeting stands out as a crucial community forum, in which the Student Programs Chair plays a pivotal role. They oversee the Pollitzer Travel Awards, which enable many students to attend the Annual Meeting, and the Student Presentation Awards, which celebrate student achievements at the meeting. My direct experience in co-managing the Pollitzer Travel Award Competition in 2019-20, and subsequent roles related to coordination of the Annual Meeting, leave me well-prepared for this position. As a faculty member at a primarily undergraduate institution, I believe that I will also bring valuable perspectives to this position. I have supported my own students who regularly participate in the COD Undergraduate Symposium, and I hope to further enhance the Annual Meeting experience for undergraduate members. I look forward to hearing and applying other perspectives that span the breadth of AABA membership, to advance programmatic initiatives at the level of the AABA Executive Committee. Serving in this role would be an honor.

NAME: Sean D. Tallman

Current Position: 2023-2024 Fulbright U.S. Scholar, South Africa (Public Health); Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine and Department of Anthropology, Boston University

Education: Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (2016); M.A., Anthropology, SUNY, Binghamton (2005); B.A., Anthropology, University of Washington (2000); A.A., General, Shoreline Community College (1998)

Research Areas: Human skeletal biology and variation; forensic anthropology method, theory, and critique; DEIJ in biological/forensic anthropology

Professional Service: Associate Editor, *Yearbook of Biological Anthropology* (2023-present); Associate Editor, *American Anthropologist* (2022-present); AABA Program Committee (2022-present); Editorial Board/Associate Editor, *Forensic Anthropology* (2020-present); COD-LGBTQQIAA Committee Participant (2015-present); Chair, AAFS Diversity Outreach Committee (2020); Co-Chair, AAFS Anthropology Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2017-2020)

Statement: As a professor in a student focused master's program who was a first-generation college student, I understand the vital role that the AABA plays in amplifying student success and providing transformative research, mentorship, and networking opportunities. With each annual meeting and act of service, I am rejuvenated by the AABA's sense of community that prioritizes robust, inclusive science alongside care for its members. Like the AABA, I believe that students are critical for a flourishing and relevant biological anthropology because their perspectives and lived experiences strengthen the science, which inspires me to serve as Chair of the Student Programs Committee. I have been an outspoken advocate for students at my institution, in my critical scholarship, and as chair/co-chair of DEI committees. One of the key aspects I enjoy most in my role as an educator is getting students excited about conducting, presenting, and publishing original research, and I view the Chair's role as a natural extension of the research mentorship process. As such, it would be a privilege to work with the Executive Committee to develop scientifically and socially relevant topics for the Pollitzer, create fundraising opportunities to increase the number of awards, and collaboratively select outstanding Student Presentation Awards.