

Remembering Members and Friends of the AAPA

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It is the custom of the AAPA to honor and remember members of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and other friends and colleagues who have passed away since our last scheduled meeting in April 2020.

Cliff Boyd (Professor, Department of Anthropological Sciences and Co-Director of the Forensic Science Institute, Radford University) passed away on March 9, 2021. He received his PhD from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a primary focus in archaeology. His research interests included archaeology of the eastern United States, forensic archaeology, and historic archaeology. He consistently maintained high standards of field and laboratory research and publication. He received numerous university, regional, state, and national awards for his research and was a dedicated, renowned, and award-winning teacher at Radford. His many teaching accomplishments included regularly conducting archaeological field schools. His commitment to rigorous training beyond higher education was reflected through his consistent service as a teacher and consultant to numerous law enforcement and other government agencies throughout his career.

Bernice A. Kaplan Lasker (Professor Emerita, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University) passed away on October 10, 2020. Professor Kaplan Lasker (known to many friends and colleagues as “Bunny”) was a regular, welcome, and gracious presence at our annual meetings. She and Gabriel Lasker established the Lasker Award, recognizing outstanding service to the Association. In 1948, she and Gabriel Lasker began field work in Mexico, combining research in both biological and cultural anthropology. Her subsequent research included communities in Peru and immigrant communities in London (among other locations). She completed her PhD in cultural anthropology at the University of Chicago in 1953. She held a variety of contingent teaching positions in Michigan until joining the Wayne State faculty in Anthropology around 1960 (she noted that she was never quite sure of her precise appointment date). She retired as a full professor in 2000. She was a life-long peace and social justice activist. Notably, she worked to increase the social impacts and inclusiveness of scientific societies, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the AAPA.

Mary W. Marzke (Professor Emerita, Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University) passed away on September 3, 2020. She received her PhD from the University of California Berkeley in 1964). Following her graduate training, she taught at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill until 1970, then joined Arizona State University in 1978, retiring in 2006. She was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and an honorary member of the American Society for

Surgery of the Hand. Professor Marzke's research concentrated on the evolution human hand, with special emphasis on tool use in relation to the functional morphology of the hand. Other contributions included important analyses of the comparative anatomy, biomechanics, and behavioral observations of hand use in primates. Her students recognized her as a talented and inspiring teacher and adviser, dedicated to multidisciplinary training and research.

Lei Pan (Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, Beijing) passed away in Spring 2020. She obtained her PhD from the Université de Toulouse in 2016 focusing on the postcanine dentition of the earliest members of the genus *Homo* in South Africa. She made further contributions to the understanding of craniodental variation and evolution in Eurasian and Asian hominins. In addition, she conducted paleontological research in other mammalian taxa. Her colleagues describe her as a talented scholar of great promise.

J. Stanley Rhine (Professor Emeritus and Curator of Osteology and Research Professor, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico) passed away on December 13, 2020. He received his PhD from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1969. His research concentrated on forensic anthropology. He founded the University of New Mexico Maxwell Museum's forensic program. He then fostered significant growth of the program, increasing its scope and prominence locally, regionally, and nationally. He developed the Museum's body donation program, and developed and maintained strong ties between the University and State Medical Investigator's office. His investments in the Museum's research infrastructure greatly improved the capabilities of the institution as a whole. Beyond his professional accomplishments, he was known for eclectic research interests and publications in many areas in and out of anthropology, including history.

Marcia L. Robertson (Affiliate, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University) passed away on March 16, 2021. She received her PhD from the University of Michigan in 1984. Her dissertation examined posture and locomotion (forelimb function) in *Proconsul*. In addition to work in paleoanthropology, her work reflected her broad training and interests. For example, while she began her career publishing in functional morphology, she subsequently conducted groundbreaking research that expanded our understanding of the brain in human evolution. This research examined the brain in relation to metabolism, bioenergetics, and diet, now central elements in understanding brain evolution.

Moses S. Schanfield (Professor of Forensic Sciences, George Washington University) passed away on January 7, 2021. He received his PhD in Human Genetics from the University of Michigan in 1971, followed by postdoctoral training in immunology at the University of California San Francisco. He had a richly varied career, including considerable work in private industry directing both licensed clinical and forensic laboratories. His research, both in and out of academia, was at the forefront of developing DNA technologies and approaches in numerous forensic fields and in anthropology more broadly. In addition, he was involved in several "high profile" legal

cases, gaining considerable experience as both a consultant and expert witness concerning human DNA variation. He also made contributions in applying DNA techniques to cases of international historical interest. His work was instrumental in establishing first forensic DNA testing standards for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). He maintained strong international collaborations. He was a founding member of the American Association of Anthropological Genetics, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Tony Waldron (Honorary Professor, Institute of Archaeology, University College London) passed away in January 2021. He studied medicine at the University of Birmingham in the 1970s. At various times in his career, he held positions as Lecturer, London School of Hygiene, consultant physician at University College and St. Mary's Hospitals, and several visiting professor positions. He began his position as Honorary Professor at UCL's Institute of Archaeology in 2004. He published numerous influential books and articles on the subjects as diverse as of toxicology, epidemiology, medical history. His contributions in biological anthropology focused on palaeoepidemiology and palaeopathology. He was co-founder and co-editor of the *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* (1990-2000) as well as previously being Editor of the *British Journal of Industrial Medicine* (1980-93). He also published widely used textbooks in our field, including *Paleoepidemiology* (2007) and *Paleopathology* (2008). He was engaged in studies of human remains from numerous archaeological contexts, and received numerous international honors for his many contributions.