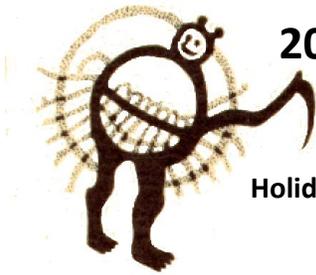


# MONTANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



## 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 13-16<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown – Missoula, MT

**FOR UP-TO-DATE MEETING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONSULT OUR WEBSITE:**

<http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org>

The Montana Archaeological Society will hold its 59<sup>th</sup> annual conference at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown in Missoula, Montana, April 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Conference events will include a Thursday evening early bird gathering, a Friday morning workshop, our traditional Friday night auction, Saturday presentation sessions, the Saturday evening banquet/speaker, and Sunday field trips.

The Friday workshop, “Beyond the Shelf: A Discussion of Assemblages, Their Access and Use,” is sponsored by the MAS Education Committee. Led by Dr. Riley Auge, the workshop will explore ways to increase awareness of and access to collections held by Montana institutions, and state, tribal and federal agencies.

This year’s featured speaker is Dr. Kelly Dixon. Her presentation, “Sustainability, Resilience, and Cultural Heritage: Observations from Montana in the Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” will take place at the conclusion of the Saturday evening banquet.

Conference attendees will have the choice of two Sunday morning field trips. At Travelers’ Rest State Park near Lolo, MT, park staff will offer a site tour and discussion of archaeological methods used to confirm the Lewis & Clark camp location. For those willing to travel farther afield, retired BLM archaeologist Terri Wolfgram will lead a site visit to the W.A. Clark hydraulic placer site, Kohrs’ ditch and possibly the townsite of Pioneer near Gold Creek, MT, 65 miles east of Missoula on I-90.

### **LODGING INFORMATION**

The conference venue is the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, where rooms have been reserved for MAS attendees. The conference room rate is \$95/night (rate subject to 7% state lodging tax and \$2/night local “bed tax”). Rooms must be booked by March 14 in order to secure the conference rate. Reservations may be made via phone by calling 1-800-399-0408 or 1-406-721-8550. You must indicate that you are attending the MAS conference to receive the conference rate. Hotel guests have access to free self-parking in the hotel lot, and complimentary airport transportation. Subject to availability, the hotel may also provide area-wide transportation within a five-mile radius. Hotel facilities include a restaurant and bar, complimentary wireless internet, indoor pool and fitness center. The Holiday Inn is one block from the heart of

downtown Missoula, where more than a dozen restaurants and “watering holes” are located. Other dining establishments are located a short walk south over the Higgins Avenue bridge. The Missoula downtown area features many small shops, galleries, bookstores, and a fine local art museum.

### **MEETING REGISTRATION & FEES**

Meeting registration is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members and \$10 for students. Registration for the Friday workshop (optional) is \$20, with attendance limited to 30 participants. Banquet tickets are \$35 for the steak or salmon entrees, \$24 for a vegetarian option. The ticket price includes gratuity. Banquet tickets must be purchased by April 1 in order to ensure your dinner. Meeting registration can be completed by mailing the attached form, or by registering online through our website (above). Online registration offers a Paypal option. Hardcopy forms and fees should be mailed to the MAS Treasurer at PO Box 1123, Manhattan, MT 59741. A limited number of vendor tables are available. Vendors should contact Mary Williams at [bnfhistory@msn.com](mailto:bnfhistory@msn.com) or (406) 531-7085.

### **SUBMIT ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts will be accepted through Friday, March 24, or until the program is full, whichever occurs first. Send the title of your presentation with abstract (200-word maximum) to Mary Williams at [bnfhistory@msn.com](mailto:bnfhistory@msn.com). The abstract form may be found on the back page of this information sheet, with a digital copy available on the MAS website. **Only registered, paid-up members of the MAS may present at the conference, so don't forget to pay your dues when submitting your abstract and registration forms.**

## **EVENTS**

### **THURSDAY EVENING EARLY BIRD SOCIAL**

Early arrivals are welcome to gather in the Big Sky Atrium for socializing over beer, wine and light appetizers. Other beverages are available from the hotel bar. The event will be held from 8 to 10p.m.

### **FRIDAY MORNING WORKSHOP**

Friday's workshop, “Beyond the Shelf: A Discussion of Assemblages, Their Access and Use,” will be led by Dr. Riley Auge, Curator, University of Montana Anthropological Curation Facility. The workshop will focus on the importance of increasing both public and researchers' awareness, access and use of archaeological collections maintained by institutions and agencies in Montana. The workshop runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Friday in Garden City Parlors C/D at the Holiday Inn. If time allows, Dr. Auge will offer participants a tour of the UM curation facility. Fee for the workshop is \$20.00, and is limited to 30 registrants.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON MEETINGS**

Committee meetings for the Education and Conservation committees will be held in Garden City Parlor C/D from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. The MAS Board meeting takes place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Montana Boardroom.

### **FRIDAY EVENING AUCTION**

The always-fun MAS auction occurs Friday evening, April 14, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in Garden City Parlors C/D. Money raised by this important event helps fund the *Archaeology In Montana* journal, committee work, and scholarships. Donated auction items run the gamut from highly crafted artifact reproductions and fine art to thankfully-one-of-a-kind white elephants, gags and whatnots. (Depending on the number of donated books, they may be offered in a silent auction, and we ask that book donors assign a recommended minimum bid.) Donated items should be brought to the Garden City Parlors C/D no later than 6 p.m. The event features a cash bar and complimentary light appetizers.

### **SATURDAY SESSIONS**

Saturday features a day of presentations in Garden City Parlors C/D. Break refreshments will be available at the sessions, with attendees on their own for lunch. Presentations/papers addressing all aspects of Montana archaeology and related topics are limited to 15 to 20 minutes in length, depending on the number of presenters in each session. The annual MAS business meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. in Garden City Parlor D.

### **SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET**

The banquet runs from 7 to 9:30p.m. on Saturday, April 15 in Garden City Parlors C/D. For \$35, diners may register for either steak or salmon entrees. The vegetarian option is \$24. Ticket prices include gratuity (and dessert!) Every effort will be made to accommodate special dietary needs (gluten-free, etc.) if you provide that information with your registration form. A cash bar will be available. The after-banquet program will be presented by Dr. Kelly Dixon, Professor at the University of Montana's (Missoula) Department of Anthropology. Dr. Dixon has worked as an archaeologist in the North American West for over 20 years, investigating archaeologies of adaptation, colonization, colonialism, landscape transformations, and extractive industries. She will present her MAS audience with an overview of recent archaeological ventures that have relevance to topics such as sustainability and resilience, with the aim of engaging the audience in discussions about navigating the increasingly complex milieu of resource protection in the modern world.

### **SUNDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS**

This year conference participants can choose one of two field trip options:

- 1) Travelers' Rest State Park: a tour and discussion of the archaeological work confirming the Lewis & Clark camp location (24MO0176) near Lolo, MT (11 miles south of Missoula via US 93 to US 12). Tours will be led by State Park staff knowledgeable about the site and its archaeology. (This field trip includes both indoor and outdoor components and will take place regardless of weather conditions. The walking tour is ¾ mile over relatively level ground.)
- 2) Gold Creek: a tour of the WA Clark hydraulic placer site, Kohrs' ditch and possibly the Pioneer townsite, located near Gold Creek, Montana (65 miles east of Missoula off I-90 at Exit 166). The trip will be led by retired BLM archaeologist Terri Wolfgram. **NOTE: THIS FIELD TRIP IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN APRIL.**

## 2017 MAS PRESENTATION ABSTRACT

**NAME(S) OF PRESENTER(S):**

**PRESENTATION TITLE:**

**DESCRIPTION:** Include a short statement of presenter's background and topic. Abstract limited to 200 words. If accepted, it will be included in the conference program. Forward completed form to Mary Williams, MAS President, [bnfhistory@msn.com](mailto:bnfhistory@msn.com).