

Annual Report of the Editor
Midwest Archaeological Perspectives
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Submitted to:

Janet Brashler, President, Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Rachel Kindler, University of Notre Dame Press

I am pleased to report that the *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives* book series and the MAC/ University of Notre Dame Press Dissertation Prize has had an active year.

The Editor would like to express his continued gratitude to the series' Editorial Board. Given that the past year continued to see the ongoing after-effects of COVID, especially in regards to volunteer work, the commitment to *MAP* demonstrated by the board is commendable. The current *MAP* Editorial Board members are Gayle Fritz, Megan Kassabaum, George Milner, Krysta Ryzewski, Sissel Schroeder, Bonnie Styles. Including the Editor there is a seven-member *MAP* Editorial Board.

Since October 2021 the editor and *MAP* Editorial Board reviewed several dissertations. These came to *MAP* as either self-nominations or were recommended for review by others. The Editor also reviewed additional manuscripts for UND Press for the series and worked with last year's dissertation winner on manuscript revisions.

The solicitation of dissertations and other manuscripts was facilitated by notifications on the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc. website as well as by e-mail from MAC, Inc. and advertising by University of Notre Dame Press. This is the first year that SEAC was also notified of the award so as to increase nominations. The Editor also continued the practice of e-mailing department heads and graduate program coordinators at Midwestern institutions.

It was with great pleasure that the *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives* Editorial Board was able to select a recipient for the 2022 Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc. – University of Notre Dame Press Dissertation Prize. The recipient is Dr. Eric C. Drake with a SUNY-Binghamton Dissertation, *Working to Stay Together in "Forsaken out of the Way Places": Investigating Anishinaabeg Family Logging Camps as Sites of Social Refuge and Resilience During the Era of Assimilation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 1880-1940*. Dr. Drake will receive the cash award and offer to publish in the *MAP* series through UND Press. This dissertation was thought to embody the intent of the award in its attempt to explore a little examined part of the archaeological record.

This report also marks a turning point in the history of the book series. In summer 2022, changes at UND Press resulted in the decision to end the press' relationship with *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*. The press indicated a commitment to continue with projects that are in process and will commit to publishing this year's dissertation winner as their last contribution to the series. The press also signified an interest in supporting a search for a new publishing house. The press deserves thanks from MAC for launching and supporting the series as well as continuing to work with us through this upcoming year.

In anticipation of searching for a new press, the Editor has secured the services of the Editorial Board for the coming year on the premise it will be easier to find a new publisher with an intact, experienced board in place. Again, the *MAP* Editorial Board deserves kudos for their dedication.

In the interests of continuing the success of the *MAP* series and Dissertation Award, the editor, in conjunction with the Editorial Board and MAC leadership, expects the following future activities:

- UND will not send a representative to the annual meeting in La Crosse, but will send sample books and order forms. The Editor will work with MAC leadership to promote the series while at the meeting.
- The Editor will begin a search for a new press to assume publication of the series after consultation with MAC leadership at the annual meeting.
- Continue to offer the Dissertation Award as a monetary one only, with no promise of publication.

October in La Crosse promises to be an enjoyable venue for the annual meeting and the Editor looks forward to working with the MAC Board to advance the prospects of *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*.

Submitted with all due respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gaff', written in a cursive style.

Donald Gaff, Ph.D.

Editor, *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*

Cc: *MAP* Editorial Board: Gayle Fritz, Megan Kassabaum, George Milner, Krysta Ryzewski, Sissel Schroeder, and Bonnie Styles