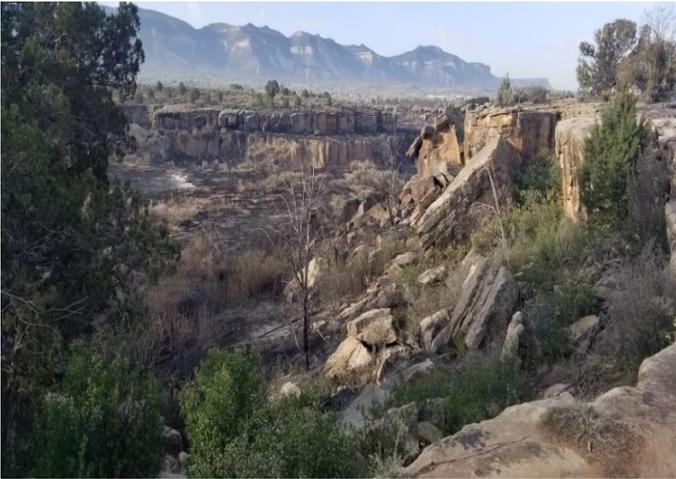




Crow Canyon Partners with the Cortez Cultural Center for the Archaeology Research Program



View of Mesa Verde and Hawkins Preserve

This year, Crow Canyon invites citizen scientists to join us in an archaeological survey of the Hawkins Preserve, a 122-acre natural area located just south of Cortez, Colorado. Managed by the Cortez Cultural Center, the preserve includes numerous Pueblo I–Pueblo III period habitations that are part of the Mitchell Springs Group, one of the largest community centers in Southwest Colorado. In addition, there are several historic sites associated with Ute and Navajo peoples, as well as the earliest Euro-American settlers in the Cortez area. This non-dig program will benefit the Cultural Center by providing information on the history of the preserve, aiding in the interpretation of archaeology within the preserve, and enhancing our understanding of the Prehispanic and Historic period occupation of the Mesa Verde region.

Two Archaeology Research Sessions will be offered in September 2022. For more details visit www.crowcanyon.org.

Volunteers make an impact on curation collections

In honor of National Volunteer Month this April, we're highlighting the important contributions of our lab volunteers to two ongoing projects. First, Crow Canyon's laboratory is rehousing pottery vessels on loan from the Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum (CAVM). These artifacts on display in our curation room are critical to Crow Canyon's teaching and research efforts. Working with CANM's Museum Curator, Bridget Ambler, Crow Canyon's Laboratory Director, Dr. Ben Bellorado, volunteers Susan Montgomery, Gail LaDage, Graham Johnson, and Bill Aldorfer are constructing visually captivating, archival-quality support mounts. In the second project, Field Director Dr. Kellam Throgmorton and volunteers Dave Melanson, Larry Keller, and Lew Matis are studying obsidian artifacts from Aztec Ruins National Monument. The project employs technological analyses and chemical sourcing to characterize obsidian use within the context of regional post Chacoan social change. Soon, we will bring back additional volunteer programs to Crow Canyon. Stay tuned!



Unexpected Grace – A Message from Crow Canyon’s President

Liz Perry’s heartfelt message last fall was so well received that it warrants another read. Please enjoy this abbreviated version.

“Gratitude moments” have lifted our spirits and focused our resolve to do good in the world. Here at Crow Canyon, we’ve cultivated the habit of taking a moment to recognize and appreciate the people in our lives who make the world a better place, day in and day out.

And then come the surprises. The moments of unexpected grace that moved us to tears. We couldn’t believe how many people supported our efforts to document the voices and stories of Native American elders. We were taken aback by acts of extraordinary generosity to Crow Canyon by our donors. We were humbled by the kindness, patience, and compassion shown to us by our Native American advisors and partners. Gratitude is not a static feeling. It drives our

actions by impressing on us the responsibility we have to the people who believe in our mission and trust us to deliver. It sustains and motivates us to be better humans than we could have imagined.

Crow Canyon holds you and your support of our mission in deep appreciation. It is your kindness and generosity that allows us to celebrate, appreciate, and reciprocate the wisdom and perspective we have received from Indigenous people, communities, and cultures.

With gratitude,
–Liz Perry

Click [here](#) for the full story



A Tribute to Dylan M. Schwindt



The shock was paralyzing to our Crow Canyon family when our Director of IT Dylan Schwindt, 42, died in December 2021. Dylan was truly a brilliant, creative, talented, and compassionate soul. His relationship with Crow Canyon began in 1995 as a student at our High School Field School. He steadily and deliberately grew his skills and areas of responsibility, receiving many promotions until he became our Director of Information Technology in 2017.

Dylan was proud and excited to be the leader of IT at Crow Canyon, although the title doesn’t begin to capture his role which included scientific proposals, prestigious grants, research publications, artificial intelligence technologies, and augmented virtual reality.

“When Dylan would pop his head into my office to chat, I would see the adult leader he had become. His warmth, love, and

kindness will always permeate Crow Canyon's campus, and remind me why I believe in this place, and why I believe people can make a difference in the world." —Liz Perry

We miss you, Dylan.

The Dylan Schwindt Memorial Fund has been established at Crow Canyon. Please visit our website for more information.

Kelsey Hanson receives the 2022 Lister Fellowship

Please join us in congratulating Kelsey Hanson for being the recipient of Crow Canyon's 2022-2023 Lister Fellowship.

The Lister Fellowship was established in recognition of the lifelong achievements of the late Florence and Robert Lister — archaeologists, dedicated educators, and friends and supporters of the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center. Awarded every two years to a single enrolled Ph.D. student, this fellowship comes with a \$10,000 stipend to help support the recipient in the final stages of their research and dissertation work.

The 2022 Lister Fellowship recipient Kelsey Hanson is a Ph.D. candidate at the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona, where she specializes in the archaeology of the U.S. Southwest. Kelsey was chosen as the recipient of the Lister Fellowship because of her academic achievements, her passion for Southwest archaeology, and her focus on hands-on, experiential learning.

In her current work, Kelsey is particularly interested in how specialized knowledge is cultivated and circulated in communities and how this is encoded in material culture. Drawing from anthropological archaeology, Indigenous philosophy, and conservation science, Hanson's dissertation research analyzes paint technology to understand the circulation of specialized knowledge in the rise and fall of the Chaco World of northern New Mexico (A.D. 850–1300). Kelsey credits her 2016 Field Internship at Crow Canyon for setting her on her current path. We look forward to seeing Kelsey grow as a student and as a person while she completes her Ph.D.



Notable and Newsworthy Publications

2021 Field Report is now available

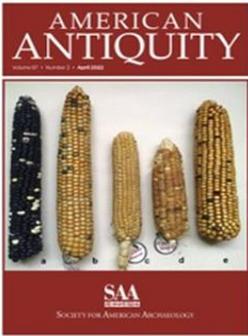
Publishing the results of our fieldwork and laboratory analyses is fundamental to meeting Crow Canyon's professional and ethical obligations as archaeologists. Each year, our mission staff summarizes its research results in a way that is cost-free and accessible to the public.



"I want to say thanks to Ben, Steve, Jeremy, Susan, and Tim, all of whom contributed sections of this report, and to all the staff who have checked in on us out at Haynie, helped facilitate our internships and field school, and helped with participants during the Archaeology Research Program!" —

Kellam Throgmorton, Field Director

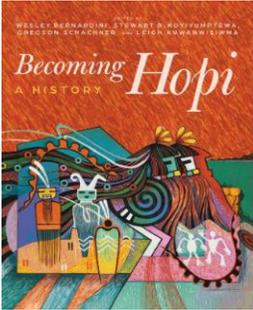
Read the full report [here](#)



Reading Between the Lines: The Social Value of Dogoszhi Style in the Chaco World Authors: Ben Bellorado (Crow Canyon's Laboratory Director), Evan Giomi, Barbara Mills, Leslie Aragon, and Matthew Peeples. Publication: *American Antiquity*. Published online by Cambridge University Press.

"This is important research that paves the way for why we are revising the Pueblo II design analysis here at Crow Canyon." —*Ben Bellorado*

Read the full article [here](#)



Becoming Hopi: A History published by the University of Arizona Press. Edited by two Hopi tribal members, Leigh Kuwanwisiwma and Stewart Koyiyumptewa (Hopi tribal members), Wesley Bernardini and Gregson Schachner (archaeologists). Contributors consist of tribal members, ethnographers, historians, and archaeologists, including Crow Canyon Field Director Kellam Throgmorton, who is co-authors two chapters.

Order the book: <https://uapress.arizona.edu/book/becoming-hopi>

Book trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ9hPNF5t_8&feature=youtu.be

Grant Coffey Hits The Airwaves With Drones

Crow Canyon's very own research database manager, Grant Coffey, was featured on a recent episode of the Daily Tech News Show (DTNS) podcast! Dr. Nicole L. Ackermans produced a mini-series called "Scientists in Tech" for the Daily Tech News Show, and one episode spotlights Grant's applications of drone work in archaeology. The Daily Tech News Show is dedicated to sharing tech news in a fun and informative way that is easy to understand. In this 15-minute interview, Grant shares his experience in piloting drones to learn about ancient sites and identify structures that are otherwise difficult to see.

"He was so articulate and explained the technical details of drone mapping and LiDAR so clearly. His command of these sophisticated technologies really came through in the interview. Have a listen if you have the time and you will learn a lot about drone mapping, LiDAR, and more!" —*Dr. Mark Varien, Executive Vice President of the Research Institute at Crow Canyon*

Listen to the full podcast [here](#)



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