



Archaeology Southwest

2015 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Philanthropist:

Yes, *you*! Through your generous gifts of funding, time, and voice, you joined us in our mission to explore and protect the places of the past.

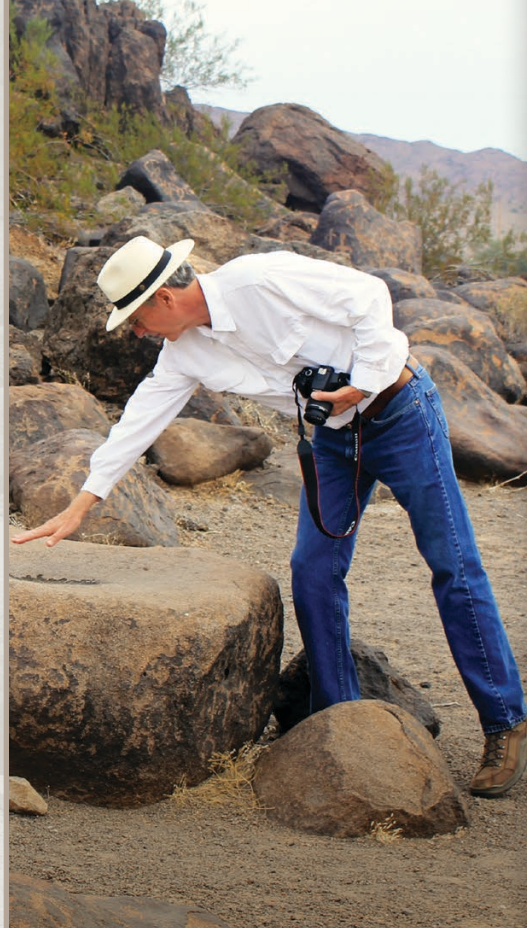
We continued and initiated work on some challenging advocacy projects in 2015: expanding Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, establishing the Great Bend of the Gila National Monument, and protecting the Greater Chaco Landscape. Count on us to persevere and keep you informed in 2016.

2015 brought many rewarding moments for our outreach, research, and protection initiatives. With sincere thanks from all of us at Archaeology Southwest, I offer these snapshots of 2015's most memorable moments. Enjoy the fruits of your philanthropy!

Best,



William H. Doelle  
President & CEO



## Mapped

Pecos National Historical Park. In an astonishing—and at times breathtaking—achievement, Doug Gann (ground photogrammetry), Adriel Heisey (aerial photography transects), and Mike Brack (digital cartography) mapped the entirety of the pre- and post-contact architecture and deposits at Pecos NHP to within 14 millimeters of accuracy. (For public safety, drones are not allowed in our national parks—hence Heisey's flights.) Doug is using the data to create a 3-D digital visualization of the mission and pueblo. He said he's not sure which was *more* breathtaking—seeing the accuracy of the results or watching Adriel deliberately stall his plane to “get the shot”!



## We share our stories

Leading up to the International Day of Archaeology on October 17, each of our staff members wrote a blog post about how or why they became an archaeologist, or ultimately came to work in Preservation Archaeology. There were certainly some surprises...and much food for thought. Our posts were featured at the website of the Archaeological Institute of America.





## Because you never know

Thanks to Allen Denoyer, Karen Schollmeyer, and our staff and field school students, more than 100 kids learned to use atlatls in 2015 through our Hands-On Archaeology programming at Steam Pump Ranch in Oro Valley, Arizona, and at public libraries and schools in Arizona and New Mexico. Their skills might not yet be up to those of kids in the distant past, but now they know the basics of how they would have helped feed the family.



## It matters

On December 4, with our partners at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, we released a study that makes a case for the national significance of the Great Bend of the Gila, an ancient and historical cultural crossroads in southern Arizona. Aaron Wright, Pat H. Stein, and Bill Doelle

compiled the study, which you can download for free at [www.archaeologysouthwest.org/pdf/GreatBend.pdf](http://www.archaeologysouthwest.org/pdf/GreatBend.pdf) (opens as a PDF). On December 7, Bill and Barnaby Lewis published an op-ed in the *Arizona Republic* sharing the meaning of the place for descendants of Native and Euro-American ancestry. In September, Bill and tribal leaders went to Washington, D.C., to personally share these perspectives with legislators.





## Protected

Los Gigantes. In April, we purchased this ancestral Zuni site from the ranching family in the El Morro Valley of west-central New Mexico who had protected it for generations. Los Gigantes is one of the best examples of a Post-Chacoan great house community. The site includes a single-story great house dating from about A.D. 1250–1275, along with a number of smaller houses surrounding the great house. The site also includes a huge great kiva that is more than 30 meters (almost 100 feet) in diameter—bigger than any great kiva in Chaco Canyon. The space was unroofed, and may have enabled people from surrounding villages to come together. Andy Laurenzi shared the story of the family who protected the site on our blog: [www.archaeologysouthwest.org/2015/05/28/a-family-affair/](http://www.archaeologysouthwest.org/2015/05/28/a-family-affair/)



## Dungan defends

Since 2008, Katherine Dungan has been an integral part of our research and field school in the Upper Gila River region of southwestern New Mexico. We were there, grinning like proud parents and siblings, for the public portion of her dissertation defense on November 10. Katherine also shared her research at the November 3 Archaeology Café—you can watch that video and others at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArchaeologySouthwest>. Congratulations, Dr. Dungan!



## Funded

On March 23, we were thrilled to learn that the Salmon Pueblo Archaeological Research Collection project would be funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities in the amount of \$300,000. The project will preserve and make accessible incomparable legacy data from 1970s excavations at Salmon Ruins, the first major colony beyond Chaco Canyon. A collaboration among the Salmon Ruins Museum, Archaeology Southwest, the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia, the project entails three phases, culminating in online access. This vast storehouse of data will be uploaded to the Chaco Research Archive and shared with Arizona State University's online digital archive tDAR.



# Advocating for the big picture

When it comes to the cultural landscape of a people, it is not possible for the boundaries of any municipal, state, or federal protective designation to contain its entirety. It is to our nation's credit that Mesa Verde National Park and Chaco Culture National Historical Park exist, but there are many more places that help tell the stories of Chaco and Mesa Verde. What are the best ways to identify and protect the most important among those, especially as oil and gas development in these regions expands? Throughout 2015, Paul Reed led our participation in a coalition to determine viable solutions to these questions, chairing two public forums, giving numerous media interviews, and appearing in short

films on the Greater Chaco Landscape. His favorite moments? "Exploring the majestic Greater Chaco Landscape from above with EcoFlight and on the ground with tribal leaders from Acoma, Tesuque, Santa Ana, and Isleta Pueblos. And meeting Senator Tom Udall at Chaco Canyon. Actually, the flights were late in 2014, but they were in the forefront of my mind throughout 2015, and will remain there for a long time."



Photo: Ely Rareshide



## Protected and endowed

The Cave Creek Midden/Desperation Ranch site. In the spring of 2015, Archaeology Southwest received the gift of a conservation easement over an important site along Cave Creek, outside of Portal, Arizona, on the east side of the Chiricahua Mountains. People used the location in the Late Archaic and Early Agricultural eras, and there is a fourteenth-century Salado-era room block at the site. As we were finalizing details for the easement, our friends and supporters (and longtime Arizonans) Eldon, Jean, and Jaye Smith helped us create an endowment fund to pay for the site's easement-monitoring and reporting costs in perpetuity.





Photo: Jannelle Weakly

## Making new friends

This year, we were privileged to meet new friends and supporters in and around Santa Fe, New Mexico, thanks to the *Oblique Views* exhibition at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture and the publications of *Archaeology Southwest Magazine*, Volume 29, No. 1: *Ordinary, yet Distinct*, on the enigmatic Gallina tradition of northern New Mexico (co-edited by Preservation Fellow Lewis Borck and J. Michael Bremer), and *Archaeology Southwest Magazine*, Volume 29, Nos. 2 & 3: *Santa Fe Underground*. Linda Pierce, conceiver of the *Oblique Views* rephotography project, joined aerial photographer Adriel Heisey and curator Maxine McBrinn for an opening on October 25 that was attended by almost 1,000 people. Two weeks later, Bill Doelle, Paul Reed, and Kate Gann joined John Ware (vice-chair of our board of directors) and *Santa Fe Underground* guest editors Cherie Schieck and Stephen Post for an informal Q & A with community members and other archaeologists at Collected Works Bookstore off the Plaza.

## The way forward

On April 30 and May 1, facilitated by Alexander Carrillo Consulting, our staff and board of directors came together to create a shared vision for Archaeology Southwest's future. Work continued through the summer and fall, and the board approved and adopted the final strategic plan on October 7. One of the first implementations of the new plan was the hiring of a Director of Operations. We welcomed Kamillia Hoban, formerly of the Southwest Conservation Corps, in January 2016.



## 2015 VOLUNTEERS

Leslie Aragon  
Elliot Barker  
Georgiana Boyer  
Peter Boyle  
Katie Bubnekovich  
Marc S. Callis  
Katherine Cerino  
Valerie Conforti  
Adam Denoyer  
Riley Duke

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Roy Fazzi  
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Hanson Fotherby  
Cherie Freeman  
Ella Gann  
Bruce Hilpert  
Jordan Jarrett  
Meredith Jewett  
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Greer Warren



## 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2015 TRIBUTE GIFTS

### In Memory Of:

Peter Ainsworth  
Gary R. Ashlock  
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Pima County Bond  
Package  
Dylan Breternitz  
Sarah Bridges  
Mike Cusanovich  
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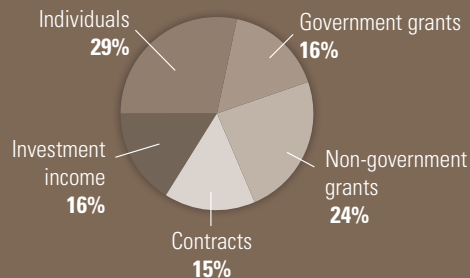
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## HERITAGE CIRCLE

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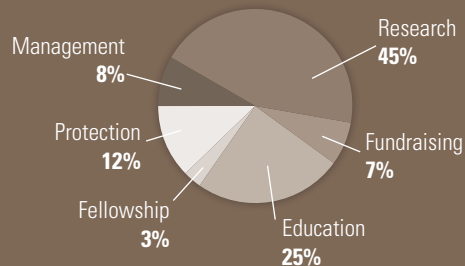
## 2015 Operating Revenue Sources

Total: \$1,364,088



## 2015 Operating Expenses

Total: \$1,326,976



## Net Assets\*

Unrestricted	\$1,820,169
Temporarily restricted	\$1,401,823
Permanently restricted	\$2,679,831
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,901,823</b>

\*Unaudited. Audited financials will be available in September

# Your Impacts in 2015

**1** publicly accessible scale-model replica of an Early Agricultural period pithouse built

**1,306** members and supporters of Archaeology Southwest

**50** articles published in Volume 29 (2015) of *Archaeology Southwest Magazine*

**24,956** fans on Facebook

**14** students trained at the 2015 Preservation Archaeology Field School

**73,215** visitors to our website from 173 different countries

**18** field visits to monitor conditions at properties we protect



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