

# *the* MoA Quarterly

A NEWSLETTER OF THE  
MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, MIZZOU

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## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Construction of our built-in exhibit cases is complete. We couldn't have done it without your help! Thank you so much to those that donated in support of the cases. We can't wait to welcome everyone to the museum when we reopen later this year. In the meantime, we are working on the unglamorous aspects of museum construction including climate control, pest management, and security. We work hard behind the scenes so visitors can have the best museum experience possible.

While we plan the exhibits and meet with our community about exhibit content, we are working on other projects as well. A sample from a short-leaf pine canoe from Shannon County, Missouri, has been sent to be radiocarbon dated.

This canoe has previously been on exhibit in the museum among our Mississippian objects, so we are looking forward to learning a more exact date the tree was cut down. Stay tuned for the tree's date announcement on our website and the Missouri Archaeology Month poster in September.

Jessica Boldt has rehoused several of the shoes from Arnold Research Cave and put photos of them in the online database. Read more about it in her write-up on page 3. You can keep up with what is happening at the museum on the website and Facebook as we build. We will share events across Missouri as well to keep you connected. Have a wonderful summer! ❖

- CANDACE SALL

# SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION VISIT

BY CANDACE SALL



Dr. Raymond Wood, professor emeritus, Department of Anthropology, University of Missouri passed away on October 2, 2020. He was a beloved professor to hundreds of students over his 39 years teaching at Mizzou and his research has stood for decades in Missouri, North Dakota, and across the Plains as an important source of information for researchers. Prior to his passing, he arranged for the Anthropology Archives at the Smithsonian Institution to receive his correspondence files and his friend and colleague, Dr. Bruce McMillan, organized the transfer. On May 10, 2022, Gina Rappaport, Anthropology Archivist for the Smithsonian, arrived to collect Dr. Wood's files. This transfer enables generations of future researchers access to his documents at the Smithsonian, as well as at other institutions including the Museum of Anthropology and State Historical Society of North Dakota. Several of his books and journals were also donated to the MU Museum of Anthropology and the State Historical Society of Missouri. The remainder of his academic works were sold with the proceeds going to his family. ❖

For more information about Dr. Wood: <https://anthropology.missouri.edu/news/professor-emeritus-w-raymond-wood-passed-away>  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00320447.2022.2067394?src=>

## SPACE UPDATE: ELLIS LIBRARY

BY AMANDA STALEY HARRISON

Construction on the new built-in exhibit cases in Ellis Library is complete for the MoA's two main exhibition rooms! Though the major construction is finished, there is still much to be done in the way of building specialized mounts, pedestals, and vitrines necessary to display objects clearly and safely. We are still actively fundraising for support in these supplemental building projects and look forward to announcing an opening date later this year. Without the support of friends and colleagues we would not be where we are today. Preliminary planning of exhibits has also begun. Staff are excited to be able to include dedicated space for objects from the Osage Nation, one of the largest tribes in the central part of North America and modern-day Missouri, as well as new objects from our collections not previously on display at Mizzou North. ❖

If you wish to support the rebuild process, please visit our donation page! [anthromuseum.missouri.edu/giving-moa](https://anthromuseum.missouri.edu/giving-moa)



# COLLECTIONS UPDATE: 23CY64 TEXTILES

BY JESSICA BOLDT

Excavations at Arnold Research Cave in Callaway County revealed an array of rarely found textiles, including baskets, bags, netting, cordage, and most notably, shoes. Thanks to the extremely dry soils inside the cave, these organic materials were remarkably well-preserved, some in seemingly perfect condition. Recently, textile items from Arnold Research Cave which had been on loan to Louisiana State University for research purposes, returned to our care. This spring we have worked on adding these textile objects to our General Collection database making them available to be viewed online for the first time. Included are several complete shoes, woven netting, and other textile fragments. Also added to the database are wooden atlatl foreshafts, one with the lithic stone point amazingly still attached! Scroll through and see them yourself in our online General Collection database on our webpage: <https://anthromuseum.missouri.edu/online-databases> ♦



IMAGES:

A small sample of the various textiles retrieved from Arnold Research Cave including the hafted foreshaft.



# EDUCATION UPDATE: GRADUATION

BY AMANDA STALEY HARRISON

The MoA is proud to announce the graduation of two of our students.

Ms. Kennedy Fue graduated from Mizzou and will be headed to graduate school in the fall. Kennedy has assisted with everything from our move to working with NAGPRA projects. She received a MU certificate of recognition and pin from Dr. Sall as a memento to her time. Kenendy has been an amazing asset and has become a great friend. We will miss her dearly when she leaves the MoA for her future endeavors!



Mr. Noah Robinson graduated from Rock Bridge High School. We have known Noah since 2018 when he joined our youth archaeology camp the summer before his freshmen year of high school. Even though we disappointed him when it was explained anthropologists don't study dinosaurs, he still wanted to come back four years later to be our intern. We are so glad he did. He has been pivotal in all aspects of navigating our move and has been an amazing addition to conversations surrounding new exhibits. Noah graduated valedictorian this May and will stay within the University of Missouri System when he begins studies at Missouri S&T in the fall for chemical engineering. ♦

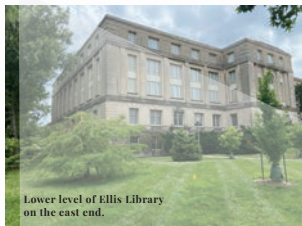


Shout out to our two students, Clair and Lily (highlighted) who are in the MU Archaeological Field Methods class and currently working in Pompeii, Italy! Just one of many amazing opportunities for archaeology students here at Mizzou.

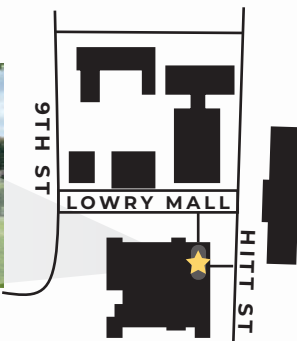
## EDUCATORS

While we are not offering tours due to the move, we are able to visit your classroom virtually or in-person. Whether you are interested in a visit from us to your classroom with artifacts from our education collection or scheduling a virtual discussion with a curator, send us an email. Let's talk about how the MoA can partner with you!

## NEW LOCATION



Lower level of Ellis Library on the east end.



**MoA** | The MUSEUM of ANTHROPOLOGY

The museum offices are currently located at the  
**Museum Support Center**  
1411 Rock Quarry Road  
Columbia, MO 65201

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