

Student Involvement Outside of Classes

This document is to help outline the various volunteer positions Conservation Students have been involved in that are affiliated with UCLA/student life. As the third-year students will be off-campus, it is important that incoming MA and PhD students fill these roles in the 2023-2024 academic year. These are great opportunities to network, learn more about UCLA/ Cotsen organization, and make your (and your classmates') voices and concerns heard. The time commitment for most of these is relatively minimal, and they look nice on your resume later. Below are descriptions of the involvement opportunities, as well as notes on which MA students currently hold (or have recently held) these positions, so you can reach out with any questions. We are all happy to share our experiences, and do whatever we can to make transitions easy. Please feel free to reach out to the people in these positions if you have any questions and if you are interested in filling them!

MA Students		
Group	Description of Obligations	Position Contact
ECPN Program Representative	<p>Purpose: Serve as the point of contact for anyone who has a question about the program. Liaise with ECPN Outreach officers about anything happening with ECPN/the program. You will get an ECPN email address to use. Shaharoh may also pass on prospective students to you to discuss the program.</p> <p>Length of Commitment: Typically this is a two-year-long position, but two people expressed interest early and decided to split the position into two one-year long appointments (it actually eventually became three appointments, because of COVID, but that's another story).</p> <p>Estimate of time commitment per month: Time commitment is roughly an hour a month.</p>	Tamara Dissi tdissi@g.ucla.edu Lauren Conway lec2173@g.ucla.edu Isabel Schneider isabelschneider@g.ucla.edu
Graduate Student Association of Archaeology (GSAA) Representative(s)	<p>Purpose: Attend GSAA meetings to keep up with what's going on at the Cotsen and engage with archaeology students. A lot of this is just being part of the meetings and GSAA Facebook messenger chat and chiming in when relevant to MA</p>	Jenny McGough jenmcgough@g.ucla.edu Céline Wachsmuth wachsmuthc@g.ucla.edu

	<p>students. PhD students should also have reps since we can't speak for them/don't know how their funding works (v different from ours but similar to archaeology). Having a co-representative is super sweet to help navigate this and takes stress off doing it all.</p> <p>Length of Commitment: Can be two years or one, as long as there is representation from your cohort/program.</p> <p>Estimate of time commitment per month: The time commitment varies, but is overall minimal.</p>	
<p>Social Sciences Council SSC Representative(s)</p>	<p>Purpose: Meetings have been on Zoom so we show up, but if they return to in-person, we are exempt if the meetings take place on a day when we have class at the Villa. They do have free pizza usually though when in person. Can also have two people represent and switch off who goes. The reason for involvement in this is so we can have money for parties (we pay for food and alcohol along with archaeology. We've also used it to pay for third year gifts and donated money to causes we felt important (LDF fund)). This can also be a role for a PhD student.</p> <p>Length of Commitment: Can be two years or one, as long as there is representation from your cohort/program.</p> <p>Estimate of time commitment per month: The time commitment is minimal.</p>	<p>Jenny McGough jenmcgough@g.ucla.edu Céline Wachsmuth wachsmuthc@g.ucla.edu</p>
<p>Conservation Conversations hosts/organizers</p>	<p>Purpose: Facilitate monthly virtual talks from conservators (and conservation-adjacent professionals) from around the world. Tasks including: making the flyers, scheduling and hosting tech checks with the speakers before their talks,</p>	<p>Isabel Schneider isabelschneider@g.ucla.edu Jenny McGough jenmcgough@g.ucla.edu Céline Wachsmuth wachsmuthc@g.ucla.edu</p>

	<p>introducing the speaker day-of and moderating the Q&A. There is a Google Drive with templates for a lot of things that can easily be shared. Also, Deidre (head of the digital archaeology) has been really involved and helpful, and can help people navigate the technical aspects of setting these up.</p> <p>Length of Commitment: Ideally, at least two-three students would be involved with this each year.</p> <p>Estimate of time commitment per month: The time commitment is moderate (1-3 hours a month).</p>	
Anti-Harassment Committee	<p>Purpose: Serve on a new committee formed in 2021 in response to concerns about how harassment was prevented/ responded to at the Cotsen/ the general field of archaeology/ academia at large/ the world. The committee's mission is to improve the Cotsen's ability to prevent harassment and respond responsibly to harassment charges. The structure is currently in flux to adjust for workloads. Please reach out!</p> <p>Length of Commitment: Ideally two years, but you can roll off and trade with another classmate/PhD student.</p> <p>Estimate of time commitment per month: The time commitment is moderate (currently 2-3 hours).</p>	Céline Wachsmuth wachsmuthc@g.ucla.edu
(Tentative) Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) committee	<p>Purpose: The CLT HTG IDP had formed a DEI in the summer of 2020. The committee met intermittently through 2020, with much of the conversations being on adjustments to the application process (e.g. ditching the GRE requirement), exploring what additions/ replacements topics could be incorporated into coursework, and how</p>	Everyone

	<p>the program's partnerships can serve diverse communities. When the MA students took a leave of absence in 2021, the committee meetings ended. There would most likely be support from faculty and staff to re-engage this work, should this be something anyone is interested in spear-heading. The archaeology IDP also has a DEI committee, so it may be worth exploring whether it would be more relevant to join that and expand conservation's role, rather than have a separate Conservation IDP committee.</p>	
Backdirt editor	<p>NOT REQUIRED</p> <p><i>Backdirt</i>, the annual magazine put out by the Cotsen Institute, takes on a graduate student as assistant editor each year. It's a paid position, and the commitment is not overwhelming. 2020 was the first year a conservation student (rather than an archaeology student) held that role, but it is open to anyone who applies. I think application calls are usually in the winter quarter.</p>	<p>Isabel Schneider isabelschneider@g.ucla.edu</p>
Student Ambassadors for Sustainability in Conservation (SiC)	<p>NOT REQUIRED</p> <p>If students wish, they can be student ambassadors through Sustainability in Conservation group. See https://www.siconserve.org/student-ambassador-program/ for more details.</p>	NEW (Everyone)
Booth organizers for UCLA science fair	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>In the fall, UCLA hosts a huge science fair for kids. Archaeology and conservation started having booths in 2019, and it's been really fun. We have a google drive folder with past activities and other resources. It's fun, and you get a t-shirt and lunch.</p> <p>Length of Commitment:</p> <p>The event is one day, and as long as you have enough people to man the booth throughout, the time commitment is up to y'all. Some prep ahead of time is usually required.</p> <p>Estimate of time commitment per</p>	Everyone

	month: 5 hours	
Tour organizers for Getty Villa College Night	Purpose: In the fall, the Getty Villa hosts a college night. In the past, we have offered lab tours as part of the event. Fun night, and free food. Length of Commitment: 1-day event with some prep ahead of time. Estimate of time commitment per month: 1-3 hours	Everyone
Ask an Archaeologist volunteer presenter	NOT REQUIRED Part of the “Ask an Archaeologist Program” run by two Archaeology PhD’s (currently Rachel Wood and Kellie Roddy) where K-12 educators can request an in person or virtual visit from someone to talk about anything related to their career (archaeology or conservation). Length of Commitment: Up to you. Estimate of time commitment per month: Varies, generally fewer than one request a month, and usually last about an hour.	Jenny McGough jenmcgough@g.ucla.edu Céline Wachsmuth wachsmuthc@g.ucla.edu Isabel Schneider isabelschneider@g.ucla.edu

PhD Students		
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Anti-Harassment Committee	See MA section for details	
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