

The Roy Chapman Andrews Society

Established in 1999, the Roy Chapman Andrews Society is intent on building awareness for Beloit's most celebrated explorer, adventurer, naturalist and educator who later became director of the American Museum of Natural History. Roy Chapman Andrews (1884-1960), for whom adventure and narrow escapes from death were a staple of exploring, is said to have served as inspiration for the Hollywood character "Indiana Jones."

The Society's mission is to honor the legacy of Roy Chapman Andrews by: promoting the value of scientific exploration; educating the public about Andrews's life, work and adventures; and discovery; and, emphasizing Andrews's lifetime ties to Beloit, Wisconsin.

Each year, the Roy Chapman Andrews Society Distinguished Explorer Award event recognizes explorers for their outstanding achievements in scientific discovery through explorations that offer new insights into previously unknown or poorly known subjects or areas. The award presentation ceremony and acceptance lecture are free to the public followed by a celebratory fund-raising dinner honoring the recipient. During their visit, recipients present lectures to area middle and high school students and often discuss their work with Beloit College classes. The event is held on the Beloit College Campus.



Student Programs Sponsored by the Society

The Society's student educational programs are designed to engage students throughout the Distinguished Explorer Award recipient's visit. From attending the high school lecture, special seating at the public acceptance lecture, a private meet-and-greet reception, and a reservation to attend the celebratory dinner, this student inspired program

includes photo opportunities and a book signing with the recipient. Your tax-deductible donation will help to support these and other educational programs in science and exploration for local youth in the Greater Beloit Community.



Your Support is Appreciated

Membership and financial support is essential to sustain the Society's mission that honors the legacy of Roy Chapman Andrews through its programming and annual Distinguished Explorer Award event. If you have not yet become a member of the Society or renewed your membership for 2020, we invite you to consider doing so by filling out the form below:

As we plan for the 2021 Distinguished Explorer Award event honoring Dr. Sarah Parcak, your tax-deductible Patron Sponsorship or donation will help to continue programming that inspires our young students to pursue careers in science and exploration, strengthens our community, and celebrates a world-renowned leader and explorer. We invite you to consider supporting this prestigious event through one of the gift options below:



Please accept my new membership _____ renewing membership _____ in The Roy Chapman Andrews Society at the following level:
_____ \$5/student, _____ \$30/individual, _____ \$50/family, _____ \$100/explorer.

I would like to support the next Distinguished Explorer Award (DEA) event as a 2021 DEA event Patron Sponsor (\$100-\$499) at \$ _____ and I understand I will be recognized in the DEA event program and listed as a member at the individual level.

I would like to support the Society's programming with this tax-deductible gift of: \$25, _____ \$50, _____, sponsor a Student at \$50 _____, Other _____.
Total amount enclosed \$ _____.

The Roy Chapman Andrews Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. To comply with the IRS requirements regarding charitable donations for contributions/donations in excess of any value of property or services, your payment is considered a tax-deductible donation. Please copy this form for your tax records.

Please include all information for our records: Name(first & last): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Checks can be made payable and mailed to:
The Roy Chapman Andrews Society, 3311 Prairie Ave. #49, Beloit, WI 53511

Memberships & donations can be made online at www.roychapmanandrewssociety.org



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Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Distinguished Explorer Award event had to be cancelled. The Society is in full-swing to plan for an even bigger and better event in the spring of 2021 as we honor...



Sarah Parcak as the 19th Distinguished Explorer Award Recipient

Parcak is an internationally renowned Egyptologist, space archaeologist, and science communicator. As a result of numerous archaeological expeditions to Egypt, Europe, and the Americas, Parcak has provided new insights into the culture of ancient Egyptians, Romans, and Vikings. For Parcak, most of the expeditions have begun with careful manipulation of satellite images that enhances subtle aspects



of the terrain, revealing previously unknown archaeological features. She has been a pioneer in this field of "space" archaeology and wrote the first textbook on the subject, *Satellite Remote Sensing*.

Parcak has been described as a hybrid of Indiana

Jones and Google Earth. She shares the passion Andrews had as a communicator about science and discovery, authoring numerous scientific publications.

Parcak is the author of *Archaeology from Space: How the Future Shapes Our Past*, a popular account highlighting

archaeologic discoveries that have been aided by using satellite imagery and passionately explaining the importance of archaeology and the thrill of participation in such a field.

She has been featured in three BBC productions focusing on ancient Egypt, the Roman Empire, and the Vikings. Parcak is the winner of the 2016 million-dollar TED prize, which she used to establish GlobalXplorer, a platform for crowdsourcing of satellite data that allowed any one with an internet connection to experience the excitement of identifying potential archaeological sites. The first GlobalXplorer "expedition" was to Peru and produced 700 potential large sites that experts have been investigating. A second expedition to India is planned in the near future.

After receiving her B.A. from Yale University, Parcak earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Egyptian Archaeology at Cambridge University. She is currently a Professor of Anthropology at the University of

Alabama at Birmingham. Parcak is a National Geographic Explorer and Fellow in the Society of Antiquities.

Archaeology From Space

Sarah Parcak

"Indiana Jones meets cutting-edge satellite technology. It's every bit as exciting as it sounds...this book elicits that anything-is-a-possible feeling—a must-read."

—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

Past Distinguished Explorers Receiving this Prestigious Award have Included:

Neil Shubin (2019), Richard Alley (2018), Wade Davis (2017) Alan Rabinowitz (2016), Edith Widder (2015), Meg Lowman (2014), John Grotzinger (2013), Nathan Wolfe (2012), Steve Lekson (2011), Sylvia Earle (2010), Paul Sereno (2009), Mark Moffett (2008), Lonnie Thompson and Ellen Mosley-Thompson (2007), Steve Squyres (2006), Robert Ballard (2005), Mark Plotkin (2004), and Michael J. Novacek (2003).

