

**Job Title:** Assistant Curator of Zooarchaeology

**Posting Number:** A21985 (<http://uacareers.com/postings/21224>)

**Job Description:**

The Assistant Curator of Zooarchaeology is a continuing-eligible Academic Professional position functioning in the Research Division of the Arizona State Museum (ASM) at the University of Arizona (UA). The incumbent provides curatorial oversight for the comparative zooarchaeological collections (modern, non-human animal skeletal collections) housed at ASM and facilitates access to these collections for the purposes of research and education. The incumbent also conducts sponsored research and prepares publications in the area of zooarchaeology, with an emphasis on the US Southwest and northern Mexico. Other duties include community outreach, contributing to museum exhibits and programming, teaching and mentoring students, committee service within ASM and UA, and review of applications for paleontological permits issued by ASM.

Centrally located on the University of Arizona campus, the Arizona State Museum is a treasure trove of the history and culture of the southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico. A few steps from the U of A Main Gate at Park Avenue and University Boulevard, the museum has something for everyone of every age. ASM is the preeminent institution engaged in the anthropology and history of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. Our researchers are leaders in all areas of Southwestern anthropology, sought after the world over for their expertise. Our unparalleled collections are accessed continuously through tours, research, teaching, and exhibits. This is where groundbreaking research is conducted and where visitors have authentic, life-enriching encounters with the region's enduring cultures through our public programs.

With more than \$606 million in research and development dollars from federal, state, and private sources, The University of Arizona currently ranks #21 among public universities in the US in overall research expenditures and #2 in physical science research. With world class faculty in fields as diverse as astronomy and space exploration, plant science, biomedical science and biotechnology, anthropology, Native peoples, business, law, philosophy, music, and dance, the UA is one of only 62 members in the Association of American Universities. The University's main campus is situated in the heart of Tucson. Surrounded by mountains and the high Sonoran Desert, Tucson boasts a distinctive southwestern feel and enjoys more than 300 days of sunshine each year.

The UA today has over 43,000 students, and nearly 15,600 employees. The main campus has grown from its original 40 acres to more than 350 acres, and boasts the oldest continually maintained green space in Arizona. The University of Arizona offers a broad range of educational programs and support services that attract an excellent and diverse student body.

*Outstanding UA benefits include health, dental, and vision insurance plans; life insurance and disability programs; paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays; UA/ASU/NAU tuition reduction for*

*the employee and qualified family members; state retirement plan; access to UA recreation and cultural activities; and more!*

At the University of Arizona, we value our inclusive climate because we know that diversity in experiences and perspectives is vital to advancing innovation, critical thinking, solving complex problems, and creating an inclusive academic community. We translate these values into action by seeking individuals who have experience and expertise working with diverse students, colleagues and constituencies. Because we seek a workforce with a wide range of perspectives and experiences, we encourage diverse candidates to apply, including people of color, women, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. As an Employer of National Service, we also welcome alumni of AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service programs and others who will help us advance our Inclusive Excellence initiative aimed at creating a university that values student, staff, and faculty engagement in addressing issues of diversity and inclusiveness. Accepting a new position is a big life step. We want potential candidates and their families to be able to make informed decisions. Candidates who are considering relocation to the Tucson or Phoenix area, and have been offered an on-site interview, are encouraged to use the free services offered by Above & Beyond Relocation Services (ABRS). Ask your department contact to be introduced to ABRS prior to your visit.

The University of Arizona has been listed by Forbes as one of America's Best Employers in the United States and WorldatWork and the Arizona Department of Health Services have recognized us for our innovative work-life programs. For more information about working at the University of Arizona, please [click here](#).

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

#### **A. Academic Professional Activities (40%)**

1. Oversees and manages ASM's Stanley J. Olsen Laboratory of Zooarchaeology.
  - a. Curates the modern comparative zooarchaeology collection in accordance with professional standards and best practices.
  - b. Develops and maintains policy and procedural guidelines for access to and handling of faunal remains in the comparative zooarchaeological collections, in collaboration with ASM's Head of Collections and Head of Preservation.
  - c. Coordinates collections management activities with ASM's Head of Collections and Registrar.
  - d. Provides access to the modern comparative zooarchaeology collection for the purposes of research and education.
2. Serves as liaison between ASM, researchers, and other museums, universities, and agencies on issues pertaining to comparative zooarchaeological materials.
3. Responds to public inquiries concerning zooarchaeology and the modern comparative non-human animal skeletal collections.
4. Provides scholarly review and oversight of vertebrate paleontological permits issued by ASM under state law.

#### **B. Research and Creative Activities (35%)**

1. Conducts and publishes research in zooarchaeology with an emphasis on the US Southwest and northern Mexico.
2. Obtains external funding, through grants and contracts, to support scholarly research activity.
3. Provides zooarchaeological expertise as needed within ASM.
  - a. May contribute to or curate exhibitions focused on or incorporating zooarchaeology.

**C. Teaching and Other Educational Activities (15%)**

1. May prepare and teach university courses in the field of zooarchaeology and other topics.
2. Promotes and supervises undergraduate and graduate student research.
3. Supervises independent studies and internships, trains students in research methods, and encourages student participation in ongoing research initiatives.
3. Serves on student committees for honors theses, master's theses, doctoral comprehensive examinations, and Ph.D. dissertations.

**D. Service and Outreach (10%)**

1. Serves on ASM committees.
2. May serve on UA committees.
3. May serve on committees within professional and avocational organizations.
4. Conducts outreach to communities served by ASM at the university, local, and state levels.
  - a. Public education may include lectures, presentations, workshops, and field trips.

Additional duties may be assigned.

**Minimum Qualifications**

- Ph.D. in anthropology with an emphasis in the zooarchaeology of North America.
- Research experience in zooarchaeology and field experience in archaeology.
- Research capability demonstrated through publications.

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Experience in the management of zooarchaeological collections and/or a zooarchaeological laboratory.
- Demonstrated capacity to obtain grants for research.
- Demonstrated experience working successfully with Native American tribes.
- University teaching experience.

**FLSA**

Exempt

**Full Time/Part Time** To be determined.

**Number of Hours Worked per Week**

30 - 40 hours per week

**Job Category** Research

**Benefits Eligible** Yes - Full Benefits

**Posted Rate of Pay** DOE

**Type of criminal background check required:**

Fingerprint criminal background check (security sensitive due to title or department)

**Posting Detail Information**

**Posting Number** A21985

**Number of Vacancies** One

**Desired Start Date**

**Position End Date (if temporary)**

**Limited to Current UA Employees** No

**Contact Information for Candidates** Andrea Lawyer (lawyera@email.arizona.edu)

**Open Date** 08/16/2017

**Close Date**

**Open Until Filled** Yes

**Review Begins On** 10/02/2017

**Special Instructions to Applicant**

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