

Arkansas Preservation Awards
For 2018

Presented by
Preserve Arkansas

January 25, 2019
Albert Pike Memorial Temple
Little Rock

Order of Program:

5:30 | Reception

6:45 | Dinner
in Banquet Hall

7:30 | Welcome
Bobby Braly,
President,
Preserve Arkansas

Tribute to Dr. Jamie Brandon
Dr. Carl Drexler
Station Archeologist,
Southern Arkansas University

Awards Program
Rex Nelson,
Master of Ceremonies
Awards presented by Bobby Braly

Closing Remarks
Rachel Patton,
Executive Director,
Preserve Arkansas

Master of Ceremonies **Rex Nelson** is senior editor and columnist for the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, the state's largest newspaper. His long career encompasses government, journalism and public affairs. Widely appreciated as an expert observer and chronicler of Southern food and culture, he is a passionate advocate of "things Arkansan."

Menu

Riesling Poached Pear filled with warm blue cheese, served with dried cherries, spiced pecans and Millionaire's Bacon with champagne vinaigrette

Boneless Breast of Chicken filled with zucchini, feta cheese, tomatoes, roasted garlic and lemon zest with Portobello mushroom sauce

Or

Vegetarian Lasagna

White Cheddar Grits

Asparagus

Ciabatta Rolls

Carrot Cake

Water, tea, coffee

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Dr. Jamie Chad Brandon

On Christmas Eve, 2018, Arkansas's archeological and historic preservation communities suffered a great loss with the death of Dr. Jamie Brandon, a past president of this organization.

Dr. Brandon's career in archeology spanned three decades. He produced an impressive record of research and publication and was devoted to outreach activities. He understood the vital importance of teaching the general public about archeological discoveries and their relationship to understanding modern society. He was also a popular teacher and mentored a host of students through internship, thesis, and dissertation projects.

Dr. Brandon received his Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of Memphis, his M.A. in the same field from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas-Austin in 2004. He returned to Arkansas and became the Arkansas Archeological Survey's research station archeologist at Southern Arkansas University in 2006. There, he pursued research on Native American Caddoan cultures, Civil War history, cemetery preservation and development of the antebellum town of Old Washington, while teaching at SAU.

In 2014, Dr. Brandon became Research Station Archeologist at the University of Arkansas, where he also taught in the Anthropology Department. He continued his studies of Civil War historical sites and, with his spouse Lydia Rees, launched a series of research projects on archeological collections from Ozark bluff shelter sites. The *Bluff Shelters of the Arkansas Ozarks* website is an enduring legacy of this effort.

Jamie Brandon was more than a scholar and teacher--he supported his profession through service. He was Associate Editor for Historical Archaeology for the Society for American Archaeology's newsletter. Jamie also was Vice-Chairman of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, served two terms as President of Preserve Arkansas and was a trustee of the Arkansas Historical Association. At the time of his passing, he served as the Chair of the Arkansas State Review Board for Historic Preservation and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Humanities Council.

Dr. Jamie Brandon was 47 years old when he died on Christmas Eve. He created a legacy of solid scholarship, service and mentorship, as well as good memories of his perceptive, generous and genuinely friendly personality. He is survived by his wife Lydia, his parents, extended family and, not least, by the substantial body of his good work; may his memory remain green among and within us.