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Ohio Archaeology book wins SAA award

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"Public Audience Book Award," Society for American Archaeology

Ohio Archaeology: An Illustrated Chronicle of Ohio's Ancient American Indian Cultures won the prestigious "Public Audience Book Award" at the national conference of the Society for American Archaeology in Austin, Texas on April 27.

This national award from a distinguished professional association is a "significant honor for the many scholars, institutions and funders that collaborated on this project," according to Tom Law, Project Director, *Ohio Archaeology*, Voyageur Media Group, Inc. Voyageur, a nonprofit organization, led the development of *Ohio Archaeology*, which was published by Orange Frazer Press, Wilmington, Ohio. Dr. Bradley T. Lepper, Curator of Archaeology, Ohio Historical Society, wrote the main text of this 300-page, fully illustrated book, with contributions from twenty-three regional archaeologists, historians and tribal scholars.

The Society for American Archaeology is an international organization with more than 7,000 members dedicated to "the research, interpretation, and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas." The SAA presented an award in two divisions, "Public Audience" and "Academic," for a recently published book that "has made, or is expected to make, a substantial contribution to the presentation of the goals, methods, and results of archaeological research to a more general public." Presented to the author, the 2007 SAA award recognizes Dr. Bradley T. Lepper "for his balanced presentation of a spectacular archaeological record."

"This book presents the sweep of Ohio's ancient past in a highly accessible, beautifully illustrated format. With sidebars by leading experts in the archaeology of Ohio, the full sweep of the state's archaeology is presented in a compelling way. Approaches to contemporary archaeological research are presented alongside a summary of the culture history, making this useful for teaching. The large-scale format and profuse illustrations – many in color – makes this an especially appealing book for the general public."

- "Public Audience Book Award," Society for American Archaeology, 2007

Ohio Archaeology has earned widespread critical and professional acclaim, says Tom Law. We are especially gratified by the comments of many educators who praise the book as a valuable resource for helping students understand Ohio's rich cultural heritage.

The first edition of *Ohio Archaeology* is projected to sell out by the end of the year. A limited number of copies are available at regional bookstores, museum stores and at the website of Orange Frazer Press (www.orangefrazer.org).

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