

News in Review

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1. Staff Changes

The SHPO welcomes **Emily K. Dale** as our new staff archaeologist. Emily has experience working as a Section 106 Review and Compliance Archaeologist in the West Virginia SHPO and as a Staff Archaeologist with MACTEC Engineering. She has also worked with Diachronic Research Foundation and the Savannah River Archaeology Research Program in South Carolina. She received a MA in Anthropology/Archaeology from the University of South Carolina, and a BA from Warren Wilson College, majoring in Sociology/Anthropology. Emily can be reached at 803-896-6181, edale@scdah.state.sc.us.

The SHPO has said good-bye to **Rebekah Dobrasko**, supervisor of survey, compliance and tax incentives, who moved to Austin, Texas to join the Texas Department of Transportation as a Historic Preservation Specialist. In her almost 10 years at the SHPO, as a graduate assistant, review and compliance coordinator, and supervisor, she helped thousands of applicants, agency staff, and consultants navigate the Section 106 and state review processes. She was a steadfast advocate for historic properties, and especially helped raise awareness of [South Carolina's Equalization schools](#).

2. Agency Assignments for Project Reviews

Please see the revised posting of agency assignments on the SHPO website for Section 106 reviews and state reviews
<http://scdah.sc.gov/aboutus/Documents/ProjectReviewStaffMay2013.pdf>

All phone calls and e-mails for the state tax credit program should be directed to Dan Elswick at 803-896-6174, elswick@scdah.state.sc.us

All phone calls and e-mails regarding the Project Professionals Lists should be directed to Brad Sauls, 803-896-6172, sauls@scdah.state.sc.us

3. SHPO Staff Receive State and National Awards

Dan Elswick, Senior Historic Architecture Consultant, received the 2012 Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Award in the State Historic Preservation Office category at a ceremony in March in Washington, DC. Dan provides expertise on historic architecture for the SHPO's review and compliance, tax credit, and grants programs. For more information about the awards and Dan's accomplishments visit the [NPS web site](#). Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2013 awards until June 13, 2013. Eligible categories include staff in Federal Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, and State Historic Preservation Offices.

Dr. J. Tracy Power, who serves as the Coordinator for the historical marker program, and Co-coordinator for the National Register of Historic Places program, recently received the Alexander S. Salley Professional Service Award from the S.C. Confederation of Local Historical Societies. The Award recognizes those who "have contributed significantly to some aspect of history or historic preservation and must have professionally advanced the cause of state and/or local history."

4. Disaster Preparedness and Response Webinar: May 22-23

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training is offering a free webinar "Disaster Preparedness and Response for Cultural Resources: Preparing You for the Next Disaster" May 22-23 from 9 am -12 pm Central time. The webinar will be held over two days, providing information on preparing your historic building, site, landscape, or cemetery for natural and man-made disasters. For more information or to register please contact [sarah m jackson@nps.gov](mailto:sarah_m_jackson@nps.gov).

5. NEPA-NHPA Section 106 Handbook

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) have released *NEPA and NHPA, A Handbook for Integrating NEPA and Section 106*. This handbook is intended to assist federal planners, Section 106 and NEPA practitioners and other responsible parties in improving the integration of the NEPA analysis and documentation and Section 106 compliance to establish efficiencies and improve the effectiveness of environmental reviews. Further, the handbook will help stakeholders and members of the public better understand the opportunities for input and participation in federal decision making. It provides practical advice and tips on how to align the independent statutory obligations of NEPA and Section 106 review. It is the result of a collaborative effort between CEQ and the ACHP that spanned several years and benefited from broad federal agency participation. To access the handbook, go to [http://www.achp.gov/docs/NEPA NHPA Section 106 Handbook Mar2013.pdf](http://www.achp.gov/docs/NEPA_NHPA_Section_106_Handbook_Mar2013.pdf)

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