

Archaeogaming Live Event Hosts (Volunteer, Remote)

Save Ancient Studies Alliance (SASA) is seeking to fill two (2) unpaid, remote volunteer positions as Archaeogaming Live Event Coordinators/Hosts starting in the Fall 2021 semester.

The aim of these positions is to re-imagine, reorganize, coordinate, and run our Archaeogaming Live events. Archaeogaming is a new field that integrates the methods of archaeological discovery in the environment of video games, using interactive and collaborative play to teach and learn about the past. SASA employs Archaeogaming in our public outreach in two ways - in free public Live Events, and in educational modules designed for use by teachers in their classrooms. Our Archaeogaming Live Events revolve around livestreamed game play, with scholarly discussion in relation to the video game. These events have run for one year and have been successful in testing the concept. We are now seeking to develop SASA Archaeogaming Live Events into a more technically professional program and most importantly as a tool to reach and engage gamers with little knowledge of Ancient Studies.

The two Archaeogaming Live Event Coordinators/Hosts will work together on all elements of re-imagining, developing, coordinating, recruiting for, and producing these events, with input from the past Coordinator/Host and managed by the Live Events Team Leader. These volunteer positions require 10-15 hours per week, potentially including some nights or weekends, depending on the Events schedule. The duration of these positions is a minimum of half a year, beginning 9/1/2021.

Responsibilities:

- Researching effective strategies for gaming livestreamed events & for implementing educational information in that context
- Developing and implementing a new plan for the outreach and educational goals, style, look and feel of SASA Archaeogaming Live Events
- Planning new production approach
- Sourcing free or low cost technical software and hardware for new production approach
- Recruiting participants for the Live Events
- Scheduling and coordinating the Live Events
- Attending meetings with SASA Live Events Team
- Other duties as assigned

Necessary skills:

- Excellent organizational, planning, research, and writing abilities
- Excellent interpersonal skills

- Ability to work and communicate effectively remotely
- Flexibility in tasks being worked on
- Experience with gaming and any historical academic field
- Experience with using technology in informal educational contexts is a huge plus!
- Video game livestreaming technical experience and/or live video production technical experience
- Ability to quickly learn, understand, and teach others about new technical platforms or procedural changes
- Ancient Studies knowledge beneficial but not required

SASA is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status. We also welcome applicants from diverse educational backgrounds, aside from Ancient Studies, and those on any career trajectory.

Volunteer applications are now open and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. **Applications close August 31, 2021.** To apply, please send a **cover letter and resume** to daviddanzia@saveancientstudies.org or upload them in the webform on our <u>applications</u> page. **Please specify the position you apply for in your cover letter (Ex: "Archaeogming Live Event Hosts").** We look forward to your application.

About SASA

SASA is a non-profit organization, tax exempt under IRS code 501(c)(3). SASA's mission is to counter the downward trend in Ancient Studies fields in academia, by (1) uniting graduate students to (2) engage students by guiding the widespread American interest in ancient times toward Ancient Studies, to (3) facilitate ease of access to studying the ancient world, and to (4) support and reimagine scholarship as a lifelong pursuit for those who work as professionals in other areas after receiving their PhDs.

At this time, all positions with SASA are unpaid, including management, volunteers, and interns, save for some few project positions paid for through grant funding. Since work for SASA is all done remotely, we take a proactive approach to supporting our volunteers and interns. Our goal is that internships with SASA are mutually beneficial, such that volunteers help work on various SASA projects and gain experience in multiple areas, learn skills, gain knowledge, and build connections with numerous people in Ancient Studies and the nonprofit world. Interns work alongside volunteers with more experience and under the guidance of our Team Leaders and the Director. Our work atmosphere is exploratory and collaborative. We all enjoy the company of people who have varied backgrounds and interests of all ages, and who are passionate in their pursuits.