

## **2016 Charles R. McGimsey III – Hester A. Davis Distinguished Service Award**

### **Presented to Charles M. Niquette by Terry Klein**

The Charles R. McGimsey III – Hester A. Davis Distinguished Service Award is one of the most prestigious given by the Register of Professional Archaeologists. Named for two individuals who dedicated their lives in service to professional archaeology, this award is among the most meaningful in our field. It is intended to recognize the distinguished service of a Registered Professional Archaeologist. In Charles M. Niquette, the Register recognizes an archaeologist who demonstrates the same dedication and passion as the award's namesakes.

Chuck is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. He became a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologists in 1984 and has been a Registered Professional Archaeologist since 1999. He also served as the Secretary-Treasurer for the Register in 1999 and 2000, and again in 2013 and 2014, and was elected to serve in this position for a third time, beginning yesterday. Yes, Chuck is nuts, but we are glad to have him back. He also served as the Register's President in 2004 and 2005 and was president of the American Cultural Resources Association from 1995 to 1997. Chuck has also served on several committees of the Society for American Archaeology. And on a personal note, through my association with Chuck while serving as an officer of the Register and ACRA, I was introduced to the wonders of a good Kentucky bourbon! Thank you Chuck!

And as a demonstration of Chuck's commitment to public archaeology, he was awarded in 2003, the Henry Brainerd McClellan Award by the Sayre School in Lexington, Kentucky, where he ran a six-year long public archaeology program for students. This award was made in recognition of long-term, significant contributions to the school's educational program. In 2002, he was chosen as a 2002 Distinguished Alumnus of the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. He was nominated by the Department of Anthropology for his achievements in the field of

archaeology and outstanding contribution to the profession. Clearly, the Register's McGimsey-Davis Award is an appropriate and fitting addition to these and other awards he has received; all recognizing Chuck's continued commitment to our field and to promoting the value of our discipline to students, young professionals, and the public.

The Register of Professional Archaeologists is proud to present the 2016 Charles R. McGimsey III – Hester A. Davis Distinguished Service Award to Charles M. Niquette.