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Nancy Anastasia Desautels-Wiley, Ph.D., began her career studying classical languages. She subsequently broadened her scholarly pursuits to include research focused on both prehistoric and historic archaeology, and she was certified in both subdisciplines by the Society of Professional Archaeologists. Experience in New York State prehistory and a strong classical background in history and architecture have served her well as research director and principal investigator for the oldest cultural resource management firm, Scientific Resource Surveys, Inc. (SRS) (est. 1973). Dr. Desautels-Wiley has managed the longest privately funded cultural resource investigations in southern California (29 years). These investigations comprise a multi-site and multi-disciplinary project that integrates archaeological, historic, ethnographic and paleontological studies. Within the last three years, she has expanded her expertise in Native American cultural studies and has recently accepted a position as tribal archaeologist for the Chilkat Tlingit Tribal group in Haines, Alaska. She is married to a Tlingit/Southern Tutchone Native, Ted Wiley, and they have opened a branch office of SRS in Haines in order to train Native American monitors. The company is researching the Tlingit language using the Alaskan field notes of J. P. Harrington; the goal is to generate a comparative Tlingit dictionary.

Jill K. Gardner, Ph.D., received her doctorate in anthropology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is currently the owner and president of Jill K. Gardner & Associates, Inc., Archaeological Consultants, based in downtown San Diego. Dr. Gardner’s main research areas are the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin, the southern Sierra Nevada, the San Joaquin Valley, the southern California coast, and inland southern California. She has also conducted excavations and analyses of Late Roman/Coptic mummies in Egypt and participated in excavations at a Neolithic site in southern Jordan. Dr. Gardner has published articles in the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology, Quaternary Science Reviews, British Archaeological Reports, Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly, Coyote Press Archives of Great Basin Prehistory, Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology, and Nevada State Museum Anthropological Papers, and she has co-authored books through the University of Arizona Press and AltaMira Press.

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Henry Koerper, Ph.D., received a BA (1965) and an MA (1968) from UC Davis, and he earned a Ph.D. in anthropology at UC Riverside in 1981. His varied employments have included: CDF firefighter; USFS fire suppression field and laboratory researcher; California Army National Guard explosives technician; archaeological field excavator (e.g., Old Sacramento Project, Prescott College Black Mesa Project); Peace Corps teacher and athletic coach (Voi Harambee High School, Kenya); college anthropology professor (Chapman College [5 years] and Cypress Community College [30 years]); and archaeological consultant to several southern California CRM firms. Semi-retirement allows Dr. Koerper time to help produce the PCAS Quarterly.

Mark Q. Sutton, Ph.D., began his career in anthropology in 1968. While still in high school, he took advantage of the opportunity to participate in archaeological excavations conducted by the local community college. He went on to earn a BA (1972), an MA (1977), and a Ph.D. (1987) in anthropology. He has worked as an archaeologist for the US Air Force, the US Bureau of Land Management, and various private consulting firms, and he has taught at a number of community colleges and universities. He taught at California State University, Bakersfield, from 1987 to 2007, where he retired as emeritus professor of anthropology. He now works for Statistical Research, Inc. in San Diego. From 1986 to 2000 Dr. Sutton served as the editor of the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology. Dr. Sutton has investigated hunter-gatherer adaptations to arid environments, entomophagy, prehistoric diet and technology, optimal foraging theory, and regional culture histories. Dr. Sutton has worked at more than 120 sites in western North America, has presented more than 120 papers at professional meetings, and has authored more than 170 books, monographs, and papers on archaeology and anthropology, including several articles in recent issues of the Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly.