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RE: Daniel H. Sandweiss, nominee for the Rip Rapp Award

It is with great pleasure that I add my voice to the nomination of Daniel Sandweiss to that of others for the Rip Rapp Award. I have collaborated with Dan since the 1980s on the study of human life during the early Holocene in Peru. I have always been impressed with his outstanding ability to homogenize the interdisciplinary implications of archaeological geology and apply those implications to interpretations of the cultural record on a global scale. The scope of his interests extend from the late Pleistocene into the present day in a vast array of different settings. In evidence of his expansive interests, he is frequently asked for comments by such prestigious outlets as *Science* and NPR. The Rip Rapp Award would be an excellent way to recognize the contributions he has made to both archaeological geology and anthropological archaeology

This is an honor that is well-deserved and I strongly support the nomination. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <<u>ereitz@uga.edu</u>> or 706-542-1464.

Yours,

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