

Dr. Nicole Burt

Candidate Bio: Dr. Nicole Burt is the Curator of Human Health and Evolutionary Medicine at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. She studies diet, health, and environmental interactions using diverse methodologies that include carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analysis of hair and teeth. She has done research in medieval Britain, ancient Greece as well as modern Canada, USA, and Vanuatu. She has been a HBA member since 2017 when her research changed from a more traditional bioarcheology/paleopathology approach to focus on modern health, food access, and the food system. She has previous committee experience as part of the co-Chair of the Cleveland Cuyahoga County Food Policy Coalition Steering Committee (2019-present), AAPA Program Committee (2017-2019), AAPA Early Career Executive Committee Mentee (2016-2017), and as a AAPA Ethics Fellow (2019-2020).

Platform Statement: I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Nominations and Elections Committee of the Human Biology Association. If elected I would prioritize sustaining the high quality of work done by the previous holders of my position. It is important for small organization like ours to have active and motivated individuals in all elected positions. I am committed to making sure we are soliciting nominations from a diverse group of people who support the goals of our organization. I think it is important to encourage members in all sectors and especially earlier career members to participate in Association leadership. As a more recent member of the HBA myself, I have found the organization valuable to my own professional development and an organization I am happy to belong to. I am committed to performing the duties of this position, to the best of my abilities, willingly and in a timely manner.