

Dr. J. Josh Snodgrass

Candidate Bio: Dr. Josh Snodgrass is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Oregon. He has been a member of HBA (student and fellow) for many years and received the Michael A. Little Early Career Award (in 2013), served on the Publications Committee multiple times, and was the Local Arrangements Committee Chair for the 2012 meeting in Portland, OR. Dr. Snodgrass has also been in leadership positions in the American Association of Physical Anthropologists (including serving as Vice President and on the Executive Committee [as Membership Chair]) and at the University of Oregon (serving for nearly five years as Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Research and Distinguished Scholarships). His research addresses topics such as human adaptation to environmental stressors (including physiological adaptation to cold stress), the influence of social and environmental change on health (including chronic and infectious diseases, as well as mental health issues), aging in global context, biomarkers of physiology and health obtained using minimally invasive techniques, and the evolution of the human diet. Much of Dr. Snodgrass' work addresses social determinants of health and he is deeply committed personally and professionally to reducing local, US, and global inequities.

Platform Statement: I am honored to have been nominated for the position of President/President-Elect. HBA has been my professional home for over two decades now and it would be a privilege to further serve the Association. While HBA is thriving in many ways, I see the need for additional attention to expanding diversity/equity efforts, better supporting members' teaching and community outreach (especially related to COVID), and deepening connections with sister organizations (including internationally). I am a uniquely positioned candidate for this position. My research is highly collaborative, international (in >10 countries), and wide-ranging, with publications across human biology and virtually the entire discipline of biological anthropology. Furthermore, although I am a privileged senior white male at a major research university, my views are shaped by growing up in a low-income family with challenging early life experiences (ACE score = 6) and having a severely disabled parent, as well as attending community college and working before enrolling at a 4-year institution. This personal history underpins my unwavering commitment to mentorship and creation of opportunities for underrepresented students and scientists, as well as my emphasis on public outreach and community service.