



1957 VIKING MEDALIST IN ARCHAEOLOGY

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JAMES B. GRIFFIN

One of the most productive and influential archaeologists working in the American field, James B. Griffin early stimulated important studies through his analysis and systematization of the aboriginal ceramics of eastern North America. He has an unsurpassed knowledge of the form, range, and distribution of artifact styles in North America, and has been indefatigable in his examination of collections both in museums and in the hands of amateur archaeologists. Through his innumerable contacts with both amateur and professional archaeologists and by his teaching at the University of Michigan he has exercised a great influence in promoting the aims of scientific archaeology and encouraging able students. Since the 1930's his syntheses of eastern United States prehistory have been invaluable. More recently his interest in coordinating the results of research on several continents show promise of fulfillment.

1957 Viking Medalist in General Anthropology, Margaret Mead

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