



Director of Operations: Melissa Madrigal

Melissa Madrigal (she/her) is committed to bridging the gap between protecting Native & cultural resources and emergency/hazardous response. She has experience in archaeology, underwater archaeology, oil spill response & environmental planning, and process hazard analysis. She also has experience with non-profit organizations. Melissa is highly invested in helping foster communication between groups and has focused on developing NATHPO contacts and membership. She also helped develop and maintain the new NATHPO website. But her primary focus is on grant procurement and accountability, helping to get funds directly into the hands of our member THPOs, and working on the LAND Database.

Melissa holds a BS in Anthropology and a BS in Psychology from University of Houston, and ABD Coastal Resources Management PhD from East Carolina University. She and her husband, Stewart, have 3 cats (Rainbow Brite, Bagheera, & Dr. Martin Write) which keep them on their toes! She took up pottery in 2021 and is excited to continue to learn new skills working with clay.