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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Members,

Summer is here, and there are so many great activities we can look forward to! Western Connecticut State University will be conducting its Field School in cooperation with Zach Singer at the Templeton Paleoindian Site in Washington Depot, and we will be looking forward to another exciting season of discovery. We also anticipate Brian Jones' continued work at the Lt. John Hollister Site, and the opportunity to volunteer and participate in other projects that the Office of State Archaeologist will be conducting this summer. Lee West will fill us in on all the other field schools and field work opportunities in this Newsletter.

I am excited for the release of "The Historical Archaeology of the Revolutionary War Encampments of Washington's Army", a book that I edited along with Beth Morrison, and David Orr. The book will cover a number of topics including the lives of every day soldiers, a special dining cabin built for George Washington, as well as

layout and organization, and a target range for firing practice at Valley Forge, experimental archaeology of hut building at Morristown National Park in New Jersey, Western Connecticut State University's work at the Middle Encampment site in Redding, Connecticut, Mary Harper's research of Rochambeau's marching route through Connecticut, Lauri Weinstein's ethnohistorical contribution concerning Native Peoples, People of African descent, and women's role in the war, and Dan Cruson's observation about variability in hutting traditions at Putnam Park, also in Redding, Connecticut. The book will be released this July, and it represents an important contribution to the archaeology of Revolutionary War encampments, trails, and support structures.

For those of you who have learned about my recent health scare, I am glad to report that I am feeling much better and will be looking forward to seeing you all at our May meeting in New Haven.

Let's also give a great thanks to Sarah Sportman, the new editor

for *The Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, who is working hard to put the next edition together, and to Ernie Weigand who has filled in so well as our new Treasurer, as well as his dedication and work with the Binette Rock Shelter database. We hope to have Dave Thompson's monograph completed this year. Thanks also for the response to our inquiries concerning help for our Website, which we should soon be making plans to revitalize.

Cosimo Sgarlata
President

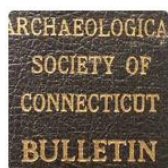
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ASC News now archived online

Dr. Brian Jones has arranged for past issues of ASC News to be scanned and posted along with the ASC Bulletin at the Connecticut Digital Archive at UConn. This is a work-in-progress but already includes the last 20 years of the newsletter which were available in electronic format, and the long job of scanning the earlier issues is well under way. As they are posted, the newsletters are available to internet search engines, so this valuable resource on Connecticut Archaeology will now be widely accessible for the first time.

Thanks to Brian Jones for making this possible!



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Access both archives at this link:
<https://collections.ctdigitalarchive.org/islandora/object/20002%3AArchSocCT>

RUSSELL GRANT NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 Lyent Russell grant will go to Jessica Leclair for radiocarbon dating for the Woodruff Rock Shelter, in New Preston, Connecticut.

The site was excavated in the 1970s by members of the Institute for American Indian Studies (IAIS) in

Washington, Connecticut. The research will be conducted at this museum where the collection is housed. The extensive faunal remains were preserved due to the presence of shell in the soil layers that contained the bone. Although many of the bones were identified and some analysis was done, research needs to address several issues: 1) all identifications are on outdated punch cards so that a digital data base needs to be constructed, 2) identification and analysis of bones that have not yet been studied, 3) radiocarbon dating is needed to bracket the layers of bone deposition and preservation. The grant funding will be used for two radiocarbon dates.

Watch for future news on Katie's results.

The application form for the 2019 Russell Grant is being distributed with this issue of ASC News. Applications should be sent to Dr. Brian Jones before September 1, 2019.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



FOSA NEWS

Greeting ASC Friends,

The guest speaker at last month's FOSA/ASC annual meeting was Dr. Daniel Adler, Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Adler presented his lecture "25 years (almost) of Middle and Upper Palaeolithic Research in the Southern Caucasus." His broad ranging talk regarding hominids on the landscape from 300,000 to 10,000 years ago was a very

different topic for us. I can only say it was truly fascinating and was extremely well received. I'm currently looking forward to the ASC meeting where I can hear another group of interesting talks. FOSA volunteers are finishing up our winter lab work after volunteering hundreds of hours to wash, sort, catalog and tag the artifacts recovered last summer. And that can only mean one thing...

Field season is upon us! Dr. Jones has an ambitious schedule of outreach and excavation projects for the 2019 field season. I'm confident FOSA and ASC volunteers will be more than capable of providing the required support.

Lastly, Dr. Jones has graciously asked me to co-host his new internet radio show on Connecticut archaeology. You can find information on the show at the following link: icvradio.com/programs/program/285 I will do my best to represent the voice of Connecticut's avocational archaeologists.

Hope to see you in the field!

*Scott Brady
President-FOSA*

THE JUNE AND DAVE COOKE SCHOLARSHIP

The June and Dave Cooke Scholarship, given by The Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, Inc. (FOSA), is intended to encourage those students, majoring in archaeology at the MA or Ph. D. level, to do work in Connecticut archaeology. The scholarship is offered to students at UCONN and Yale Universities.

The scholarship is named for two of the founders of FOSA. In fact, it is June who is credited with the beginnings of the organization in 1997. Dave was the Field Supervisor for years and an extremely knowledgeable avocational archaeologist.

The amount of the scholarship will be up to \$2500.00 and results will be expected within a year. For more information and the application form, go to http://www.fosa-ct.org/FOSA_Home.htm#Cooke

NEHEFS Annual Meeting on June 9, 2019

The Annual Meeting of The New England Hebrew Farmers of the

Emanuel Society (NEHFES) of Chesterfield, CT will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the New London County Historical Society, 11 Blinman Street, New London, Connecticut 06320.

The guest speaker will be Andrew Stout, the Eastern Regional Director for TAC (The Archaeological Conservancy of America).

The program will begin at 1:00 PM when Mr. Stout will speak about "TAC's *Archaeological Holdings and the Acquisition of the NEHFES Site in Chesterfield, Connecticut.*"

This presentation is open to the public, but reservations must be made in advance.

The NEHFES Annual Members' meeting will begin at 3:00PM.

Reservations required via email to NEHFES Treasurer Nancy Butler at nbutler@aboveallemse.org.

Note: The site of this Jewish Community in Chesterfield, CT including a synagogue, creamery and mikveh was established as a State Archaeological Preserve in 2007.



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May 26, 2019, 3 p.m.

LHAC Lecture Series: *Stone Prayers: Native Constructions of the Eastern Seaboard*

Dr. Curtiss Hoffman will be discussing the work of his new book *Stone Prayers: Native Constructions of the Eastern Seaboard*, which will be available to purchase at this event. Scattered throughout the woodlands and fields of the eastern seaboard of the United States and Canada are tens of thousands of stone monuments. These stone constructions have been the subject of debate among archaeologists and antiquarians for the past seventy-five years. Prominent among the competing hypotheses have been the allegations that all of these structures were built by colonial farmers removing rocks from their fields; or that they were built by pre-Columbian transatlantic voyagers; or that they are the result of natural deposition by glaciers or downslope erosion; or that they were constructed as sacred places by the indigenous peoples of the region. The purpose of this book is to provide quantitative support for the indigenous construction hypothesis, by providing a framework firmly and explicitly situated in the scientific method to test the four hypotheses above against a robust set of data--a total of 5,550 sites from the entire region.

Included in the price of admission: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 children; LHAC Members free.

June 1, 2019, 2-3 p.m.

Washington Educational Walk

The Director of Research and Collections at the Institute for American Indian Studies will lead a walk along the museum's trails ending at their replicated Algonkian village. Get a glimpse into the history and culture of local tribal peoples, learn about their medicinal plants and hear about their community life and spirituality. Included in the price of admission: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 children; IAIS Members free.

June 9, 2019, 1-4 p.m.

Artifact ID Day with Dr. Lucianne Lavin

Join the conversation as Director of Research & Collections, Lucianne Lavin, Ph.D. identifies and provides interesting commentary about your local stone objects and Northeastern Native American cultural items. While we can't appraise or speculate about the value of an object, we can certainly talk about the who, what, when, where, and how of your mystery items! *Please limit 12 artifacts per person.*

Included in the price of admission: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 children; IAIS Members free.

Focus on FIELD SCHOOLS

Some of the most important archaeological research being done in Connecticut and surrounding states today is in the form of summer field schools sponsored by the State Archaeologist, several universities, Native American tribal governments and other organizations, while additionally training the next generation of archaeologists. In the following column, a feature in each April issue of ASC News, the field school directors describe their programs for the coming year.

2019 Office of State Archaeology Summer Field Schools

The Office of State Archaeology offers five summer field schools for a variety of audiences. Each field school lasts a week and participation is limited, so be sure to enroll early. Participation costs vary by program. To enroll in a field school contact Brian Jones at brian.jones@uconn.edu with the subject line "OSA Field School". To ensure enrollment, payment should be made to "Office of State Archaeology, UConn" as early as possible.

Archaeology Field School for Kids

Monday June 24 – Friday June 28, 9:00AM to noon, \$185

UConn, Storrs CT (directions will be provided to registrants)

Do you like uncovering evidence to solve mysteries? Do you like the idea of getting your hands dirty while exploring the past? Spend a week with UConn archaeologists exploring the world of field archaeology. You will learn about the science, tools, and methods used by archaeologists and be part of a real archaeological field crew! Participants will be doing hands-on fieldwork and laboratory research at a professional, ongoing archaeological dig. We have been opening new areas of our on-campus dig site each year and every session we uncover something new!

Archaeology Field School for Educators

Monday July 1 thru Friday July 5, 9:00AM thru 3:00PM, \$50

Windsor, CT

Educators can spend a week learning about archaeology with OSA's Field School for Educators. This field school is designed to give those who teach social sciences a deeper understanding of archaeology and local history. For those who provide archaeological opportunities for students, it will also emphasize the ethical aspects of archaeology, as well as proper archaeological field techniques, data management, and reporting. Participants will experience an authentic archaeological investigation, working with primary sources at a historic site in Windsor. They will also learn about the role of the Connecticut Office of State Archaeology and how it can be an important resource in developing archaeological lessons and activities for students.

Archaeology Field School for Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel

Monday July 29 thru Friday Aug 2, 9:00AM to 3:00, No Cost, but spaces are limited

(Details on the final location will be provided to registrants.)

Veterans and active duty military personnel will spend a week doing hands-on archaeology at an Archaeology Field School sponsored by the Office of State Archaeology. The field school will cover the basics of field methods, paperwork, data management, and artifact identification. Learning proper archaeological methods will develop the

participant's understanding of the ethical aspects of archaeology and the archaeologist's responsibility to preserve the data they retrieve so that it will remain valuable to future researchers. This year's excavation is currently planned for a Revolutionary War site in New Haven.

Archaeology Field School for Adults

Monday August 5 thru Friday August 9, 9:00AM to 3:00, \$200

Glastonbury, CT (Details will be provided to registrants.)

Spend a week learning about Connecticut archaeology! This field school will cover the ethical aspects of archaeology, as well as proper archaeological field techniques and data management. As a member of this program, you will have the opportunity to participate in an official Connecticut Office of State Archaeology dig. The dig will take place at a recently discovered and very significant site dating to the mid to late 1600s. Your findings will add important information to our understanding of Connecticut's rich historic past!

FOSA Members Field School

Monday August 12 thru Friday August 16, 9:00 – 3:00, Free to FOSA Members, but space is limited so be sure to register!

Glastonbury, CT (Details will be provided to registrants.)

A special week just for FOSA members – spend a week learning about Connecticut archaeology! This field school will cover the proper archaeological field techniques and data management for experienced and beginner excavators. As a member of this program, you will have the opportunity to participate in an official Connecticut Office of State Archaeology dig. The dig will take place at a recently discovered and very significant site dating to the mid to late 1600s. Your findings will add important information to our understanding of Connecticut's rich historic past! This field school was developed for FOSA members. To become a FOSA members please visit fosa-ct.org for more information.

Western Connecticut State University Summer 2019 Archaeology Field School

May 28- June 29, 2019 at the Templeton Site, Washington, CT

The Templeton Site was originally excavated by Roger Moeller with the assistance of the American Indian Archaeological Institute in 1977. Over 7,400 Paleoindian artifacts, including a fluted point and two miniature fluted points were recovered. Radiocarbon dating revealed the site to be 10,119 years old. Zachary Singer, a PhD candidate from the University of Connecticut, reopened the site in the summer of 2016, and expanded on the previous research locating at least two activity areas outside of Moeller's excavation block that contain high densities of Paleoindian artifacts. The summer 2017 and 2018 field schools at Western Connecticut State University continued the project, assisting Zachary Singer to open up these new Paleoindian activity areas. A twig recently discovered in one of the newly opened areas has been dated to 10,360 +/- 40BP RCYBP, most likely of the oak genus, supporting Paleoindian occupation of the site around 12,000 calendar years ago. For more information contact: Cosimo Sgarlata, csgarlata@wcsu.edu

Mohegan Archaeological Field School, Uncasville, Connecticut

June 19 –July 27, 2019

Field School Director: Dr. Craig N. Cipolla (craigc@rom.on.ca) Royal Ontario Museum & University of Toronto, Canada

Since 2010, the main focus of the Mohegan Archaeological Field School (MAFS) has been colonial-era sites and everyday life on the reservation. From the 2014 through 2017 field seasons, we concentrated on survey and excavation in and around a late-eighteenth century Mohegan homestead (pictured above). In 2014, we completed much of the survey work and began excavations to learn more about the main structure's architecture, the variety of material culture made and used in and around the structure, and subsistence practices of the time. We uncovered numerous features (e.g., rows of postholes and several large refuse deposits) and artifacts (e.g., beads, sewing artifacts, items of personal adornment, ceramics, architectural debris, and some stone artifacts). Along with the

material culture, students discovered unprecedented volumes of charred botanicals—including an excess of maize and bean. The field school returned to the site in 2015 and 2017 to continue excavations. We discovered more features—including a full cellar that is over a meter deep—and collected additional material culture, botanical remains, and soil samples. Also, in 2017, the MAFS received funding from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; this new grant supports videography of the field school through the 2021 field season. We plan to use the video footage captured during the field school to help spread the work about our unique project, but also to help us to systematically study our collaborative process (as an ethnographer would).

In 2019, the MAFS will run its 22nd season. The 2019 field school will begin survey and excavation in a completely new (i.e., not previously excavated) area of the reservation; this new area contains what appears to be a house site (visible in remnants of a dry-laid stone foundation sitting above the ground). As outlined below, we will spend the first week and a half of the field school on a pedestrian and shovel test pit survey. For the remainder of the field school, we will begin excavation in and around the new foundation site. The excavations will help us to define the size and nature of this unexplored reservation context.

For more information, follow this link: <http://ifrglobal.org/program/us-ct-mohegan/>

Southern Connecticut State University Field School

JOIN US FOR THE
2019 Archaeological Field School

July 1st – August 4th
ANT 398 – 3 or 6 credit options available

Hosted by Southern Connecticut State University
Department of Anthropology

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Artifact Identification
Digital Archaeology
Public Archaeology
Historical and Prehistoric Site Analysis

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2019 UConn Field School in Contact Period Native Domestic Sites & Battlefield Archaeology

May 20 – June 28

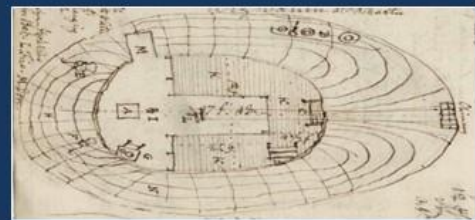
Excavate at a 17th-century battlefield from the Pequot War and at multiple short-term occupation Pequot villages dating to the seventeenth century.

Gain real-world archaeological skills including:

- Survey and Excavation Techniques
- Archaeological Metal Detecting
- Artifact Analysis and Cataloguing
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Archaeobotanical Processing and Analysis
- Training in Radiography (X-ray)

Contact Dr. Kevin McBride for an application and additional information:

kevin.mcbride@uconn.edu



The 2019 UConn field school will be based at the UConn Storrs campus with fieldwork taking place at Mystic (Groton), Connecticut. The 6-week, 6-credit field school will include training in standard archaeological field survey and excavation, artifact conservation, cataloguing, identification and analysis of 17th Century material culture, archaeobotany, radiography (X-ray), and analysis of primary sources. Training will also be provided in research and field methods specific to battlefield archaeology including use of military terrain models, metal detecting survey, and GPS/GIS applications. The field school provides a unique opportunity for students to work on a nationally significant collaborative research project alongside tribal members, archaeologists and military historians. In addition to the fieldwork, students will participate in training workshops in laboratory and research methods, attend guest lectures, complete assigned readings and maintain a daily field journal.

Fees: Summer Session courses are paid on a per-credit basis at a rate of \$536 per credit hour. If you choose the full six-week program, your cost will be \$3,216. In addition, there is a \$75 lab fee, payable on the first day of class.

Application and Registration: All students must fill out an application in order to be considered for the field school and receive a permission number so that they can register. Contact Dr. Kevin McBride (kevin.mcbride@uconn.edu) via e-mail for an application and more information on the field school. For information on the registration process, go to www.summersession.uconn.edu.

Housing: University housing and meal plans are available, as well as some other options. Contact Res Life at 860-486-2926 for a summer housing application or go to this website to learn more: <http://www.reslife.uconn.edu/>

UMass Field School in Archaeology at the Emily Dickinson Museum Amherst, Massachusetts May 28 - June 29, 2019

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at the home of one of America's greatest poets

Earn 6 academic credits Qualify for paid jobs in archaeology

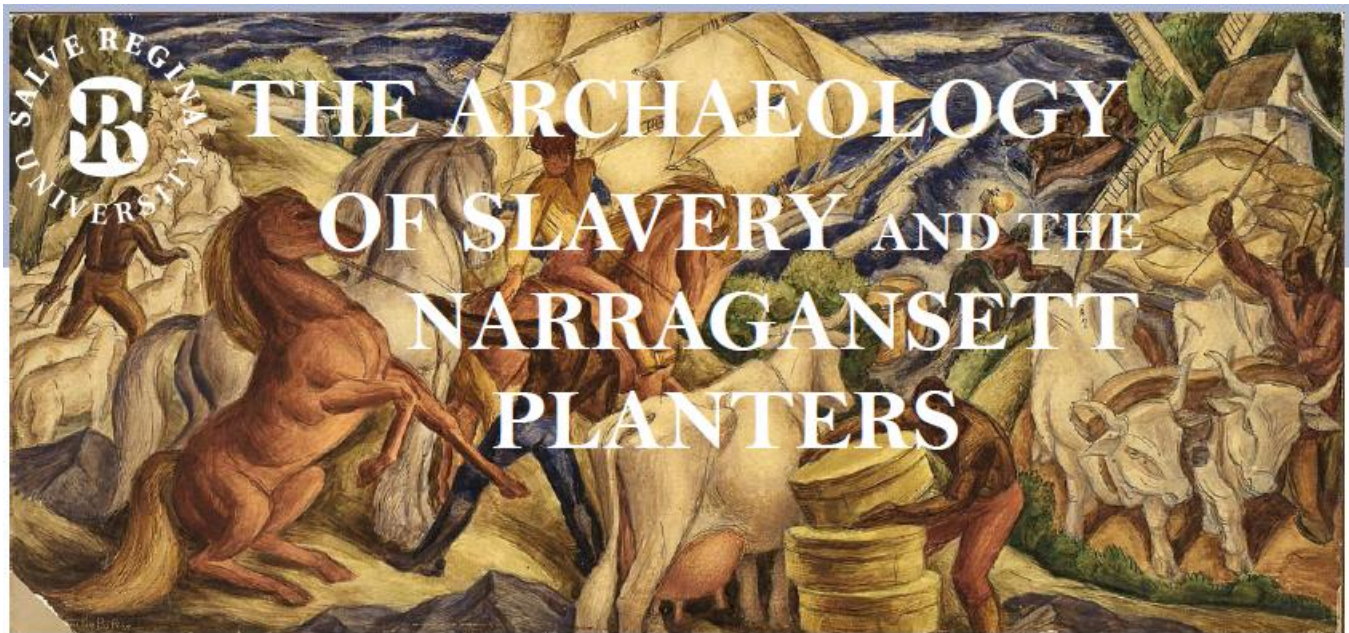


The Field School is sponsored by:
UMass Department of Anthropology,
UMass Division of Continuing and Professional Education,
and the Emily Dickinson Museum.

*Now feet within my garden go—
Now fingers stir the sod—*



For more information, please contact Eric Johnson: ericjohnson@anthro.umass.edu



Location: North Kingstown, Rhode Island, United States

Season: June 3, 2019 to June 28, 2019

Affiliation: Salve Regina University

Project Director: Dr. Jon Bernard Marcoux

Project Description

The Cultural and Historic Preservation program is pleased to offer an archaeological field school this summer at the site of an 18th century plantation in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. This site is part of a network of plantations owned by a unique class of New England colonial gentry known as the “Narragansett Planters.” These families derived their wealth largely from the agricultural pursuits of enslaved African and African American laborers - specifically cider and cheese production and raising horses. Our project will employ archaeological methods and historical research to explore the daily lives of the enslaved people living and working on this plantation. Our goal is to use archaeology to contribute to the growing narrative of colonial slavery in New England- a narrative that is moving beyond a single description of slavery as an institution to incorporate diverse stories about the intersection of lives.

Archaeological Field School in Plymouth, Massachusetts

May 28 - June 28, 2019

This field school is collaboration between the Department of Anthropology and the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research at UMass Boston, Plimoth Plantation, and the Town of Plymouth.

The field class will take place at a series of sites in Plymouth, Massachusetts. This summer’s work is part of “Project 400: The Plymouth Colony Archaeological Survey,” a broad project of site survey and excavation leading up to the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Colony in 2020. This year’s focus will be on surface reconnaissance and mapping, shallow geophysical remote sensing, and test excavations in downtown Plymouth. Through daily archaeological fieldwork and laboratory analysis students will learn the process of field recording, mapping, excavation, sample collection, and basic artifact analysis in historical archaeology. The course includes an emphasis on learning how shallow geophysics techniques are applied to site analysis, excavation, and interpretation. A series of trips to local museums and sites is included as part of the class.

This project will be directed by Professor David Landon and Christa Beranek and run in collaboration with Professors John Steinberg and Brian Damiata of UMass Boston, and Kathryn Ness at Plimoth Plantation. During the class we will be working out of Plimoth Plantation’s facilities and collaborating on site interpretation and public outreach with the museum staff.

SCRAP Archaeological Field School

July 8-August 2, 2019

The 2019 *NH State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program* (SCRAP) archaeology field school is structured in two sessions, each two weeks long (July 8 - 19 and July 22 - August 2). Fieldwork will take place daily on weekdays from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Session 1 will take place at Livermore Falls State Forest, on the Pemigewasset River, in the towns of Plymouth, Holderness and Campton, NH. Field school participants will engage in excavation at this multi-component site, focusing largely on pre-contact deposits and features, with opportunities to investigate post-contact deposits as well. Students will document specific activity areas associated with the site. Data recovery techniques, artifact identification, and excavation documentation will be taught. Participants will also engage in the survey of a terrace that has not yet been investigated. The field headquarters will be based near downtown Plymouth, NH and housing will be available at \$50 per week with a fully functional kitchen.

Session 2 will take place at Pillsbury State Park in the town of Washington, NH and Shieling State Forest, in the town of Peterborough, NH. Field school participants will engage in the survey of several areas exhibiting the potential to contain pre-contact deposits. Survey will focus on a former terrace of the Ashuelot River, located on the south side of Butterfield Pond in Pillsbury State Park and



Pre-contact hearth feature identified at Livermore Falls, 2017

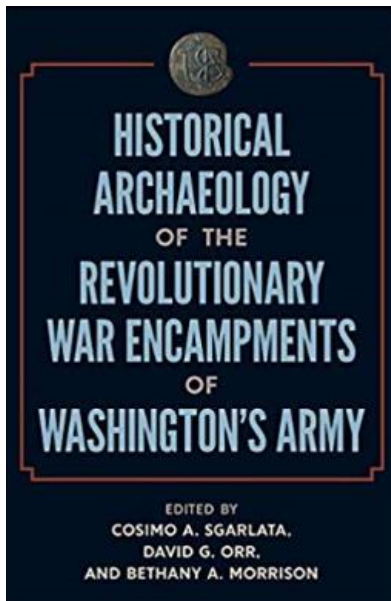
on a terrace located in Shieling State Forest between two small streams that flow into the Contoocook River. Archaeological survey techniques including shovel test excavation and documentation will be taught. The field camp will be based at the Pillsbury State Park campground and primitive camping (i.e., no showers/electricity) will be available at \$10 per person per day at a group campsite. Canoes will be used daily to access the survey area in Pillsbury State Park.



Field School Participants at Livermore Falls, 2018

Fieldwork and instruction will be directed by Mark Doperalski and David Trubey, archaeologists with the NH Division of Historical Resources. The field school will conform to standards for archaeology set by the National Park Service.

For more information, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources at 603-271-6433.



Historical Archaeology of the Revolutionary War Encampments of Washington's Army

by Cosimo A. Sgarlata (Editor), David G. Orr (Editor), Bethany A. Morrison (Editor)

Pre-order - \$95.00

This title will be released on July 10, 2019.

Ships from and sold by Amazon.com.

This volume presents recent archaeological and ethnohistorical research on the encampments, trails, and support structures of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, illuminating the daily lives of soldiers, officers, and camp followers apart from the more well-known scenarios of military campaigns and battles.

The research featured here includes previously unpublished findings from the winter encampments at Valley Forge,

Pennsylvania, as well as work from sites in Redding, Connecticut, and Morristown, New Jersey. Topics range from excavations of a special dining cabin constructed for General George Washington to ballistic analysis of a target range established by General von Steuben. Contributors use experimental archaeology to learn how soldiers constructed their log hut quarters, and they reconstruct Rochambeau's marching route through Connecticut on his way to help Washington defeat the British at Yorktown. They also describe the under-recognized roles of African descendants, Native peoples, and women who lived and worked at the camps.

Showing how archaeology can contribute insights into the American Revolution beyond what historical records convey, this volume calls for protection of and further research into non-conflict sites that were crucial to this formative struggle in the history of the United States.

Contributors: Cosimo Sgarlata | Joseph Balicki | Joseph R. Blondino | Douglas Campana | Wade P. Catts | Daniel Cruson | Mathew Grubel | Mary Harper | Diane Hassan | David G. Orr | Julia Steele | Laurie Weinstein

CALENDAR

To help members plan their calendars, we post the dates of meetings of interest in Connecticut and neighboring states, not mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Please contact the editor with any meetings you

are aware of which you feel would be of interest to the membership.

April 26-28, 2019, New York State Archaeological Association 103rd Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Johnstown, NY

May 4, 2019, Conference on New England Archaeology, Castleton University, Castleton, VT

May 11, 2019, ASC Annual Meeting, Southern CT State University, New Haven, CT

October 31-November 3, 2019, 86th Annual Meeting, Eastern States Archaeological Federation (ESAF), Langhorne, PA

November 7-10, 2019, Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA) Annual Meeting, Lake George, New York

January 8-11, 2020 Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, Boston, MA

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Note – the ASC website is currently down for repairs, after the passing of our webmaster Robyn Filippone. We hope to have the replacement site up and running soon.

2019 DUES NOW PAYABLE

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Starting in 2018, membership cards will no longer be issued except upon request.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT 2019 SPRING MEETING

**Southern Connecticut State University
501 Crescent St.
New Haven, Connecticut**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Southern Connecticut State University – see annotated campus map at end of newsletter:

- **Crescent Street Parking Lot, P-12**
- **Engelman Hall C013 – registration**
- **Engelman Hall C115 – presentations)**

Admission: non-members (general public) - \$10, members (ASC/FOSA) - \$8, students - \$5

Any questions regarding meeting please contact: Dawn Brown - dawnbrown1825@gmail.com

9:45 Registration begins (with coffee and pastries)

10:25 Welcome, announcements – Cos Sgarlata, President, Archaeological Society of Connecticut

Morning Session – *Archaeology of the New Haven Area*

10:30 – 11:00 *The Warner Site in Woodbridge Connecticut, Traditional, and Non-traditional Methods for Household Archaeology*
Cosimo Sgarlata, Western Connecticut State University

This presentation is going to focus on the Warner site, in Woodbridge, CT, using both traditional and modern (non-traditional) perspectives. Traditional perspectives focus on spatial analysis, identification of activity areas and structures and ethno-archaeological comparison. Non-traditional perspectives involve looking at the larger cultural context within which the habitation is embedded, and using non-traditional (non-western) models for how households are organized.

Cos Sgarlata is an archaeology professor at WCSU, and the chief editor of *The Historical Archaeology of the Revolutionary War Encampments of Washington's Army*. He received his Ph.D. from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York in 2009

11:00 – 11:30 *Expanding the Archaeology of Colonialism in New Haven County: New Research at Southern Connecticut State University*
William A. Farley, Southern Connecticut State University

The last two decades have seen an expansion of archaeological interest in the early colonial period of North America. Research in California, Florida, the Mid-Atlantic, New England, and elsewhere have

shown that archaeology can reveal and disentangle the many complexities of pluralistic colonial communities. Connecticut has been a testing ground for this research, where archaeologists like Kevin McBride, Steve Silliman, and Ken Feder have uncovered evidence of the relationships between European colonists, Native Americans, and African Americans as they negotiated and created new social spaces for themselves both within and at the fringes of colonial society. In this paper, I will show my plans to expand this type of research into the New Haven region. I will focus on two aspects of this new research program: First, the synthesis and expansion of nearly fifty years of archaeology at the Henry Whitfield House, and second, a newly-formed partnership between SCSU and the city of New Haven to explore the earliest Quinnipiac reservations and post-contact communities.

William Farley is an archaeologist who specializes in the study of Native New England in the colonial period, especially in the 17th century. He is a specialist in archaeobotany, which is the study of the intersection of people and plants. His research has focused on the early colonial interactions of Native Americans and Euroamericans in southern New England, especially in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Dr. Farley is particularly interested in the complex ways that both groups adopted and reimagined new goods and ideas gained through colonial interaction. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut in 2017, Dr. Farley joined the faculty at Southern Connecticut State University where he is currently an Assistant Professor.

11:30 – 12:00 *The Dead Shall Be Raised: the Bioarchaeology and Demography of the New Haven Green Cemetery*
Gary P. Aronsen, Department of Anthropology, Yale University

In October 2012, the Lincoln Oak, planted on the New Haven Green in 1909, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, was toppled due to the high winds during Superstorm Sandy. Entwined in the tree roots were the bones of individuals representing New Haven's colonial population. Through careful analysis of the recovered elements, a dedicated team of researchers are working to provide insights into the health, lifestyle, and stresses faced by these individuals and the late 18th century New Haven Community as a whole. Their lives, and those of other New England colonies, are made clearer through the careful interaction between recovered skeletal material, scientists and the larger community.

Gary P. Aronsen, Ph.D., is Laboratory Manager of the Biological Anthropology Laboratories at Yale University. Gary's research interests include Biological Anthropology, Primate Ecology and Behavior, Evolutionary Anatomy & Osteology and have included projects in Uganda and Panama.

12:00 – 12:20 *History of Fort Wooster Park, New Haven*
Ann McGuire, Friends of Fort Wooster

Originally from New York, Ann is marketing manager, writer, and editor. She became a defacto steward of the park when she and her husband Kevin (co-chair) bought the house right next door, at the top of Beacon Hill, in 2005.

12:20 – 12:30 ASC Business Meeting

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch – The SCSU Anthropology Department has graciously offered to purchase pizza from a local pizzeria to add to our New Haven experience!

Afternoon Tour – Fort Wooster

2:30 – 3:30 Sue Marchese, Friends of Fort Wooster

In 1775 a large pile of brush and firewood was placed on top of Beacon Hill at the ready to be fired as a beacon to warn of an enemy approach. On July 5, 1779, British troops landed on the east shore of New Haven Harbor. American patriots bravely resisted a large force of invading troops, including troops on and about Beacon Hill. The British invasion of New Haven resulted in 56 English soldiers killed, wounded, or MIA. The American loss was 23 killed, 15 wounded, and 12 taken prisoner. Many homes and properties were burned and destroyed.

Beacon Hill was renamed Fort Wooster in August 1814 to honor Major-General David Wooster, who had bravely served during the War for Independence and lost his life in 1777 during a battle in Ridgefield, CT.

The Friends of Fort Wooster is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Elm City Parks Conservancy. Founded by neighbors and history lovers, our goal is to restore, renovate, and preserve the historic Colonial-era fort, wooded trails, and park environs that make up Fort Wooster Park and the area once known as the Marlin Estate. We work with the City of New Haven, the State of Connecticut, and community and civic organizations to provide a safe, clean, and educational environment for visitors of all ages. We want to preserve the history of the location, safeguard any historical or archeological discoveries, and share the area's vast history while paying tribute to those who fought to obtain and preserve American freedom.

Fort Wooster Park is an approximately 20-minute drive from SCSU. The park is handicapped accessible from the Beacon/Clarendon Avenues entrance. The terrain is flat in the playground area. There is a small hill to the actual Fort remains, and the trails serpentine at about 20 degrees down to Townsend Avenue. Trails are clear.

Our guide Sue Marchese was born and raised in the New Haven area and has spent years hiking, biking, kayaking and exploring historical places. She is a retired Therapeutic Recreation Director. Co-chairing Friends of Fort Wooster had given her the opportunity to share her knowledge and passion for Fort Wooster to increase awareness and use the park as an educational tool for the community.

Directions to Southern CT State University

From New York (via I-95)

I-95, Exit 44 (Kimberly Avenue, Route 10). Turn right at the end of the exit onto Kimberly Avenue, then left at the stoplight onto Ella Grasso Boulevard, Route 10. Ella Grasso Boulevard ends at Crescent Street, near the south entrance of the campus.

From New York (via Rt. 15, Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway)

Rt. 15, Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway, Exit 59 (Whalley Avenue). Head south on Whalley Avenue, turn left onto Fitch Street, which bisects the campus.

From New London

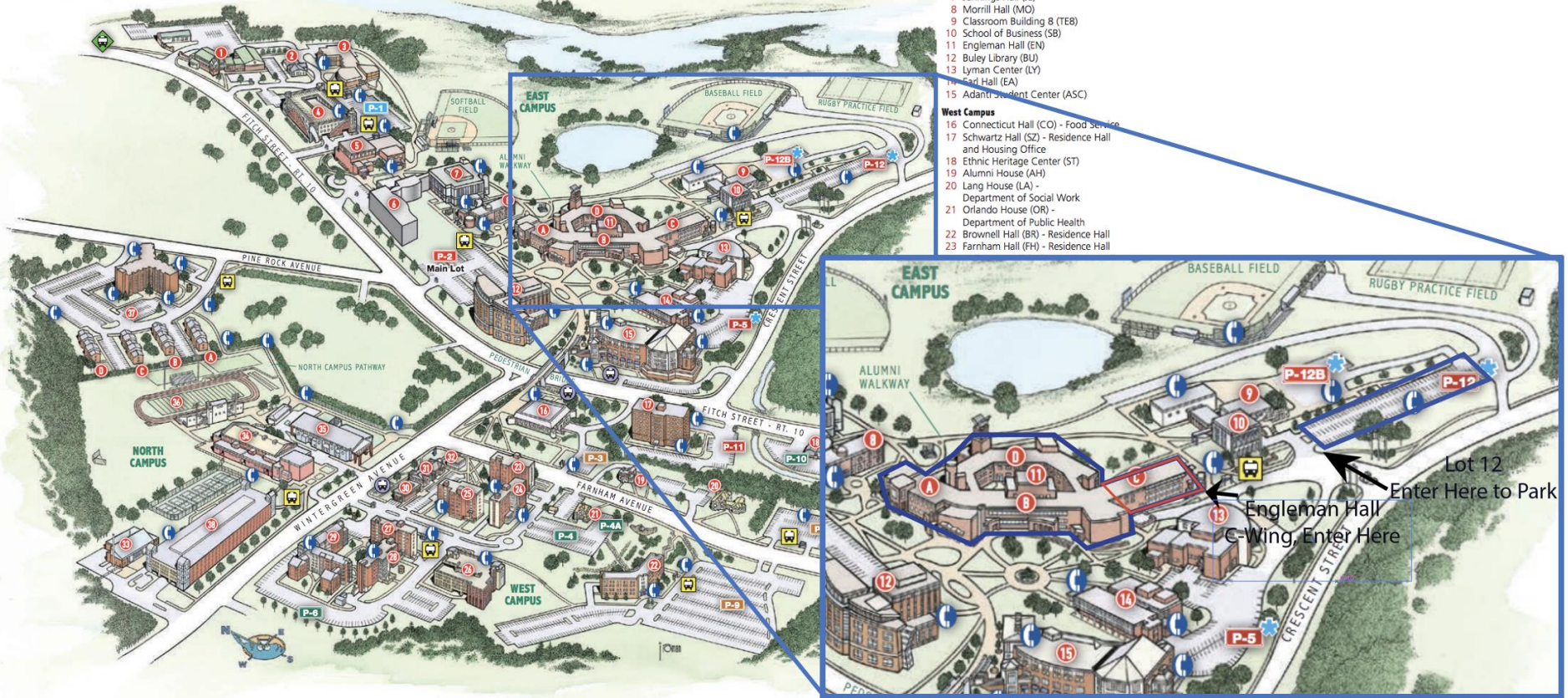
I-95, Exit 44 (Ella Grasso Boulevard, Route 10). Follow Ella Grasso Boulevard north. Ella Grasso Boulevard ends at Crescent Street, near the south entrance of the campus.

From Hartford

Wilbur Cross Parkway, Exit 60 at Dixwell Avenue. Head south on Dixwell Avenue to Arch Street. Turn right at Arch Street and left at Fitch Street, which bisects the campus.



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 - 5 Peitz Gymnasium (PE)
 - 6 Academic Science and Laboratory Building (ASL)
 - 7 Jennings Hall (JE)
 - 8 Morrill Hall (MO)
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 - 11 Engleman Hall (EN)
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