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President's Corner
Paul Mullins

Archaeology has been featured in the media since the discipline’s first moments: long before contemporary cable audiences were riveted by archaeological programming, the losses were fascinations. Tinted with the mid-18th century excavations at Pompeii; London was captivated by the spectacular images of Austen Henry Layard’s Assyrian finds a century later; and Howard Carter’s opening of Tutankhamun’s tomb in 1922 mesmerized many people. As archaeologists, and Egyptian antiquity staples of popular culture. Those popular historical representations of archaeology might be forgiven for their tendencies to weave overblown narratives that clumsily invoked various ideologies. Nevertheless, they share quite a lot with contemporary mass media representations of archaeology that revolve around fictionalized stories, as encrusting layer upon layer of value. Are we to blame for such representations? Should we offer no protest when we see a pair of American metal detectorists, and their initial shows alarmed enough archaeologists that the National Geographic Society agreed to meet with SHA and Society for American Archaeology representatives in May 2012 to discuss ways the show should observe archaeological ethics and American preservation laws. We are certainly going to see more programming in the U.S. and internationally, so archaeological scholars and SHA need to confront how such representations cast the discipline, materiality, and heritage.

There were some concrete changes the producers agreed to make in Diggers following that meeting. Perhaps the most significant change was the introduction of an archaeological consultant to the show and the network’s agreement to contact local archaeologists. The producers agreed Diggers should focus on research questions, framed by an archaeologist, that metal detecting can illuminate. It was agreed that episodes focusing on archaeological or historical sites should feature archaeologists consulting with the show’s detectorists. The network agreed that ethical guidelines for responsible metal detecting would be referred to during the program and on the show’s Web page. The archaeologists agreed indicating that the show could not include any commercial sale of artifacts. The most recent episodes of Diggers following this meeting are now appearing, and some archaeologists and detectorists remain opposed to the show. One sticking point for some colleagues has been that the show still indicates how much profit a detectorist can make in the sale of artifacts but creeps into a gray area that concedes artifacts may have an exchange value outside archaeological circles. The show’s producers indicated in May that audiences find the show’s presentation of metal detectorists and their detectorists as characters which are characters whose personalities and edited product reflect what TV producers believe is entertaining. We also need to soberly acknowledge that many thoughtful scholars do not make especially magnetic television personalities. Archaeology taken at its real pace would in fact be a little dull; popular culture favors instantaneous messages and immediate desires that eliminate the prosaic dimensions of everyday life.

SHA will continue to monitor shows like Diggers and cast our net more broadly into popular culture even as we strive to share our research with the world of TV and discussed the visibility of archaeologists within the show itself. The revamped Web page supporting the show addresses many of the complexities of archaeological context and the ethics of metal detecting, but the show itself remains driven by the two detectorists “King George” Wyant and Tim “The Ringmaster” Saylor. I and SAA President Fred Lim have written to National Geographic TV and discussed the visibility of archaeologists within the show itself, arguing that coordination between avocational detectorists and archaeologists provides an important model for both professionalism and collegiality. Yet the show has in some cases had trouble finding archaeologists willing to work with the producers. We hope many of you will consider working with such programmers, because partnerships between professional archaeologists and avocational detectorists can produce good scholarship and television alike that tells the story of artifact recovery as rigorous scholarship and emotionally compelling discovery. TV continues to produce its Savage Family Diggers (formerly American Diggers). Savage Family Diggers, the vehicle of former wrestler Ric Savage, educates its audience on how to find privies and wells (though their Web page cites the Society for American Archaeology’s metal-detecting-laws Web page), and they have shown no interest in partnering with archaeologists. We need to thoughtfully and clearly voice our collective objections to such programs and the ways they misrepresent heritage and archaeology. For some archaeologists, the science simply may not be reducible to satisfying media representations, but professionally trained academics are never going to control how the discipline is represented in popular discourse any more than we can dictate how communities choose how to address their heritage. Can we secure a role as public intellectuals through such shows and through our visibility in popular discourse? Or are we doomed to simply be props parroting caricatures of the discipline, while our most challenging insights fall to the editing-room floor? Can archaeology secure a role in contemporary mass media (if not in popular culture in general, in which archaeological scholars actively aspire to influence minds and politics? The death rites for the traditional archaeological documentary and the unsalable academic have been written, but we should not desert the challenge of living today. We can model for both professionalism and collegiality. 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2013 SHA Awards and Prizes
Teresita Majewski
(Photographs courtesy of Andrew J. Robinson, except as noted.)

The SHA’s awards and prizes for 2013 were presented at three different venues during the conference in Leicester. Without the hard work of the nominators, awards selectors, presentation preparers, SHA Executive Director Karen Hutchison and headquarters staff, SHA President Paul Mullins, conference chairs Audrey Horning and Sarah Tarlow, program chair Alasdair Brooks, and my colleagues on the awards committee, this year’s program of SHA awards and prizes would not have been possible. On the opening night of the conference, immediately before the plenary session, six awards were presented: four SHA Awards of Merit, the Kathleen Kirk Gilmore Dissertation Award, and the James Deetz Book Award.

Four recipients were honored with SHA Awards of Merit. David Barker was recognized for his extensive and influential contributions to scholarship on the technological development of Staffordshire ceramics of the 18th and 19th centuries and their economic and social impacts worldwide, as well as for actively and generously sharing his knowledge with the public, colleagues, and students on both sides of the Atlantic. Paul Courtney was honored for his role as a longtime supporter and facilitator of scholarly ties between Europe and North America through SHA and the Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology (SPMA), and as a voice for European historical archaeology more generally. The Centre for Maritime Archaeology at the University of Ulster was recognized for spearheading an integrated approach to the archaeology of maritime landscapes through education and research and for its central role in the development and professionalization of historical maritime archaeology within the island of Ireland. Wes Forsythe of the Centre accepted the award. Finally, SHA was proud to honor Geoff Egan with a posthumous Award of Merit for his foundational research and publications on medieval and postmedieval artifacts, for generously sharing his knowledge and mentoring and assisting finds researchers around the world, for his important role over two decades in the ongoing development of the SPMA, and for his contributions to creating an international community of historical archaeologists. Paul Courtney accepted the award.

Jelks Travel Award recipients Lindsay Bloch and Elizabeth Spott with SHA President-Elect Charles Ewen and SHA President Paul Mullins.

From left: Teresita Majewski, Award of Merit winner Paul Courtney, and SHA President Paul Mullins.

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Posthumous Award of Merit winner Geoff Egan in Newfoundland, Canada in 2010.

From left: GMAC representative Carol McDavid, GMAC Travel Award recipients Honora Sullivan-Chin and Elena Sesma, and Paul Mullins.

From left: Teresita Majewski. Wes Forsythe (of the Award of Merit winner Centre for Maritime Archaeology, University of Ulster), award nominator Audrey Horning, and Paul Mullins.

From left: SHA President Paul Mullins, Award of Merit winner David Barker, and SHA Awards Committee Chair Teresita Majewski.

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An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party’s Alder Creek Camp, edited by Kelly J. Dixon, Julie M. Schablitsky, and Shannon A. Novak, won the 2013 Deetz Award. (Photo courtesy of the University of Oklahoma Press.)
From left: AČUA Chair Marc-André Bernier and George Fischer Student Travel Award recipient Nicollas Ciurlo.

From left: SHA Board Member Mark Warner and 2013 Student Paper Prize winner Ashley Mortin.

After making the award presentation, former SHA president William Moss offers congratulations to Ruppé Award recipient (and past Newsletter editor) Karlis Karklins.

From left: Teresita Majewski, nominator Della Scott-Irelon, Garry Momber, director of the Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology, recipient of the 2013 Daniel G. Roberts Award, and Paul Mullins.

on behalf of Geoff Egan’s cousin, Graham Martin, who was unable to attend the awards presentation.

The Kathleen Kirk Gilmore Dissertation was awarded to Rebecca S. Graff, for her 2011 University of Chicago dissertation: The Vanishing City: Time, Tourism, and the Archaeology of Event at Chicago’s 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition. The selection panel was impressed by Graff’s use of original archaeological data, carefully combined with archival sources and framed within landscape analysis to produce a rich picture of the World’s Exposition in Jackson Park. She used the idea of the archaeology of event and “eventful” archaeology to highlight the interplay between the Columbian Exposition as an ephemeral event and long-term socioeconomic structures. The theoretical contributions of Graff’s dissertation extend well beyond the White City and may well be relevant for any historical archaeological context. The James Deetz Book Award was awarded to Kelly J. Dixon, Julie M. Schaabitsky, and Shannon A. Novak, editors of An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party’s Alder Creek Camp, published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 2011. (Only Julie was able to attend the conference this year, and she accepted the award on behalf of the editorial team.)

This volume is an exemplary demonstration of the potential of historical archaeology to shed new light on a single dramatic event, the experiences of groups and individuals involved, and on the impact that these events had upon others not directly involved. It ably examines the myths that have grown up around the Donner tragedy, examines the historical sources, and discusses the results of the full range of analytical techniques employed in the search for a more accurate picture of events of the winter of 1846-1847. The volume is well structured and accessible, with individual contributors’ chapters merging seamlessly to produce an unbroken and gripping narrative that reads like an archaeological detective story. One of the editors, Shannon Novak, previously won the Deetz Award in 2010 for her book House of Mourning: A Biocultural History of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.

At the Friday afternoon business meeting, a number of students were honored with awards and prizes. With the exception of the SHA Student Paper Prize, all of these awards provide travel funds for SHA student members to attend the annual conference and promote their participation in society activities. Applicants submit their papers for the annual conference in advance, and the winners are chosen based on the quality of those papers. Recipients of Felies Travel Awards included Lindsay Bloch (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), for “Understanding Variation in Utilitarian Ceramic Assemblages of the Chesapeake: The Impacts of Local Production,” and Elizabeth K. Spott (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), for “A Gendered use of Space: Description and Spatial Analysis of Material Culture Recovered from the Chief Richardson House (12AL1887).” The Québec City Award/Bourse de Québec was presented to Mélanie Rousseau (Université Laval), and the title of her conference presentation was “Transition from a Natural to a Cultural Landscape in Québec City: An Entomological Point of View.” The recipient of the ACUA George Fischer Student Travel Award was Nicolás Carlío (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina) for “Archaeometallurgy of an 18th-Century Shipwreck: The Sloop-of-War HMS Swift (1770), Santa Cruz, Argentina.” Two Gender and Minority Affairs Student Travel Awards were presented, to Elena Sesma and Honora Sullivan-Chin (both of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst). The 12th SHA Student Paper Prize was awarded to Ashley Morton (University of Idaho) for her paper “Germ’s Never Sleep! The Polluted Nature of Womanhood as Expressed through Vaginal Douching.” The winner of the Student Paper Prize receives a selection of books generously donated by publishers who exhibit at the conference.

Following the annual banquet on Friday evening in the Mercure Hotel’s elegant Alexander Room, four awards were presented: the John L. Cotter Award, the Daniel G. Roberts Award for Excellence in Public Historical Archaeology, the Carol V. Ruppé Distinguished Service Award, and the J. C. Harrington Medal in Historical Archaeology. Sarah E. Cowie received the Cotter Award for her research on power dynamics in a broad range of historical situations, which has served to expand the research and influence of historical archaeology into scholarly as well as the applied archaeological communities. Unfortunately, Sarah had to cancel her trip to Leicester at the last minute for health reasons, but presenter Timothy J. Scarlett accepted on her behalf. The Daniel G. Roberts Award was awarded to the Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology for its leadership in developing innovative new strategies and educational products for reaching all segments of the public to instill appreciation for archaeology and marine heritage, both in the United Kingdom and internationally. The Roberts Award was accepted by the trust’s director, Garry Momber. The Ruppé Award was presented to Karlis Karklins for his tireless efforts, for nearly four decades, to further and promote the field of historical archaeology and SHA around the world. Sara Mascia and Carolyn White made the final presentation of the evening to honor 2013 Harrington Medalist, Mary C. Beaudry, for her lifetime contributions and dedication to historical archaeology. Profiles of the recipients of the Cotter Award, the Roberts Award, the Ruppé Award, and the Harrington Medal will appear in a 2013 issue of Historical Archaeology.
The SHA Awards and Prizes Program

In the past, information on SHA Awards and calls for nominations have been included in the spring issue of the Newsletter. Information on the society’s awards and prizes can now be found in one location on the SHA website. It is the place to go to find out about the criteria for each award, nomination processes (including schedule and decision-making procedure), past recipients, and the many other details that going into implementing the program and making it a success. By the time you receive this issue of the Newsletter, all pertinent information about the SHA Awards and Prizes Program and information on how to make a nomination for a 2014 award or enter one of the prize competitions will be posted in one place on the SHA website. In the meantime (or anytime), direct questions about SHA awards and prizes to Teresita Majewski, chair of the SHA Awards Committee, at 520.721.4309 or at <tmajewski@sricrm.com>. She will either be able to answer your question or direct you to the person who can.
Opinion and Debate

Student Subcommittee of the Academic and Professional Training Committee

Update

Leicester was a great conference for students. The Student Subcommittee (SSC) cosponsored our annual forum with the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology. Titled “Navigating the Field: Education and Employment in a Changing Job Market,” the forum included the panelists Deborah Rotman (University of Notre Dame), Craig N. Cipolla (University of Leicester), Carol McDavid (Rice University), Joe Flattman (UCL Institute of Archaeology), Kimberly Faulk (Geoscience Earth and Marine Services, Inc.), and Paul F. Johnston (Smithsonian Institution). They discussed their career paths and perspectives on the current job market. Panelists also offered suggestions regarding how students could prepare themselves for specific jobs within archaeology. The SSC also hosted the third annual RAP session. As usual, this was a great opportunity for students to meet with panelists one-on-one. Lewis Jones (University of Indiana), Doug Rocks-Macqueen (University of Edinburgh/Landward Research Ltd.), and Kimberly Monk (University of Leicester) all participated. The SSC meeting saw lots of participation from other committees interested in the SHA’s student membership and our opinions. A brief survey will be distributed through the SSC LISTSERV. If you are not currently a member of the LISTSERV, please contact us directly. This is a means for students to share opportunities for fieldwork, share files (such as the new SSC Mission Statement), start conversations of interest to us, and connect with each other and SHA.

Ben Ford also joined the SSC meeting. He is the new board liaison to the APTC and therefore also to the SSC. Mark Warner filled this role for some time and the SSC is grateful for all his help.

Going forward, many new initiatives are being undertaken by the SSC. A new student event will be unveiled at Quebec City next year. We plan to have some fun so keep your eyes open, as more information will be forthcoming. Also, preliminary efforts to maintain connections made in Leicester during the year are in progress. As SHA expands contact with its international base, students will have access to new cohorts, researchers, and information. The SSC is interested in your ideas about how we might best build on these connections.

Ongoing projects offer opportunities for students with specific interests. Our contributions to SHA social media outlets are growing, resulting in a great student presence. For students wanting to participate, these are opportunities to get involved and for others to see your work.

The SSC is a conduit for getting active in SHA. Many projects exist and all levels of participation are welcome. If you have an idea or are just interested in getting involved, the SSC offers students support and opportunities to build your CV, meet students with shared interests, and work with senior members of SHA. Send an email to <coordinator@ugc.york.educ> to get connected.

Public Education and Interpretation Committee

Notes from the Trenches: Public Archaeology at SHA 2013

By Sarah Miller

They say the average visitor to Disney walks 15 miles a day—I easily walked (and sometimes ran) that distance at the 2013 SHA conference in Leicester in pursuit of Public Archaeology (PubArch). Interest in this subfield grows exponentially each year at the annual conference. This year the international venue provided unprecedented opportunities for global discourse on PubArch themes.

To tie in with the conference’s theme, SHA’s Public Education and Interpretation Committee (PEIC) sponsored and organized the “Reach Out Around the World” works in Globalization of Public Historical Archaeology” panel chaired by Dr. Annette Snapp (Florida Public Archaeology Network—FPAN). Archaeologists on the panel and in the audience shared experiences gained from their current positions at institutions around the world. Dr. Della Scott-Ireton (FPAN) provided examples from the maritime world, specifically heritage trails developed for both the Cayman islands and World War II sites for Saipan. It was interesting to note that in Saipan the local Chamorro, who have often felt ignored in the Commonwealth’s interpretation of the recent past, saw potential in this outreach form and are now developing their own heritage trail. Building on Scott-Ireton’s theme of service, John Carman (University of Birmingham) used tours of sites on land to address policy makers. He challenged those in the audience to share not just the ‘what’ and ‘why’ of archaeology, but what we do actually do. Notes from the live panel discussion can be viewed on Storify (FPAN Northeast 2013).

The two panels from Leicester showed how community archaeologists have pushed boundaries in the UK. Debbie Miles-Williams has helped open the doors of the University’s School of Archaeology and History to the public. Her examples of making cave art or coordinating volunteers to work with veterans blurred the lines between who was subject and audience. Peter Liddle, Community Archaeologist at the University of Bristol all participated. He challenged those in the audience to share not just the ‘what’ and ‘why’ of archaeology, but what we do actually do. Notes from the live panel discussion can be viewed on Storify (FPAN Northeast 2013).

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BABY” papers included a recorded presentation by the ‘People Against Spike TV’s “American Digger”’ organizers in the Digital Heritage session. While their unified effort failed to remove the show from Spike TV, McDavid summed up many professional sentiments: “Even though you lost, you won.” Another “BOOM BABY” paper, by SHA President-Elect Dr. Charles Even (East Carolina University), looked for the middle ground in working with the National Geographic Society to change the format of their reality show Diggers. Follow-up comments to Dr. Even’s and current SHA President Paul Mullin’s SHA blog posts show that we have yet to reach a consensus on the professional reaction to these events.

In contrast to the Americans’ fight with the media, British television seems to work effortlessly with community archaeologists. Dr. Carenza Lewis’s (Time Team and Access Cambridge Archaeology) talk, “Disaster Recovery? Reconstructing the Impact of the Black Death from Mini-digs in Medieval Villages,” recounted the incredible story of 1000 units excavated in 40 English towns by the public. The result of just 50 of these test pits was featured in a 6-part television series on BBC 4. Lewis’s talk was just one of the many inspiring moments from the public day organized by Debbie Miles-Williams and Richard Thomas (both University of Leicester). For more on the event, catch up on the SHA blog (Dwyer 2012, Miller 2013). SHA’s annual conference continues to host thriving discussions on relevant PubArch themes. To tide you over until Quebec City in 2014, take a look at Maryn Publishing’s Public Archaeology and the upcoming first edition of journal of Community Archaeology and Heritage, edited by Carol McDavid, Suzie Thomas, and Adam Gutteridge. You can also join the conversation at SHA_Org using the hashtag #PubArch.

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Historical Archaeology and the 113th U.S. Congress: Your SHA Governmental Affairs Committee at Work

By Terry Klein, Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee, and Marion Werkheiser, Cultural Heritage Partners

Federal legislation and regulatory policy are responsible for the majority of historical archaeology that occurs in the United States. From compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for federal undertakings, to the implementation of Section 106 and NEPA, and the historical archaeological research and investigations conducted as part of Section 106 compliance, are integral components of the NEPA review process. It is important that SHA work with Congress to ensure that the NEPA process does not alter the full consideration and protection of historical archaeological resources.

As we determine our ongoing legislative agenda for the new Congress, we are calling on you, the SHA members, to share with us the issues that most concern you. Here are some of the issues we worked on last year:

- Protection of underwater cultural heritage, including shipwrights such as the RMS Titanic.
- Assisting federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities to curate federal funded archaeological collections for the benefit of American citizens.
- Working with federal agencies to fund archaeological research that benefits American citizens.
- Protecting Section 106 and NEPA. SHA can continue to work with Congress to protect and also improve the implementation of Section 106 and NEPA, and to have Congress fully fund State Historic Preservation offices, so they can fulfill their role as the states’ voices for historic preservation. These efforts are critical, given that the Republican-controlled House seeks to reform federal environmental regulations. As noted above, the House is beginning to explore reforming the NEPA review process.
- Advocating for federal research funding. With the country facing major budget cuts, including the automatic “sequester,” we can work to ensure that federal research dollars for historical archaeology and the protection of historic archaeological sites on federal lands are not on the chopping block.
- Protecting historical archaeological sites impacted by energy development. Significant developments of solar and wind farms, as well as shale oil and gas, are expected over the next few years, both on public and private lands. SHA may wish to argue at the federal level for safeguards to protect archaeological sites, since little protection currently exists outside of federal lands.
- Addressing the curation challenge. There is an urgent need to address curation of government archaeological collections. SHA can take a more active role in helping shape regulations and advocating for funding for curation activities and programs.
- With a focused agenda and strong partnerships, we can have an impact in Washington, advance our interests as a profession, and protect our nation’s historical archaeological heritage.

Are there other issues we should be considering?

Email us with your feedback: Terry H. Klein at kleint@srifoundation.org or Marion Werkheiser at marion@culturalheritagepartners.com.

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[compiled by Vergil E. Noble from the SAA award citation by Mark Lynott and Rinita Dalan and a liner note]
Given its extensive colonial history, it is not surprising that Brazil has been a locus of historical archaeology for at least
the last 30 years. Much of this work has focused on the Spanish and Portuguese missions that were the backdrop for the
territorial disputes between the two colonial powers during the 17th and 18th centuries. Among the earliest projects,
and one that significantly highlighted the practice of historical archaeology in Brazil, was that led by Fernando la Salvia,
whose team excavated the site of the old Jesuit-Guaraní settlement in the city of São Nicolau, from 1979 until 1981. The
project was supported by Fundação Nacional Pro-Memoria and by the Secretary of Sports and Tourism of Rio Grande
do Sul. The team uncovered the remains of a number of historic structures that were once part of the Spanish mission,
including the old church, school, wine cellar, Indian houses, cotiguaçu, and cabildos. Unfortunately, a part of the exca-
vated site was later permanently damaged due to the lack of proper preservation planning. This loss, however, led to
substantial changes in the practice of historical archaeology in the country, and ultimately to national policies for the
management of Brazil’s archaeological heritage.

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Vanuatu

Mission Archaeology in TAFEA Province, Vanuatu
(submitted by James L. Flexner, Australian Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Archaeology and Anthropology, The Australian National University, <JamesFlexner@anu.edu.au>) In 2011 and 2012, archaeological fieldwork on the islands of Erromango and Tanna in the southern province of TAFEA, Vanuatu, explored the remains of five different mission stations, 2 on Erromango and 3 on Tanna. The features ranged from landmarks associated with the first mission encounters at Dillon’s Bay, Erromango in 1839, to a standing, if rapidly deteriorating, church dating to 1912, used as recently as 2000 at Lenakel, Tanna. In addition, the importance of the relationship between archaeology and local oral histories became apparent during the 2011 field season, most notably in interpreting mission-era rock art sites that blended local techniques and motifs with recordings of new kinds of history emerging from colonial encounters in the New Hebrides (Figure 1).

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FIGURE 1. Contact-era rock art from Erromango.

FIGURE 2. Test excavations in progress at the Gordon mission house, Dillon’s Bay, Erromango.

with communities on Tanna and Erromango, identify research questions while further developing a research strategy for historical archaeology on these islands, and to begin to examine the archaeological remains present within the landscape. Flexner worked with local fieldworkers to document 64 distinct archaeological features at 19 sites associated with 5 different mission stations, 2 on Erromango and 3 on Tanna. The features ranged from landmarks associated with the first mission encounters at Dillon’s Bay, Erromango in 1839, to a standing, if rapidly deteriorating, church dating to 1912, used as recently as 2000 at Lenakel, Tanna. In addition, the importance of the relationship between archaeology and local oral histories became apparent during the 2011 field season, most notably in interpreting mission-era rock art sites that blended local techniques and motifs with recordings of new kinds of history emerging from colonial encounters in the New Hebrides (Figure 1).

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FIGURE 3. Small finds recovered from excavations at the Robertson mission house, Dillon’s Bay, Erromango, including a sewing pin, a copper earring, and a possibly modified dog tooth.
Canada - Québec

Excavation at Fort Saint-Jean, Saint-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu (submitted by Agnés Gelé and Geneviève Bergeron). In the summer of 2012 Université Laval held an archaeology field school at the national historic site of Fort Saint-Jean, located in the Richelieu Valley. While by no means the first archaeological project to be carried out at the site, it is the first to be conducted by a multiagency partnership. The project originated as a trilateral agreement between the Musée du Fort Saint-Jean, Parks Canada, and Université Laval. The 2012 field school was the fourth annual season of what will be a total of five. The scientific component of the project was under the direction of Andrew Beaupré, a master’s student at Université Laval. Agnès Gelé served as a teaching assistant to the lecturer and supervised the seven undergraduates.

Operation H continued work on an area of the site where excavation had been carried out in 2011. A collection of wood (timbers) had been reported by the 2011 field school, and the objective in 2012 was to expand our knowledge of that feature. The major discovery was the presence of birchbark pieces displaying some needlework marks, which were probably part of a canoe. The bark was discovered alongside a wood stake. Close to the stake and bark pieces we discovered three forged tools that resemble scythes. During restoration and curation of some of the tools, a piece of bark was discovered adhering to one. The body of material culture discovered bears witness to the military occupation of the site, as it includes different types of projectiles, a few gunflints, and a gun side plate. Some iron slag, lead casts, and other evidence of metalcraft were also found.

Operation S revealed the presence of a possible moat on the edge of the excavation area. We also discovered what appears to be a lime pit, as well as some postholes, under a level containing limestone boulders. These boulders were subsequently covered by layers of fill used to level the ground surface. The same layers of fill covered the surface of the area of Operation T, and it suggests that the site was occupied at the end of the British period and into the Canadian era. These layers may have served to stabilize the riverbank. The lowest level was made up of a number of limestone boulders like those reported in Operation S. The stone remains of a collapsed structure may have been reused as construction material to build the embankment. These stones were covering wood remains across the entire operation. The wood remains consisted of parallel beams, ranging from 20 to 40 cm wide, and without nails or other materials connecting them. The beams may have represented a raised bank-stabilization structure from the British period. This retaining wall feature could also relate to wood remains observed in previous seasons. Even if the 2012 field school did not allow us to identify unequivocally vestiges of the 17th-century fort, such as walls or foundations like those Parks Canada archaeologist Gisèle Païdahé discovered during the 1980s, our results nonetheless confirm the historical importance of the site. This site will be the focus of the 2013 Université Laval field school, during which a new cohort of students will be introduced to archaeological field techniques.

The 2012 Field School in Historical Archaeology, Pointe-à-Callière, Old Montreal (submitted by Vincent Delmas, Justine Bourguignon-Tétreault, and Alex Lefrançois-Leduc, University of Montréal): In May 2012 the University of Montreal and Pointe-à-Callière, Museum of Archaeology and History, offered its field school in historical archaeology in Old Montreal. This program, which has run for 11 consecutive years, enables 10 undergraduate students to acquire expertise in all phases of field excavation and laboratory techniques. They work closely with graduate students and material culture specialists, under the supervision of Brad Loewen, professor of historical archaeology at the University of Montreal, and Christian Bélinger, the professional archaeologist in charge of the dig.

Located at the confluence of the Little St. Pierre River (now buried) and the St. Lawrence in an area known as the birthplace of Montreal (Ville-Marie) in 1642, the site bears the Borden coat of arms. Excavations were conducted at what is now 214, Place d’Youville, a two-story brick building owned from 1927 to 1999 by the Townsend family, shipchandlers. In 1999, the Pointe-à-Callière, Museum of Archaeology and History, purchased the property for its archaeological value, and the site was subsequently tested, revealing the presence of significant archaeological deposits that confirmed a continuous occupation from the 17th to the 20th century. Since 2002, the field school has expanded from these beginnings, filling a void in the documentary record of Montreal’s early history. The research has several goals: a better understanding of mid-17th-century structural features and deposits; an improved knowledge of Louis-Hector de Callière’s (Governor of Montreal) residence and estate from 1688 to 1765; and the study of the sequence of three generations of commercial buildings that occupied the site during the 18th and 19th centuries.

As a complement to analysis of the stratigraphy, artifacts, and ecofacts, historical research has provided an accurate map of the site’s division into seven major periods, based on shifts in ownership and structural history. A summary of each period will follow, with the results of the 2012 excavation. In 2012, students and teachers excavated 8 units, covering an area of 32 m². These units are located in the northern portion of the site in continuity with areas previously excavated. They provided a broader view of the site’s temporal organization throughout its occupation, as they yielded a particular wealth of information concerning the earlier periods. The 2012 field season revealed occupations dating from before 1642, in the original ground level upon the arrival of the first colonists. Previous excavations have revealed glass beads that were popular between 1600 and 1630, sherds of native ceramic ware, and the remnants of three hearths. One new hearth was discovered this year and stratigraphic analysis confirmed that all were aligned, spaced evenly, and used prior to the construction of the palisades of Ville-Marie’s fort.

Above the prehistoric level, features associated with Ville-Marie’s fort (1642–1688) have been encountered from the beginning of the field school, including twin masonry structures, a well, pits associated with buildings, and several pitcet fence and palisade segments. An interesting phase in the site’s history was ushered in when the colonists abandoned the fort, between 1674 and 1688, making it available for native encampments during the annual fur trade fair in Montreal. These contexts shed light on Euro-native interactions in the Montreal colony. Several finds...
In 1878, the Hoesa B. Smith Estate acquired the site and cancelled the lease of Mulholland and Baker in order to redesign the lot. The following year, the new owner demolished the long shed and built a brick warehouse, known as Smith Storehouse, which still occupies the site. From 1880 to 1921, it rented the lot to Brunoau and Currie, a company supplying grain and fodder for the many dray horses that populated Old Montreal. Structures of this period include horse stalls and deposits including mouse skeletons and pockets of well-preserved hay and rye, as well as iron equestrian gear. In the concluding period of occupation, from 1922 to 1993, the lot was the property of the Townsend Company. This period was only minimally represented in the 2012 campaign, since mechanical preparatory excavation removed most of the later deposits.

FIGURE 1. Geomagnetic results for the stake site at the Passeggen, Austria. (Image courtesy of Klaus Lücker.)

Continental Europe

Austria

Geophysical Survey of the Gallows and Stake at the Passeggen in Lungau, Austria (Submitted by Natascha Melder <natascha.melder@univie.ac.at> and Klaus Lücker, Zentralinstitut für Meteorologie und Geodynamik, Wien, < Klaus.ucker@univie.ac.at>). The Passeggen in Lungau, Salzburg state, Austria, was the location of two execution sites which list in detail all executions, the crimes, the names of the culprits, and the income earned for each execution (the culprits or their families had to pay for the execution).

Both components of the site are well preserved and of major importance, not only regionally but also on a wider level. In recent years, a number of late-medieval and postmedieval gallows have been archaeologically investigated in Central Europe, but the putative stake site is the only one of its kind known in Central Europe. In December 2011, the Department of Prehistory and Historical Archaeology at the University of Vienna conducted geophysical prospections at both portions of the site with the aim of documenting the remaining ruins and identifying any possible burials within the area. Ground-penetrating radar was used for the gallows, and geomagnetics for the stake site.

Figure 1 shows the results of the geomagnetic prospecting at the stake site. A ditch, 1.2 to 2.5 m wide, surrounding the stake site is very clear, showing up as a strong negative anomaly, and some modern iron debris is scattered about. The large anomaly in the center is an information panel at this place. No traces of burning were found. This means that neither person was ever burned here or ashes and burnt bones were disposed of at another place. This practice is recorded at other sites in Central Europe.

Excavations at the Former Tempelhof Airport in Berlin (submitted by Dr. Susan Pollock, Institut für Vorderasiatische Archäologie, Freie Universität Berlin and Department of Anthropology, Binghamton University, <spollock@zedat.fu-berlin.de>). If one asks Berliners today what they associate with the former Tempelhof airport, a variety of answers is likely. Some recall flying into or out of the airport when it was still open for civilian air traffic. Others focus on the struggles of the past few years that resulted in the 400 ha open space in the midst of a major metropolis being turned into a public park. Some people may think of the “glory days” of the 1920s when Tempelhof became home to one of the world’s first airports. Probably the majority would recall the World War II and Berlin Airlift, during which American and British planes flew hundreds of thousands of missions to bring food and other needed supplies to West Berlin, which was under land blockade by the Soviets. After the Cold War, West Berlin from communism, it also rehabilitated (West) Germans in the eyes of the West: shedding of the prevailing image of them as (former) Nazis, they became the victims of communism, bravely upholding the flag of the free capitalist world in the face of the stranglehold of Stalinism.

Fewer people today connect the former Tempelhof airfield with a place of Nazism and terror. But in 1934 a former military prison on the north edge of the airfield was turned into one of the first Nazi concentration camps. It was used primarily to house political prisoners, but simultaneously served as a place to train some of the most horrific SS commanders of other concentration camps, such as Robert Koch, later at Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen, and Arthur Höß, later at Auschwitz. In 1938 it was demolished to make way for the bombastic, nearly 1 km long new airport building, for some time the largest building in the world. In the early 1940s the airfield was turned into a hub of the Nazi armaments industry, a place where Lufthansa and Weser Flug built and serviced military planes. Most of this work was done by forced laborers, many of them from Eastern Europe.

In the summer of 2012 we began excavations in one of the former Luftansa forced-labor camps, as well as in the old (1920s) airport. Plans for construction on the airport grounds were an important impetus for the project, which is a collaboration between the Freie Universität Berlin (represented by Reinhard Berneck and Susan Pollock) and
The forced-labor camp that was the primary focus of our work in 2012 was constructed in 1942–1943 at a time when Nazi Germany had hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions, of forced laborers in industries ranging from armaments manufacture to agriculture. By placing the Nazi history of Tempelhof at the center of our project, we have three main goals in mind. The first is Sichtbarmachung: making traces of the past visible, both physically and by means of discourse. In this way we see our work as part of the discussions of Erinnerungspolitik (politics of memory), which play a significant role in shaping the physical and cultural landscape of Germany. With this in mind, the archaeological portion of the project is accompanied by ethnographic work that examines the reception of the project by local communities. A second goal is to investigate daily life in a forced-labor camp. Despite the massive quantities of written sources for the Nazi period, mundane elements of daily life are rarely reported in Nazi documents or even in the recollections and pictures of former forced laborers themselves. Archaeology is one of the only ways to access parts of the quotidian world of people whose names and lives have mostly been forgotten. A third goal of the project is to highlight the potentials of an archaeology of the contemporary past in Germany, where such archaeology has, at present, no academic home.

We chose excavation areas with reference to aerial photographs from the 1940s that show the outlines of the barracks of the Luftansa forced-labor camp as being not far from the 1920s airport buildings. The barracks’ remains we encountered were not as well preserved as we had hoped: many of them were bombed or otherwise destroyed before the end of the war, followed by extensive clearance of the airfield after the July 1945 U.S. military takeover. Nonetheless, we uncovered a portion of the concrete foundation of one of the residential barracks (Figure 1). It revealed a particularly shabby construction, with the reuse of old concrete, despite the fact that existing documents from the Generalbauinspektor Speer administration show that adequate concrete had been requisitioned to construct a more substantial foundation. Numerous short nails, consistently 7 cm in length with the end bent in at a right angle, are testimony to the thinness of the (wooden) walls of the building (Figure 2). At the end of the barrack are the remains of a toilet area, indicated by drainage pipes. Their surprising quantity (six or more) is likely a testimony to the Nazi fear of contagious diseases carried by forced laborers, accompanied by a combination of actual outbreaks of illness as well as racist stereotypes about other people, especially those from Eastern Europe. Close beside this barrack was a Splitterschutzgraben (covered trench used for shelter during air raids). Its narrow dimensions—less than 1.5 m wide and 2 m high—would have almost certainly meant that not all inhabitants of the labor camp could have taken refuge in it. This in turn leads to the question: who was left out?

Elsewhere two garbage-filled contexts were partially excavated. A stratified pit contained remains from both Nazi times and from the period of American occupation of the airport shortly after the end of the war. The nearby Feuerluchttisch, a deep, concrete-lined basin originally filled with water reserves in case of fire, contains enormous quantities of garbage that were dumped into it after the end of the war. Much of the contents of the upper portion of the Feuerluchttisch (we have not yet reached the bottom) is of American manufacture, dating to the late 1940s. Interestingly, the finds include numerous articles associated with bodily hygiene and outward appearance, as well as prophylactic ointment against venereal diseases. They are thus closely connected to particular constructions of masculinity.

Analyses of the materials are underway, as are plans for the continuation of work in 2013. The planning for 2013 includes soundings to determine if any traces remain in another forced-labor camp. Conducting this work in 2013 is of particular significance, given Berlin’s plans for a commemorative year of Zerstörte Vielfalt (destroyed diversity) to mark 80 years since the Nazi takeover of power in 1933 and 75 years since the pogrom of 9 November 1938, when synagogues around Germany were broken into, looted, and destroyed.

Sweden

Getaryggen 1567—a Battlefield from the Nordic Seven Years’ War (submitted by Claes Pettersson, Jönköping County Museum, <claes.pettersson@jkpglm.se>, and Sven Engkvist, Milénum Military Museum, <sven.engkvist@vaggeryd.se>)

In late autumn 1567 a Danish army led by the excellent commander Daniel Rantzau advanced northwards towards the castle of Jönköping. Their aim was to strike a decisive blow against the Swedish king, thus forcing the enemy to surrender or at least negotiate. What is known today as the Nordic Seven Years’ War had been going on since 1563 and war weariness spread rapidly among both soldiers and the ordinary population. And even more importantly, the treasures of both countries were almost empty, meaning that their armies, consisting of mercenaries, could not be kept together as fighting units much longer.

The offensive of October 1567 followed the main highway from the Danish coastal province of Halland into the neighboring Swedish county of Småland. Here the primitive road followed the Nissan River valley. Despite the hilly terrain, dense woodland, and late-autumn rains Rantzau managed to lead his force to Jönköping in 10 days, an impressive feat considering the fact that the army numbered 8,000 men, and included artillery and a large wagon train with supplies and followers.

For the most part the outnumbered Swedish defenders kept their distance, avoiding open combat. Instead they blocked the road by felling trees and destroying bridges. But about 20 km southwest of Jönköping a blockhouse and some simple field fortifications in a good defensive position were manned by about 1500 men, both regular soldiers and local militiamen. The place was wisely chosen, being a hill and a flanking ridge overlooking the highway just where it left a long narrow causeway after having crossed a bog. Again, the defenders came one of the best soldiers of their time: Danish, Scottish, and German mercenaries (Landsknechts) led by Christoffer von Dohna. They were the vanguard of Rantzau’s main army, also numbering about 1500 men. But they were far better equipped, battle wise, and expertly led. So, after a first skirmish and some initial losses von Dohna let loose his auxiliaries in a flanking movement while his infantry pushed uphill, along the road. The Swedish position was overrun and what can best be described as a slaughter started when the defenders tried to flee, pursued by the Danish cavalry. The sacking of the Swedish camp then followed.

Still, the Swedish High Command had achieved their goal. By delaying Rantzau’s army for several hours, they had time to destroy the bridges and causeways across the vast Dumme Mosse bog. And by doing so, they gained a day on the Swedish advance, and managed to evacuate and burn their own town and fortress, Jönköping, thus depriving Rantzau of an important base for a winter offensive. It was a good plan—in theory. But instead of retreating to Danish territory, the enemy commander pushed on into the rich...
Most of them were local men, forced to take part in a battle to defend their homes and villages. Their ultimate sacrifice became just a footnote in a long and extremely brutal international conflict.

During three seasons, with limited financial resources and only a few days spent in the field, we have located and researched a 16th-century battlefield. We have been able to reconstruct and to a point understand what happened on that fateful day in October 1567.

These results were much better than we dared hope for in 2010; but now we hope to go one step further with the 1567 project. Having found the battlefield and the Swedish camp, our aim is to begin looking at the consequences of this conflict from an archaeological point of view. The written sources tell us of almost total devastation, of farms, villages, and churches burned or plundered. Their remains are still out there, waiting to be excavated.

In addition, we realize that there was a population starring during the harsh winter of 1568. Is it possible to follow them in the archives, to find out what actually happened to the refugees from villages such as Vastra Jara, Angerdshestra, and Vallgärda? How long did it take for the wounds from the Danish invasion to heal? Here is an important field of research, as Småland today is widely seen as being as peaceful a place as one could imagine anywhere. But following in the tracks of Rantzau’s army you begin to see things quite differently: at one time this was a region harried by border wars over and over again. The report “Getaryggen 1567 – Third annual report 2012” (47 pages, with a large number of maps and other illustrations, in Swedish with an English summary) can be downloaded from:

Latin America

Argentina

Archaeological Fieldwork at Los Hornillos, Mendoza, Argentina: A team led by archaeologists Horacio Daniel Chiavarra and Cristina Prieto Olavarría has been conducting fieldwork at the Los Hornillos mining site, on behalf of the City of Mendoza (Municipalidad de Mendoza). The site is located in a peripheral area of the colonial agrarian and mining national territory, to the west of the Villavicencio Natural Reserve, which is close to the Andes. The fieldwork has been centered on the historical remains, but the site has been occupied since prehistoric times. The theoretical framework used by the excavators is informed by a Marxist approach, stressing capitalism and its contradictions. The field methodology included surface survey and excavations in the site area itself, using 1 by 1 m units. The survey revealed a series of structures related to mining in the historical period, including kilns. Among these structures were rooms and dumps, and in association with them were a large number of artifacts (such as metal tools, ceramics, and glass). The chronology of the occupation prior to the peak phase of metal extraction in the mid-19th century was clearly revealed. The first phase consisted of the settlement by native peoples, who occupied the site up through the mid-18th century, when the colonial period commenced, with creamware and pearlware in evidence. The third phase in the mid-19th century was characterized by a demographic decline and the presence of white men. The peripheral location of the area explains the consumption of local animal meat, and most of the material evidence is also local, with few examples of imported material. The investigators attribute this to the fact that the mineral production benefited the capitalist owners and that there were marginal consumers. The workers living in this remote place gained very little from the capitalist production chain in which they were the humblest link.

USA - Midwest

Michigan

Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project: Submitted by Alexander Brandi. Since 1998, the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project has reached out to the public to share knowledge of New France generated through archaeological investigation. The project, in conjunction with Western Michigan University’s annual archaeological field school, continues the study of Fort St. Joseph, an 18th-century French trading post, mission, and garrison located in Niles, Michigan under the direction of the principal investigator, Dr. Michael Nassaney. Complemented by a lecture series, open house, social media presence, and historical reenactments, the project utilizes a variety of resources and events to disseminate information to a large public audience. This year marked the 37th annual archaeological field school run by Western Michigan University.

Each field season seeks to add to the understanding of life on the frontier of New France, while continuing to employ a number of public archaeology initiatives. In 2012, a research team of 21 students, staff, and faculty spent 7 weeks in the field beginning with the investigation of the nearby Lyne site (20BE30), where 15 x 1 x 1 m excavation units were placed in an area that had yielded cultural materials during an earlier Phase I investigation. Although this site was plowed over, the team was able to recover a large number of artifacts, including European ceramics and glass, and a copper-alloy thimble (Figure 1). The thimble, with a 1 cm hole, was found near other artifacts, including European currency, glass, and pottery.

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In the 19th century, it continues to yield a variety of cultural material dating from the ancient, colonial, and modern eras. Recent finds from the Lyne site include: lead shot, glass seed beads, scattered clay flasks and shatter, a musket ball, and a copper-alloy thimble (Figure 1). The thimble was of particular interest because it was intentionally perforated, suggesting a decorative use. The presence of European items on the terrace adjacent to Fort St. Joseph suggests an occupation contemporaneous with the 18th-century occupation at the fort and holds significant potential for future archaeological investigations.

In order to begin excavation at Fort St. Joseph (20BE23), we were required to renew our five-year permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The site is located on a floodplain, requiring dewatering to remove the groundwater and prevent flooding during excavation. Concerns were voiced over the quality of the displaced water from the dewatering system. After thorough water tests, a new dewatering system was devised and implemented that pumped water into the city’s sewer system where it could be purified. With the assistance of the city and local experts, we met the DEQ requirements and began excavation at Fort St. Joseph in late July.

FIGURE 1. A perforated copper thimble excavated from the Lyne site.

In preparation for the annual open house held during the weekend of August 11–12 and continued the focus on the military. The open house included information booths and artifact displays from the excavation, as well as nearly 100 living history reenactors camping near the site (Figure 4); children’s crafts; authentic period food and drink; local community representation; fort-related merchandise; and a series of lectures and demonstrations. The open house was attended by nearly 2,000 visitors and received positive feedback via visitor surveys. A media crew attended and filmed the open house for the production of the project’s upcoming DVD.

Although faced with time constraints and having to meet new dewatering requirements, this season added new information to our growing knowledge of New France. Our academic year. In 2012, the project held its fourth annual summer archaeology lecture series, offering informative presentations from a variety of experts. All lectures were well attended and provided a useful and popular forum for public discussion. The lecture theme was “The Military in Historical and Archaeological Perspective.”

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Conservation was proposed to prevent further damage to the cemetery from farming and downslope soil erosion and to preserve a sacred location. Following the drafting of a conservation plan, mechanical probing, supplemented by a ground-penetrating radar survey, systematically identified gravestones. A few stones had been covered by eroding soil. Recordation entailed mapping and photography of all grave markers with respect to a metric grid, as well as noting qualitative and quantitative attributes of stones with a form developed for Fush Hill. Recorded data enabled analysis of the scattered gravestones, refitting of broken pieces, and replacement of markers with associated graves. In several instances, the slots of granite bases contained fragments of marble headstones that had been snapped off. The refitting of broken headstones and those fragments in bases showed that inscriptions would have faced west. After the landowner erected a protective fence around the cemetery, basic repairs and resetting of gravestones followed.

Going beyond conservation, the project briefly investigated the history of the individuals and families interred at Fush Hill and their settlement in Ripley, which began in the 1830s. Three of the families owned the property at the time the cemetery had emigrated from the same town in southern Maine, and two of the families were related through marriage. Headstone inscriptions revealed a clustering of younger death ages, from 14 to 20, and death years from 1835 to 1864, with three siblings dying within a month of one another. These data may reflect the effects of infectious disease. Finally, quantitative study of the gravestones revealed the presence of intact main-house foundations in the late 1800s. In addition, archaeologists identified a small well and granite staircase situated along its eastern wall. The freestanding agricultural complex also includes a three-bay barn foundation with two attached structures to the north represented by depressions and stone alignments. The site is unusual for its state of preservation, perhaps as a result of its fine craftsmanship.

In addition to this extensive architectural complex, archaeologists identified clear evidence of a temporary earthfast dwelling on the same knoll where Benjamin True’s sturdy main-house foundation was built in the late 1800s. Archaeological testing and archival evidence suggest that Benjamin True constructed a sill-on-grade or earthfast structure as his initial dwelling after acquiring the property in 1834. To accommodate his growing family, he built a substantial farmstead within 10 or 12 years. Over the next 65 years, True and his family made architectural alterations to the original farmstead, perhaps in order to maximize farming efficiency despite topographic constraints. Upon True’s death in 1889, daughter Pamela assumed ownership of the property, but she eventually moved to Hallowell, leaving the farmstead empty.

Three of the four artifact concentrations and several features relate to the transition between True’s cabin and his sturdy Cape Cod house. Archaeologists isolated a single feature, Feature 14, identified as a bowl-shaped anomaly created during the construction of a sill-on-grade or earthfast cabin. A proportion of Artifact Concentration 2, at the south side of the extant foundation and dating to the third decade of the 19th century, was recovered from the interior of this feature. IAC theorizes that the Feature 14 depression provided the landowner with an “opportunistic” location to dispose of household refuse. Once filled, the family continued to use the locale to dispose of household waste, as the bulk of the Concentration 2 midden is domestic refuse, primarily large ceramic sherds and faunal remains (n = 1,184 [37%]).

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The Benjamin True Farmstead in Litchfield (submitted by Ellen Marlatt, Independent Archaeological Consulting, Portsmouth, NH; Independent Archaeological Consulting, LLC (IAC) conducted a Phase I Reconnaissance Survey and Phase II Determination of Eligibility of the Benjamin True Farmstead (ME 246-006) along Beaver Drive in Litchfield, Kennebec County, Maine. First discovered in the winter of 2010, the site is situated within the rights-of-way (ROW) of Segment 15A of the Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP). The farmstead is not illustrated on either the 1816 or the 1838 (Halfpenny) maps of Litchfield. Archaeologists excavated 45 shovel test pits and 12 larger test units in the summer of 2011, recovered a total of 4,627 artifacts, and exposed 17 cultural features, including a sill-on-grade or earthfast house. Features documented in the site included a single feature, Feature 14, identified as a bowl-shaped anomaly created during the construction of a sill-on-grade or earthfast cabin. A proportion of Artifact Concentration 2, at the south side of the extant foundation and dating to the third decade of the 19th century, was recovered from the interior of this feature. IAC theorizes that the Feature 14 depression provided the landowner with an “opportunistic” location to dispose of household refuse. Once filled, the family continued to use the locale to dispose of household waste, as the bulk of the Concentration 2 midden is domestic refuse, primarily large ceramic sherds and faunal remains (n = 1,184 [37%]).

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New Hampshire

John Seaward Site in Portsmouth (submitted by Ellen Marlett, Independent Archaeological Consulting, Portsmouth, NH)

In August 2012, Independent Archaeological Consulting (IAC) conducted four days of intensive recovery of artifacts, encountering a complex intersection of subsurface features, from the 18th-century John Seaward Site (27 RK-464) on the Piscataqua River in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. IAC was on hand for on-site monitoring as part of the removal of earth for the mechanically stabilized earth wall for the Memorial Bridge Replacement when the discovery occurred. IAC immediately stepped in to conduct controlled excavation, removing almost 11 square meters of earth, and collecting 148 field bags of artifacts from densely packed deposits. The excavations revealed a large cellar hole dating to the mid- to late 1700s, containing a large number of artifacts (ceramics, glass, pipe stems, animal bones from food waste, etc.) dating to that time period. This feature is a continuation of the same site recognized during the State Street Utility Upgrade in 2010.

The Seaward family had an early presence in Portsmouth, with deed transactions detailing property transfers throughout much of the 18th century. Shipwright John Seward (1649–1705) and his family dominated the small hill on Buck Street (now State Street), above the riverbank, for more than 100 years thereafter. Like many Englishmen, the Sewards were attracted to Portsmouth for the ample business opportunities available for mariners and boatbuilders. John and Agnes Seward immigrated from England in the 1660s and raised the first generation of Seward children in Portsmouth, including son Henry Seward (1674–1737). Henry was a boatbuilder of some affluence who married Mary Huntress in 1694. The couple had five children, including eldest son John Seward (1697–1785). As Henry rose in prominence in Portsmouth, he amassed a fair amount of land at the eastern end of the road that “leads to the river,” including a small portion of beach.

John Seward, the son of Henry, married an Englishwoman named Catherine Drew in 1723, and the couple had at least two children, Henry and James. In 1771, John Seward, then a caulkier, sold the easternmost portion of his property, including a lot with a beach, to Daniel and Samuel Sherburne, who wished to build a wharf on the site (RCD 090/300). Indicating that this was part of the property given by his father Henry, he retained the western portion of the property for his sons, Henry and James Seaward. It is presumed that the remaining portion of property was willed to the sons of John Seward upon his death in 1785. After passing through the family, the parcel is described in a 1762 deed from John Seward’s grandson, also named John (1697–1785), to his two sons, James and Henry (RCD 67/246). Transferred in equal halves for “love and affection,” the 40 x 30 ft. lot abutted the north side of Buck Street, (now State Street) “a Little to the Southward of my [John’s] now Dwelling house” (built ca. 1725, according to RCD 18/341). The parcel may or may not have contained a dwelling house or other structure.

Even though the 1812 and 1813 (Hales) maps show no structures, it is unlikely that the parcel remained vacant for long, given the apparent density of the 18th-century working neighborhood. James and Henry’s grandfather, Henry (1674–1737), for example, intimates the multifunctional and interconnectedness of the neighborhood in his 1725 deed transfer to his son, John. Henry gave his “well Beloved son John” a lot of land, next adjoining to my Dwelling house being thirty six foot in length and twenty foot in Breadth on which ye son John Seaward has lately built a dwelling house together with ye privilege of a Convenient way to pass and Repass to and from ye Sons lot of land along by the house of Jonathan Studley into ye highway that leads from ye water side to ye school house and also full Liberty of coming to and drawing water from my well (RCD 18/341).

Although analysis and interpretation is in its early stages, IAC archaeologists may have come across some elements of the house described in the 1725 deed. IAC has tentatively identified a filled cellar and associated fieldstone foundation, overlying two intersecting, downcutting features, possibly a privy and a filled earthen cellar. Artifacts range from various types of Chinese porcelain, German Westerwald stoneware, English saltglazed stoneware, creamware, and possible French ceramics.

Archaeologists are in the process of washing and cataloging the collection for analysis in our New Hampshire lab. Because of the amount and range of domestic material in the assemblage, we propose to conduct specialized analyses for faunal material, ceramics, and glass. These studies—including a minimum vessel count (MNV) and minimum number of individuals (MNI)—will be performed in-house using IAC’s own specially trained personnel. IAC also collected several soil samples from
features while in the field and plans to send at least two of these samples for macrofloral and/or microfloral analysis.

Massachusetts Archaeology of a Late-17th-Century Village (submitted by Randy Daum). Recently discovered buried beneath heavily farmed private property near Hatfield, Massachusetts, is the site of a long-forgotten 17th-century compact English village. Randy Daum, a graduate student at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, is conducting an investigation of the site under the supervision of UMass professors. Robert Paynter and Steve Pendery. Documentary and archaeological evidence indicates the settlement plan is very similar to that of the classic 17th-century New England nucleated village, in which colonists were granted adjacent house lots along with noncontiguous plots of land in various fields surrounding the compact settlement. The village, known as the Hatfield Old Farms Settlement, consisted of 10 house lots, with 5 on each side of a center street surrounded by a stockade. Hatfield Old Farms is the only known archaeological example of a complete 17th-century nucleated village in southern New England.

The land where the village was built was first granted by the Massachusetts General Court in 1659 to Major Daniel Denison, an Ipswich resident and leader of the colonial militia. Following Denison’s death in 1682, his heirs sold the property to a private corporate group who soon afterward began building homes on this land. After measuring the property and dividing it into various sections, each proprietor was allotted a house lot along the village street and a strip of land in each section. Land was also reserved by the corporation for roads and a common. By 1690, a nucleated village in southern New England.

and a stockade built around the settlement. Despite these defensive measures, in 1697 and 1698 several of the Farms’ residents were killed or captured by Native Americans while working their fields outside the stockade. After a few years of relative peace, the dangers of living on the frontier quickly escalated as Queen Anne’s War (1702-1713) began. Early in this war Deerfield suffered the well-documented attack of 29 February 1704, when more than 50 English settlers died and over 100 were captured. On 10 May of the same year, Pascomuck, a small hamlet, was also struck. In this latest attack, 19 colonists were killed, 3 were captured, and the entire village was burned to the ground. Although the exact date was not officially documented, the small, isolated settlement at “the Farms” was abandoned shortly after these attacks and never rebuilt. The abandoned village site became known locally as “Old Farms.” Over 300 years of continuous farming have effectively erased nearly all traces of the village from the landscape.

The owners of this property have graciously granted our team permission to conduct archaeological investigations at the settlement provided it does not interfere with ongoing agricultural operations. Our work has focused on determining the horizontal and vertical dimensions and condition of the village remains. In an attempt to map these remains electronically, geophysical testing, funded by a few small grants, was done over portions of the 10-acre village site. Some of the geophysical results were groundtruthed during the summer of 2009 when the University of Massachusetts Archaeological Field School excavated at Old Farms. While we only excavated a small portion of 1 of the 10 homesites, the field school excavations uncovered foundation remnants, a hearth support, 17th-century artifacts, and an unlined filled-in cellar. In an effort to map the house locations across the village, these cellar remains became a major focus for future investigations.

Following the 2009 field school, we utilized sitewide systematic coring to locate additional cellars. The coring procedure eventually identified cellars at all 10 village house lots. During the summer of 2011, our fieldwork focused on determining the extent and integrity of the cellar features at six of these lots. The first step was to remove and silt the plowzone layer to expose the perimeter of each cellar feature. Then, to determine the dimensions of the cellars and record feature profiles while also keeping excavation to a minimum, one or more 1 x 1 excavation units were opened in each cellar. The excavations uncovered many preserved remnants of foundations and other features, including a brick fireplace built on a cellar floor and the remains of a wooden staircase. Along with the usual period ceramics, a few of the more interesting portable artifacts uncovered include a complete seal-top spoon and other 17th-century spoon fragments, a pewter porringer handle, and fragments of a bentwood corset and complete buckles. Also found were many musket bullets, lead waste, and gun flints, indicative of the violence of the time.

Our archaeological work at Hatfield Old Farms also involves an important public outreach component that has included public presentations, museum exhibits, a taped interview session for local-access television, and many site tours. Over the past several years, various groups have made field trips to the site to learn about local history and archaeology. These included the Hatfield Boy Scout troop, several groups of adults and children from the local community, and a city youth group. Some of these visitors were able to participate in excavations. Currently, an exhibit about the site and the ongoing archaeological work can be viewed at the Hatfield Historical Society’s museum located in Hatfield Center. This public outreach segment of our work has gone a long way towards fostering a deeper appreciation for history, archaeology, and cultural heritage. For additional information, please contact Randy Daum at <rdaum@anthro.umass.edu>.

New York Cohoes Mill Archaeology: Public Archaeology Facility (Binghamton University) conducted excavations in the city of Cohoes, north of Albany. The project involved a bridge replacement and examination of the 19th-century millrace. Using walkovers, mapping of surface features, shovel tests, and backhoe trenches, the work established the way the roadway was constructed and its route under the street and by a parking lot.

Albany 17th-Century Finds: Louis Berger Group conducted both mechanical and hand excavations in the middle of the city of Albany. They uncovered pitch-pine posts, a hand-wrought awl, brick, and a wood drain capped with flagstones, as well as a more modern cement-and-brick drain. Detailed stratigraphic analysis showed the wooden posts dated to the late 17th century. Each post was completely removed and the locations recorded. Monitoring followed.

More City Work – Binghamton Public Archaeology Facility excavated an entire urban block that contained industrial and residential properties dating to the 19th and 20th centuries. Features uncovered were house foundations, outbuildings, cisterns, a well, and a privy, as well as many artifacts dating to the two centuries.

USA - Pacific Northwest Oregon Historical Archaeology at Fort Yamhill, Oregon (submitted by Justin E. Eichelberger, Oregon State University) Fort Yamhill was a mid-19th-century U.S. Army post established by the federal government to guard newly created Coast Reservation in Western Oregon in 1856. Conceived of by Superintendent of Indian Affairs Joel Palmer in 1853, the reservation, covering more than one million acres, consisted of the entire coast from the Pacific Ocean to the crest of the Coast Range and from the Siltcoos River to the south to the Nehalem River to the north. As a part of a three-footh system

FIGURE 1. Commanding Officer’s House (House 01) excavations; view to the east.

that included Fort Umpqua (1856-1862) and Fort Hoskins (1856-1866). Fort Yamhill (1856-1866) was established to monitor traffic in and out of the reservation along the three major travel routes connecting the Willamette Valley with the central Oregon coast. Built in 1856-1857, Fort Yamhill eventually comprised 24 buildings, including 6 officers’ houses, an adjutant’s office, a guardhouse, a quartermaster’s commissary warehouse, a single two-story barracks, a mess hall, a cookhouse, a kitchen, and a defensive blockhouse, arranged around a rectangular parade ground. A hospital, post bakery, stables, a blacksmith and carpenter shop, five harness quarters, and a sutler’s store were located away from the parade ground outside the post fence. Over the course of its military use the fort was garrisoned by several companies of the first U.S. Dragoons, Fourth U.S. Infantry, and the Ninth U.S. Infantry, and served as home for several Army officers who would go on to have distinguished careers in the Civil War and afterwards, including Philip H. Sheridan, William B. Hazen, DeLancy Floyd-Jones, Andrew
By the outbreak of the Civil War the usefulness of these posts had run their course. Increased European-American settlement of the Willamette Valley, new travel corridors across the Oregon Coast Range were opened and the forts were no longer effective in policing the reservation’s borders. As a result the closure of the forts was ordered, but before the federal troops were withdrawn local fears of a Native American uprising, the strong pro-Confederacy sympathies of regional residents, and rumors of an armed secessionist revolt forced the government to replace the federal troops with volunteer companies from the Fourth California, First Washington, and First Oregon infantry regiments. With the close of the Civil War the threat of a secessionist revolt in the Willamette Valley dissipated and the fear of a Native American uprising subsided, Fort Yamhill was closed on 3 August 1866.

Most of the archaeological work at Fort Yamhill has been conducted on the six houses of the officers’ row, with a primary focus on the commanding officer’s house (House 01) and a subaltern officer’s house (House 03). Large-scale excavations at the site were done in conjunction with the historic restoration of the commanding officer’s house, which has remained on the property since the closure of the fort. Started by Gregg Olsen and Philip Dole in 2003, the restoration of the commanding officer’s house is currently being completed by Arciform LLC of Portland, Oregon (Figure 1). First located in 2005, the intensive excavation of the archaeological remains of the commanding officer’s house did not begin until 2008. With the goal of determining details relating to the architecture of the house that could be used to inform the restoration process, the archaeological investigations focused on exposing the building’s foundations and the recovery of architectural artifacts. One of the primary objectives of these excavations was to determine the integrity of the archaeological remains associated with the commanding officer’s house, as well as what features of the extant house were original to the building’s construction in 1856.

Construction of the commanding officer’s house was begun by Lt. M. J. W. was completed with significant refinements by Lt. P. H. Sheridan in 1857. These included new oak floors and new mantel pieces and interior pedestrian floor arcades. The original floor plan of the house measured 60 ft. long by 20 ft. wide and consisted of at least 6 rooms (Figure 2). The front half of the house was divided into the parlor in the front and the bedroom in the back box shared between them, and a hallway and stairs leading to the attic and the back of the house on the south side. The back half of the house consisted of a kitchen, two pantries, and another room probably used for storage. The house had at least two fireplaces: a full-width porch on the front of the house facing the parade ground and a smaller porch between the front and the second officer’s row facing south toward the commanding officer’s row. The house was designed for and probably accommodated only one officer at a time. Historical descriptions of the buildings at the post describe them as built in the cottage style, as frame buildings with vertical weatherboarding and projecting roofs, characteristics displayed by the extant house. One architectural feature not shown on the military maps, the bay window, was thought by brief field work to be a later addition, but the discovery of foundation stones outlining the shape of the window suggests that the feature was original to the house.

Advancing the historic restoration (2008–2009, 2011) archaeologists and students from Oregon State University exposed approximately 70% of the commanding officer’s house site, including nearly all of the building’s foundations, the sump for the kitchen sink, foundations for the bay window, and several stone and brick porch supports (Figure 3). Approximately 10,000 artifacts associated with the commanding officers and their daily lives were recovered. The stone for the foundations was quarried from local sandstone deposits and typically run the entire circumference of the building, a method of construction that appears to be unique in the Pacific Northwest. A distinctively shaped brick with an indented side, similar to PEZ Candy bricks, and procured from a local brickyard in Ballston, Oregon was used to construct the fireplaces and chimneys, and local river cobbles were used as facing. The artifact assemblage from the site is rich and is one of the few, nearly complete collections of the material culture of a post commander in the Pacific Northwest. Illustrating all facets of the life of a commanding officer, the assemblage contains nearly 1,200 artifacts related to the personal, domestic, and military activities that took place at the site on a daily basis and include a huge variety of domestic items such as ceramics vessels and glassware, glass drinkingware and beverage/food containers, faunal remains, buttons, jewelry, children’s toys, alcohol bottles, tobacco pipes, and military items relating to the uniform and firearms. Artifact distributions at the commanding officer’s house are the densest to the east (behind) and south (toward House 02). The concentration behind the house is not unusual and probably represents the area of refuse disposal associated with the kitchen, as it contains high concentrations of domestic items such as ceramics vessels and glassware.

The concentration of domestic-related artifacts to the south near the back porch and continuing in high concentrations as the excavation units get closer to House 02 might indicate that structure functioned as a service quarters, being used in the cooking and cleaning for the officers living in the first officer’s and third officer’s houses, a question that will be investigated this summer.

Further work is expected to be conducted at the site with student and Oregon State University Archaeological Field School during the summer of 2013. These excavations will again be focused on the completion of the excavations at the commander’s house, but will also include further work at the second officer’s and third officer’s houses. The Fort Yamhill Archaeological Project is sponsored by OPRD and directed by Dr. David R. Brauner, Oregon State University, with field supervision by Oregon State University graduate student Justin E. Eichelberger. Preliminary reports of these excavations are on file at the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and at Oregon State University. The artifacts and records are housed in the Department of Anthropology at Oregon State University, where they are currently being preserved and analyzed, <www.oregonstate.edu/cla/anthropology/>.
and found a Mr. F Brown, miner, aged 44, who died in 1938. Cause of death was “Suicide, bullet in head.” A notation, written by the coroner at the bottom of the certificate and stating, “buried in an old box, Mill Canyon hillside,” confirmed we had the right individual. Additional research discovered that his death was a front-page news item, he had suffered from ill health for years, he willed his wife and three children, and a daughter had been accidentally killed with the same rifle almost one year earlier. We also learned that his decision to end his life on this 19th-century archaeological site was completely incidental: by 1938 the site had long been abandoned, and it was probably a quiet and peaceful place. The people who discovered the suicide decided to bury him where he lay, rather than remove him to a cemetery.

Meanwhile, a forensic sculptor associated with UNR had taken interest in Mr. Brown and volunteered her energies to do a facial reconstruction. She secured permission to take Mr. Brown’s skull and jaw to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley, CA), where they used rapid prototyping and a 3-D printer to create a perfect resin replica. Literally building upon the resin skull with layers of clay representing muscle, connective tissue, and skin, by recreating Mr. Brown she gave us a glimpse of what he might have looked like (Figure 2).

The project was a great collaboration. Mining was and continues to be a rich component of Nevada’s heritage. While Mr. Brown’s death has some interesting twists, unfortunately suicide by despondent miners is not that rare. There is interest in creating a public display that can discuss the role of suicide in Nevada’s mining history.

FIGURE 1. ‘John Doe’ (aka F Brown) as discovered in the Cortez Mining District.

western or central European ancestry (and critically, not of Native American ancestry), and the forensic study at UNR determined the person was a middle-aged adult male, approximately 41–45 years old, of average height. His remains revealed a life of hard labor and physical stress and poor health. Most importantly, they discovered a small caliber bullet hole (entry and exit wound) in the cranium. Remnant fabric adhering to the skull obscured the bullet holes during the excavation. However, the discovery gave us not only a very probable cause of death but was a critical clue for identification.

While physical analysis of the remains was ongoing, Robert McQueen at Summit’s office tried to identify the person by exploring the archives and public records. While the forensic and DNA information was extremely informative, it was not helping to remove the tag of ‘John Doe’ from the individual. The determination of death, however, necessitated a reexamination of the .22 bullets found with the body. The bullets’ brass casings helped preserve the cardboard box they came in, such that the “Kleanbore” brand and Remington-DuPont manufacturer were still legible. That information gave us a terminus post quem of 1930 for John Doe’s death. Armed with that single date, Mr. McQueen scoured county death records and stating, “buried in an old box, Mill Canyon hillside,” confirmed we had the right individual. Additional research discovered that his death was a front-page news item, he had suffered from ill health for years, he willed his wife and three children, and a daughter had been accidentally killed with the same rifle almost one year earlier. We also learned that his decision to end his life on this 19th-century archaeological site was completely incidental: by 1938 the site had long been abandoned, and it was probably a quiet and peaceful place. The people who discovered the suicide decided to bury him where he lay, rather than remove him to a cemetery.

The birthplace of French North America and the only walled city north of Mexico, Québec City is an open-air treasure chest that will delight history and culture buffs alike. Its European background and modern North American character are set off by a heady blend of history, traditional and contemporary art, and French language culture, all of which make Québec City a destination like no other.

Visitors flock to Old Québec. This fortified part of the city exudes old-world charm, with its winding streets and a profusion of boutiques, museums, and attractions. From timeless Grande Allée to the trendy Saint-Roch neighborhood, Québec City is a place to slow down and savor the finer things in life. No matter what your plans are for your stay in the Québec City area, you’ll love the safe surroundings and warm hospitality.

Québec City has been showered with all kinds of awards by the tourism industry. The November 2011 issue of Conde Nast Traveler ranked it the sixth-best destination in the world, as well as the third-best destination in North America, and the first in Canada! Meanwhile, the August 2011 edition of Travel + Leisure magazine placed it 10th in its list of the best cities in the United States and Canada in announcing its World’s Best Awards 2011. Québec City is renowned for the quality of its fine dining and has a little-black-book’s worth of local and European-style restaurants and cool bistros where you can enjoy local produce, fine cuisine, and innovative global fare. The historic old city alone has no fewer than 100 memorable restaurants.

Winter is also a great time to visit, as the city is draped in a romantic blanket of white. What better time to discover all kinds of wintry adventures! How does a visit to the Ice Hotel grab you? Or a turn at dog sledding, ice climbing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing or snowmobiling? Talk about nirvana for sports enthusiasts. A national wildlife area, a national park, two wildlife preserves, four ski resorts, and some thirty cross-country ski centers are just some of the area’s many outdoor attractions. You can also take in a game of the world’s fastest sport with the city’s Remparts ice-hockey team while you’re here.

Québec City is easy to get to: Jean Lesage International Airport is directly served by several international carriers. Connecting flights are available through Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, and several U.S. airports. Jean Lesage International
Airport is just 16 km from downtown. Ground links, either by rail or bus, go through Montréal in most cases.

Québec City at a Glance
- Founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain
- Cradle of French civilization in North America
- Historic Québec is a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Capital city of a province of 7.5 million people
- Seat of the province’s National Assembly
- Population of 632,000 (Greater Québec City Area)
- 250 km northeast of Montréal

The city is very safe and offers a warm welcome in all seasons!

Conference Theme: Questions that count, a critical evaluation of historical archaeology in the 21st century

The organizing committee is proposing a theme that will permit the archaeological community to take the measure of its development over the past quarter century, all while spanning the transition into the new millennium. Indeed, this question was last broached in Savannah, Georgia in 1987.

SHA first asked eminent archaeologists to identify questions that count at the plenary session of the 20th Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. We now pose this question to the broader archaeological community. The diverse sectors of the SHA and ACUA communities are invited to assess their progress, orientations, and priorities. The responses may be very different from one sector to another, surprising some or confounding others. More importantly, it is crucial to allow each segment of our community to express its own views on the current and future situation of the discipline. Historical archaeology has evolved both globally and locally. There has been a diverse integration of new technologies, forms of media, and analytical methods, as well as participants. Community-based programs, public and descendant archaeology, and the experience of archaeological practice have all evolved over the last quarter century. To use antiquated parlance, dirt archaeologists are faced with a dizzying array of possibilities while still being challenged with maintaining quality practice in an age of an explosion of sources and media. Other archaeologists are focused almost exclusively on analytical methods. How can we encourage best practices for all amidst a new array of questions that all seem to count?

Québec City is a place to rejoice in the old and explore the new. One of the oldest cities in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is also a hub for exploring new media and technology. Cutting-edge analytical methods available in local laboratories have permitted experimentation in local archaeology, and new technologies have been incorporated into the public presentation of some of our most significant sites. The city is also at the boundary of land and sea, wedged between Cap-aux-Diamants and the majestic St. Lawrence River, where an immigrant European population met with First Nations peoples during the 16th century. We propose themes that explore these boundaries while posing questions that count or that continue to count, and invite archaeologists from all communities to present new research in their archaeological practices.

The plenary session will start with distinguished scholars questioning the practice of urban archaeology and using Québec City as a case study: should we do archaeology in the city or archaeology of the city? Questions that count will echo for the length of the conference with thematic sessions such as:
- Large-scale underwater projects
- The ethics of archaeological practice
- Identity and memory in archaeology
- Revisiting facts and ideas of contact
- Recent advances in scientific analyses
- Historical archaeology as anthropology
- Community archaeology for the 21st century
- Globalization and environmental archaeology
- Historical archaeology and museum collections
- Archaeology and UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Archaeology and text; archaeology and the media
- Global archaeology in the circumpolar north, 1250–1950
- Commercial and governmental archaeology: new laws, new practices
- Coastal and port cities: maritime archaeology on land and underwater
- Historical/Post Medieval archaeology and the roots of the anthropocene

A list of sessions with short descriptions will be posted on the SHA 2014 conference website (sha2014.com/) and scholars are invited to submit contributed papers and propose other symposia. It will also be possible to exchange ideas during workshops and roundtable luncheons.

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Session Formats
Please read this section carefully to see the changes from preceding years. The most significant change is a return to 15-minute papers. By submitting an abstract in response to this Call for Papers, the author(s) consents to having his/her abstract, name(s), and affiliation(s) posted on the SHA website or listed in other published formats.

General Information
The SHA 2014 Conference Committee encourages to encourage flexibility in the types of sessions offered. Sessions can take the form of an oral presentation, symposia, panel discussions, or three-minute forums, and each session organizer may organize the time within each session as he/she wishes. Sessions may contain any combination of papers, discussions, and/or group discussion. More than one “discussion” segment is permitted within a symposium, and a formal discussion is encouraged, but not required. All papers will be 15 minutes long. We strongly encourage participants to submit posters, as the latter will be given significant visibility in the Convention Centre. During the conference period, participants will be allowed to serve as: Primary Symposium Organizer—one time during the conference.
Primary Author of paper or post—on one time during the conference.
Secondary Symposium Organizer—as many times as desired. No guarantee can be offered regarding “double booking,” although every effort will be made to avoid this.

Types of Submissions and Submission Requirements
Individual Papers and Posters
Papers are presentations including theoretical, methodological or data information that synthesize broad regional or topical subjects based upon completed research; focus on research currently in progress; or discuss the findings of completed small-scale studies. Using the information and keywords provided, the Conference Program Chair will assign individually submitted papers to sessions organized by topic, region or time period, and will assign a chair to each session.

Please note: If you are presenting a paper as part of a symposium, your submission is not considered an individual contribution. You should submit as a Symposium Presenter.

Posters are freestanding, mounted exhibits with text and graphics, etc. that illustrate ongoing or completed research projects. Bulletin boards will be provided; electronic equipment may be available at an additional charge. Authors are expected to set up their own displays and to be present at their displays during their designated poster sessions.

Formal Symposia
These consist of four or more papers organized around a central theme, region or project. All formal symposium papers will be 15 minutes long. We encourage symposium organizers to include papers that reflect both terrestrial and underwater aspects of their chosen topics.
Symposium organizers should submit the session abstract online before individuals participating in their symposia submit their own abstracts. Symposium organizers should also provide the formal title of the symposium to all participants before the latter submit their individual abstracts, so that all submissions are made to the correct session. Symposium organizers are responsible for ensuring that all presenters in their sessions have submitted their completed abstracts and payment prior to the close of the Call for Papers. Symposium organizers will be the primary point of contact for session participants on such issues as changes to titles and/or abstracts, audiovisual requirements for a session, order of presentation, and cancellations. Organizers must direct any changes in authors, presenters or affiliations to the Registration and Logistics Coordinator, <registration.sha2014@conferium.com>.

Symposium organizers should submit a 150-word abstract of the proposed session online, along with a list of participants (who must then submit a 150-word abstract for each paper proposed), plus 3 keywords.

Special Electronic Symposium

An electronic symposium has the same basic structure as a traditional formal symposium; however, completed papers are posted on the conference website in December, well before the annual meeting. Individuals who plan to attend the symposium can then read the papers in advance. As a result, there will be no need for a participant to read his/her paper during the actual symposium, though a very brief summary of the paper is recommended (no more than five minutes) after the symposium organizer launches the proceedings with a brief introduction. Instead, the bulk of the symposium will consist of a discussion among the presenters and audience. The conference program will list all of the participants, but will not assign specific time blocks for each presenter. This is an innovative means to explore specific theories, ideas or projects in depth, as both participants and audience members will have read the papers beforehand. Special electronic symposium organizers will be the primary point of contact for session participants on such issues as changes to titles and/or abstracts, audiovisual requirements for a session, order of presentation, and cancellations. Organizers must direct any changes in authors, presenters or affiliations to the Registration and Logistics Coordinator, <registration.sha2014@conferium.com>.

Forums/Panel Discussions

These are less-structured gatherings, typically between one-and-a-half and three hours in length, organized around a discussion topic to be addressed by an invited panel and seeking to engage the audience. Forum proposals must identify the moderator and all panelists, the number of which should be appropriate to the time allotted (typically up to 6 participants for a 1.5-hour panel discussion). The moderator must submit an abstract for the discussion topic and identify all panel participants when submitting the abstract.

Three-Minute Artifact Forum: Questions that Count

This is a 1.5-hour forum with five 3-minute presentations in each half hour, followed by a 15-minute discussion. Topics are based on a specific artifact or group of artifacts, and tie into the conference theme. If you are interested in contributing a three-minute presentation, please contact Rebecca Allen at rallen@essasoc.com.

Student Presenters

Student presenters (either individual presenters or those participating in larger sessions) are encouraged to submit their papers for the annual Student Paper Prize Competition (for details see <www.sha.org/documents/2014StudentPaperprizeslines.pdf>). Entries must be student members of SHA prior to submission of their papers. There may be a maximum of three authors on the paper; however, all of the authors must be students and members of SHA. Questions regarding the Student Paper Prize Competition should be directed to Jamie Brandon at jbrando@uark.edu or 479.879.6229.

Roundtable Luncheons

If you have a suggestion about a roundtable luncheon topic or wish to lead a luncheon, please contact the Registration and Logistics Coordinator <registration.sha2014@conferium.com> with a short description and abstract for your proposed roundtable.

How to Submit

Individuals responding to the Society for Historical Archaeology’s 2014 Call for Papers are strongly encouraged to use the online abstract submission and conference registration system at <www.sha2014.com/> beginning on May 1, 2013. The regular abstract submission period is from May 1 to July 10, 2013.

If you are unable to use the SHA online conference registration system and need to submit a paper or session by mail, please contact the Registration and Logistics Coordinator at the general conference address:

SHA Québec 2014
Conferium inc.
580 Grande Allée Est, #140
Québec (Québec)
Canada G1R 2K2

<registration.sha2014@conferium.com>

Deadline

The deadline for online abstract submission is July 10, 2013. Mailed submissions must be postmarked on or before July 10, 2013. No abstracts will be accepted after July 10, 2013.

Audiovisual Equipment and Internet Access

A digital (LCD) projector for PowerPoint presentations, a microphone, and a lectern will be provided in each meeting room. The Session Organizer is responsible for coordinating among the presenters in his/her session to ensure that one laptop computer is available to all presenters during the session. SHA will not provide laptop computers for presenters. If you are chairing a session in which PowerPoint presentations will be used, you must make arrangements for someone in your session to provide the necessary laptop computer. We strongly recommend that session chairs bring a USB flash drive with sufficient memory to store all the PowerPoint presentations for their session. There is free high-speed Wi Fi access throughout the Convention Centre.

All PowerPoint presentations should be loaded onto the designated laptop or USB flash drive by the Session Organizer prior to the complete session for a seamless transition between papers. Presenters are discouraged from using a computer other than the one designated by the Session Organizer, in order to prevent delays arising from disconnecting/reconnecting the digital projector.

Thirty-five mm carousel slide projectors will NOT be provided by SHA. Overhead projectors can be made available by notifying the Registration and Logistics Coordinator, <registration.sha2014@conferium.com>, in advance of the conference.

ACUA Information

Underwater Archaeology Proceedings 2014

Individuals presenting underwater archaeology papers are eligible to submit written versions of their papers to be considered for publication in the ACUA Underwater Archaeology Proceedings 2014. To be considered for inclusion in the proceedings, presenters must register through the link on the ACUA website, <www.acuaonline.org>, by February 10, 2014. Final papers must be received by the editors no later than April 1, 2014. Submitters are required to follow carefully the formatting and submission guidelines for the proceedings posted on the ACUA website.

ACUA Student Travel Award

Students who are interested in applying for this award should go to <www.acuaonline.org> for more information. Information will be available by May 1, 2013. Please note that this international award is open to all students outside of the country where the conference is held.

ACUA Archaeological Photo Festival Competition

ACUA invites SHA members and conference attendees to participate in the 2014 ACUA Archaeological Photo Festival Competition. Photos relating to either underwater or terrestrial archaeology may be submitted. Entries must be received by December 15, 2013. Images will be displayed at the SHA conference in Quebec City and winning entries will be posted to the ACUA website and will be part of the 2015 ACUA/SHA calendar. Please consult the ACUA website for further information and to download an entry form (<www.acuaonline.org>).

Eligibility

Membership in the Society for Historical Archaeology is not required in order to give a presentation at the 2014 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. It is necessary, however, for all participants and their presentations to conform to the ethical standards upheld by the society. Participants submitting abstracts must acknowledge their agreement with the SHA Ethics Statement, provided here.

SHA Ethics Statement

Adopted 21 June 2003

Historical archaeologists study, interpret and preserve archaeological sites, artifacts and documents from or related to literate societies over the past 600 years for the benefit of present and future peoples. In conducting archaeology, individuals incur certain obligations to the archaeological record, colleagues, employers and the public. These obligations are integral to professionalism. This document presents ethical principles for the practice of historical archaeology. All members of The
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