

Newsletter



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2019 Annual Meeting to be Held on Ole Miss Campus

The MAA's 2019 annual meeting will be held at the University of Mississippi in Oxford on Saturday March 30. All of the Saturday events will take place on the first floor of Lamar Hall on the Ole Miss campus. We will have papers on Saturday morning and afternoon. Papers will be 20 minutes, and the room will be equipped with a computer and projector for Powerpoint presentations. If you would like to present, please email a title and abstract to Tony Boudreaux (tboud@olemiss.edu) by March 1, 2019.

On Saturday evening, we will have a catfish dinner provided by Taylor Grocery and a keynote address by Dr. Ed Jackson of the University of Southern Mississippi. The dinner from Taylor Grocery on Saturday night will consist of catfish, slaw, hush puppies, salad, and tea. If you plan to eat and hear Ed's keynote, and you should, the cost will be \$20.00 per person. Please pay for the keynote dinner by using the PayPal link provided on the meeting webpage (<http://www.msarchaeology.org/maa/meetings.html>) no later than March 18, 2019. If you would prefer to pay for your registration and/or banquet meal by check, please mail your check to the MAA Secretary, Derek Anderson, at the Cobb Institute of Archaeology, P.O. Box AR, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

On Sunday morning March 31, Dr. Jay Johnson and Nikki Mattson will give a guided tour of the Batesville Mounds, located about 30 minutes west of Oxford. The Batesville Mounds are located near Interstate 55, so they should be a good departure point for many people heading home.

We have made arrangements for a small block of rooms (see details below) with the Courtyard by Marriott (\$159 per night), which is near campus and within walking distance to Lamar Hall, and the Holiday Inn Express (\$129 per night), which is a very short drive from campus. We were told by both hotels that they expect to sell out their rooms that weekend. Wherever you plan to stay, please book early because it looks like it will be a busy weekend in Oxford. The Holiday Inn Express in Oxford (662-236-2500) has a meeting rate of \$129/night for double beds (use code AAM). Courtyard by Marriott (662-638-6014) has a meeting rate of \$159/night for a single king bed. Please contact Tony Boudreaux (tboud@olemiss.edu), Jay Johnson (sajay@olemiss.edu), or Maureen Meyers (memeyer1@olemiss.edu) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Oxford in March!

President's Letter

It's that time of year again, when rainy weather and falling temperatures make fieldwork all the more difficult. For those of you who are out there working during this time, I empathize, as I am right there with you. The pursuit of archaeology during these times is much like the Postal Service: whether rain, sleet, snow, or shine — we persevere. For those who aren't working at this time, remember that archaeology is not just fieldwork based. In fact, much knowledge can be gained from reading about and/or observing the endeavors of others. Regardless of which group you may fall in, remain steadfast and don't be discouraged.

Spring is also the time of year for our annual meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Oxford, Mississippi, under the direction of some of our colleagues at Ole Miss. I know I am looking forward to hearing some good papers and presentations and spending some time in the beautiful town of Oxford. I hope that all of you are able to join us there and take part in learning more about archaeology in Mississippi and things that are going on around our state. More information about the meeting dates and times are provided in this newsletter and on our website. I encourage you to take a moment and check it out, and pre-register if you can. See you in Oxford!

Bradley Carlock

Chickasaw Homeland Preservation

The recent January issue of *Chickasaw Times* provided updates on a number of important programs associated with the Chickasaw Nation's efforts to preserve and interpret cultural resources from their homeland in Mississippi. Many of these efforts were led by the Tupelo-based Chickasaw Inkana Foundation, a non-profit foundation that seeks to preserve, protect and interpret Chickasaw history and culture in the historic Chickasaw homeland. During 2018 the foundation was success-

ful in organizing several public cultural events, preserving Chickasaw cultural sites, and working in collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation, the National Park Service and the City of Tupelo to develop a Chickasaw Heritage Center in Mississippi. The project is planned for development adjacent to the Natchez Trace Parkway.

The Chickasaw Explorers program also continued in 2018 by providing members the opportunity to travel to the Blackland Prairie region of northeast Mississippi where they participated in the discovery and excavation of 16th-century Chickasaw settlements and artifacts from the Hernando de Soto expedition. A primary goal of the program is to find and preserve the site of Chikasha where de Soto and his Spanish army wintered and battled with the Chickasaw in the year 1541. This program occurred through partnership between the Chickasaw Nation, the Universities of Mississippi, South Carolina, and Florida, and the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Obituaries

-Jean Hartfield-

Jean Stockstill Hartfield passed away peacefully on Monday, December 24, 2018, at the Pearl River County Hospital in Poplarville, MS, at the age of 88. Jean was a native of Pearl River County where she attended Union Elementary School, Picayune Junior and High Schools; and after many years of diligent work, she was the fourth individual to complete an extensive field of study earning Certification as a Field Archaeologist from the Arkansas Archaeological Society in 1981.

She worked in concert with many of Mississippi's professional archaeologists performing field surveys and archaeological excavations. Jean was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Calvin Brown Award presented by the MS Association of Professional Archaeologists in recognition of service in aid of historic preservation in Mississippi. She also received annual awards from the MAA for having identified and recorded with the MS Department of Archives and History (MDAH) the largest number of archaeological sites within that time period. In her honor, Jean's comprehensive collection of archaeological artifacts and resource materials were donated to the MDAH where it will be maintained as a permanent piece of Mississippi's history.

Jean served as President of the MAA from 1990-1991. She headed the organization and served as long-time president of the MAA's Pearl River County Chapter. She was also a member of the Arkansas Archaeology Society and the Louisiana Archaeology Association. Her keen interest in history led her to join the Pearl River County Historical Society where she contributed extensive historical data.

She is survived by three daughters, Laura Guild of Gulfport, MS, Tommie Staten of Poplarville, MS, and Susan Meadows (Michael), Prairieville, LA; one son, Thomas C. "Rusty" Hartfield, Jr. (Eva); 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to: Crosby Arboretum, 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune, MS 39466.

University News

Mississippi State University

Archaeological faculty, staff, and students from MSU made an impressive showing at the 2018 Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Augusta, GA this past November. Contributions to the conference by MSU researchers included 10 paper or poster presentations by archaeologists, Jeffrey Alvey, Derek Anderson, Shane Miller and Evan Peacock, as well as a number of undergraduate and graduate students including Desiree Goodfellow, Caleb Hutson, William Joseph, Simon Sherman, Nathan Shores, and James Strawn. A symposium was also organized by Derek Anderson and Shane Miller entitled, "To the Pleistocene! Honoring the Career of Albert C. Goodyear III."

The accomplishments of MSU researchers were also acknowledged in the receipt of two of SEAC's most distinguished awards. Jeffrey Alvey was awarded runner-up in the SEAC student paper competition for his paper entitled, "Exploring the Relationship between Maize Agriculture and Population Growth in the Central and Lower Mississippi River Valley," which is derived from his dissertation research at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Shane Miller was awarded the prestigious C.B. Moore Award, which is given each year to a young scholar for excellence in southeastern archaeology.

University of Mississippi

Research & Events

Carolyn Freiwald and sociologist Dr. Annie Cafer teamed up with forensic chemistry students Maggie Craze, Mina Brandon, and Megan Suprenant to examine the health benefits and risks associated with clay consumption, especially by pregnant women, in the African country of Zambia. Analysis of the clays at Mississippi State University's Institute for Imaging & Analytical Technologies revealed no heavy metal contamination. Research on the potential health benefits of clay consumption is underway, which may lead to a second study in Mississippi, where clay consumption is still practiced in some areas.

The Center for Archaeological Research (CAR) conducted geophysical survey at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus in October. Also, Dr. Tony Boudreaux and his Public Archaeology class conducted additional investigations at Rowan Oak looking for evidence of enslaved peoples. As part of the class they held an open house for the public in November where students showed how to use geophysical and other archaeological equipment as well as some results of the work, and answered questions. Dr. Maureen Meyers and the Anthropology Club staffed an archaeology table at the event, with activities for children relevant to Archaeology and Native American months.

Native American month activities in November included poetry readings by Native American students on campus, a Native American student mixer, and multiple presentations. Dr. Andres Rescendez presented the keynote address "The Other Slavery" in conjunction with the 400th anniversary of the beginning of slavery. Dr. Annette Trefzer and Dr. Robbie Ethridge lead a discussion on Faulkner's Native American

World. History Graduate Student Jeff Washburn presented "Whose Civilization Plan Was it? Chickasaw Manipulation of Federal Agents in the Early Nineteenth Century." A screening of the film "Te Ata" followed by a discussion was also held, and the month's activities culminated in a conversation about Native Nations, Archaeology, and National Sovereignty with Tribal Deputy Director/Tribal Liaison (USACOE) Michael Federoff. In addition, Maureen Meyers presented an artifact display and discussed Native American cultures with students at Bramlett Elementary School.

Faculty and students presented multiple papers at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in November. Tony Boudreaux, CAR staff member Stephen Harris, and graduate student Hannah Rhodes presented a paper on their work at Butler Mound. Ben Davis presented a poster on his ongoing master's research at the Austin site. Maureen Meyers presented on her research showing evidence of fiber production at Carter Robinson. In addition, Meyers and Robbie Ethridge were co-organizers of a plenary session focusing on the issue of sexual harassment in Southeastern archaeology. Meyers will also lead an online seminar on the topic with the Society of American Archaeology on January 29 at 2 pm.

Recent MA graduate Emily Warner is working for the University of South Alabama on a project with the Mobile COE. Another recent graduate, Nikki Matson, is working with Jessica Crawford for The Archaeological Conservancy. Congrats to both!

The Department is accepting applications for graduate school for the 2019-2020 academic year. See our website at: <http://socanth.olemiss.edu/anthropology-2/> for more information and feel free to contact Tony Boudreaux or Maureen Meyers for more information. Deadline is March 1.

Field School 2019

Our 2019 field school will be held again in Lee County, Virginia at the site of the Carter Robinson mound and village. Field school will run May 28-June 25, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Students will excavate the remains of a burned 14th-century house, and learn basic excavation techniques, including mapping, artifact identification, test unit excavation, and shovel test survey. Housing is provided as part of tuition. Interested students can contact Dr. Meyers (memeyer1@olemiss.edu) for more information.

Upcoming Events

UM is pleased to play host to this year's MAA meeting from March 30-31, which will be held on the UM campus. See the announcement in this newsletter (p. 1) and online (www.msarchaeology.org) for all the details. Please join us in Oxford in Lamar Hall, located right off the Grove. Taylor Grocery will provide a catfish buffet Saturday night, with Ed Jackson as speaker, and Sunday morning Nikki Matson and Jay Johnson will lead a tour of the newly opened Batesville Mounds, a nice stop on your way home. We hope to see you here!

"Behind the Big House" is scheduled for April 4-6 in Holly Springs. There will be a tour of the 1850s University of Mississippi campus on April 3rd, with other events to be announced.

Fort Saint Pierre Tercentenary 2019 Schedule of Events

Monday, February 11, Dr. Briuer will speak to the Vicksburg Genealogical Society about the history and archaeology of Fort Saint Pierre and the Tercentenary plans and events at the Vicksburg Public Library at 10 am.

Friday, 11 am, February 18, Dr. Briuer will give a presentation on the Fort St. Pierre Tercentenary to the Engineer Research and Development Center Alumni Association at the new conference room at the Waterways Experiment Station.

Wednesday, 7 pm, February 27, Dr. Lisa Marie Malischke, Professor of Anthropology at Mercyhurst University, will speak at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center in Vicksburg about her dissertation on French Fort Saint Pierre.

Friday, 11 am, March 1, Mississippi Historical Society Annual Meeting, Natchez Convention Center, Vicksburg room, will host a Fort Saint Pierre Discussion Panel.

Thursday, 7 pm, March 14, Mr. Max Garriott will give an expanded presentation on the art, literature, and music associated with the French Colony at Fort St. Pierre at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center.

Thursday, 7 pm, April 11, Mrs. Angela Diez, volunteer docent at the Historic New Orleans Collection will give a presentation at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center. She will discuss the fascinating story of her seventeen year old fourth great grandmother Catherine Notas, who witnessed the slaughter of her husband, mother, stepfather and sister but miraculously escaped when over 200 French at Natchez and Fort Rosalie were massacred.

Thursday, May 9, Mr. Terrence Winchell, retired Park Historian at the Vicksburg National Military Park and author of several works on the Vicksburg Campaign will speak on the 1862-1863 fortifications that were a part of the War Between the States archaeological component of the fort.

Saturday, May 25, Concert in the National Military Park by the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Crafton Beck, will present a musical program that includes music composed by Georg Philip Telemann, who was commissioned in 1720 by the Frankfurt Stock Exchange to write music that advertised investment opportunities in the new but ultimately ill-fated French Gulf Coast Colonies.

Thursday, 7 pm, June 13, Mr. James Barnett, retired Director of the Historic Properties Division, MDAH, Museum of the Grand Village in Natchez, and author with a special research interest in Mississippi Indians will give a presentation at the Speakers Bureau at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center, throwing light on the Indian side of the Fort Saint Pierre story, especially the complex interaction of Native American groups and the Europeans of the Gulf Coast colonies.

Thursday evening, 7 pm, July 11, Mrs. Gail Buzhardt, retired teacher, author and historian with special research interest in the French Gulf Coast colonies will speak at the Speakers Bureau at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center, Vicksburg. Her presentation will highlight the social, political and economic factors of the Fort Saint Pierre story. Her perspective will complement that of the other speakers.