THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL
Syllabus

Summer Session A 2015 (May 11-June 19)

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Meeting Times: Monday through Friday, Bulow Plantation, Bulow Plantation Ruins State Park
(Ormond Beach, FL)

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Course Description:
As part of this archaeological field school, you will receive intensive training in controlled
excavation techniques, field survey, instrument mapping, artifact identification, and artifact
analysis. All students will be enrolled for nine credit hours (ANT 4180L/4180L/4930).

Bulow Plantation -- Site Background

Bulow Plantation, located in Flagler County, was founded in 1821 by Charles Bulow, a native of
South Carolina. His son John Joachim Bulow inherited the estate in 1823, and was a successful
planter, growing sugar and cotton with over 100 African slaves. In December 1835, the second
Seminole War came to Bulow Plantation. Against the protest of John Bulow, American troops
occupied his property, building a make-shift fort on the grounds. After two months, the
American army withdrew from Bulowville, taking Bulow and his Africans with them, and the
property was then burned to the ground by the Seminole Indians.

Building on our eight years of research at Kingsley Plantation, the 2015 field school marks the
second season of excavations conducted at the Bulow Plantation. We will be excavating within
the remains of Cabin 1, a slave house burned in January 1836.

Accommodating Students with Disabilities:

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students
Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student, who in turn must
provide this documentation to me when requesting accommodation.
Academic Honesty:

The University reminds every student of the implied pledge of Academic Honesty: “on any work submitted for credit the student has neither received nor given unauthorized aid.”

THIS REFERS TO CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM, AND IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THIS CLASS.

Consult the Student Guide at www.dso.ufl.edu/stg/ for further information.

Students caught cheating will be referred to the University administration for disciplinary action, the consequences of which can include (among other things) failure of this course, and expulsion from the University.

Course Requirements:
Participation in all field work, lab sessions, and lecture is required. The $800 field school fee is a requirement for participation in the field school. Failure to pay the fee will result in removal of the student from the course.

Grading:
Based on participation in field work, lab sessions, and lecture, but at my discretion, there may be one or more written assignments or quizzes over some material. There will not be a final exam for this course.

Required Texts for Course:
There is no required textbook, but the following readings are required. They will need to be downloaded and printed off (or available via a laptop) prior to arrival to field school.

Readings on Plantation Archaeology (downloadable pdf’s of articles; see below)

Davidson, James M., David M. Markus, and Brett Mogensen

O’Sullivan, Rebecca Claire
Orser, Charles E. Jr.  

Fairbanks, Charles  

Otto, John Solomon  

Fairbanks, Charles H.  

Wheaton, Thomas R. and Patrick H. Garrow  

Potter, Parker B. Jr.  

Howson, Jeane E.  

Babson, David W.  

Orser, Charles E. Jr.  

Young, Amy  

Russell, Aaron E.  
Fennell, Christopher C.

Davidson, James M.
2004 Rituals Captured in Context and Time: Charm Use in North Dallas Freedman’s Town (1869-1907), Dallas, Texas. *Historical Archaeology* 38(2):22-54.

Franklin, Maria

Epperson, Terrence W.

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**Food:**
Breakfast will be largely self-service, and consist of cold cereal, breakfast bars, fruit, milk, juice, etc.

Lunch will typically be sandwiches or similar easy to prepare food.
Dinner will be the main meal, and will be a hot dish with sides.

We will likely have some vegetarians on the crew, so each dinner will have a veggie option. The larder/kitchen will be accessible for evening snacks, etc.

**Housing:**
Will consist of two rented residences in the vicinity of the park, in Ormond Beach. Although we will only work weekdays, you have the option to stay at the field school residence on weekends.

While the houses are furnished, including some beds, we will likely need additional bedding in the form of cots or air mattresses, to supplement. Also, while some bedding (sheets, blankets, etc.) are included with the house rental, you will need to bring some basic bedding (blankets, pillows, sheets) to supplement these materials.

You will also need to supply your own bathroom and toiletry needs: bath towel, bath robes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

**Clothing:**
Summers are hot in Florida, and especially so when digging all day in the sun. The best excavation attire is light, loose summer style clothing. Since we are on a state park where tourists will be observing our work, socially inappropriate or revealing clothing cannot be
worn. You will need closed-toe shoes, like tennis shoes or work boots; you cannot dig in sandals.

**Field Equipment and supplies**
You will be responsible for supplying:
Personal Water bottle or canteen, Gloves, Kneeling pad (if desired), Insect repellent, Sunscreen, Hat; any prescription or over-the-counter medications that you take on a routine or daily basis.

**Optional Field equipment:**
We will supply all basic excavation equipment for use during the field school. But you may wish to purchase the following equipment to begin building your own “dig kit”: Marshalltown Trowel (5 inch pointing); Compass (orienteering style; liquid filled, with azimuth ring); Folding rule (metric); Tape measure (3 meters; locking; metric); Root clippers; Line level (spirit level); Camera (for personal use).

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**Typical Field School Schedule:**

**Typical week:** Monday thru Friday

7:00 to 7:15 am Breakfast

7:15 am Leave for site
10:00 to 10:15 am Break
12:00 to 12:30 pm Lunch
3:30 to 4:00 pm End of Work

Artifact processing (some nights) 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Lecture 6:00 to 7:00 pm (some nights)

**Duty assignments:**
1 to 2 students per day for kitchen detail (food prep; clean up)

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Commuting Schedule (for those riding in the University Van):

First week: Monday, May 1 - leave from Univ of Florida campus by 7:30 am  
Friday -- Leave from Bulow to UF campus 4:00 pm (arrival circa 6:00 pm)

All other weeks:
Return to Bulow from Univ. of Florida campus; depart Sundays at circa 4:00 pm.  
Fridays -- Leave from Bulow to UF campus 4:00 pm (arrival circa 6:00 pm)

Grading:
Participation in all lab and field sessions: 100%  
If one or more written assignments or quizzes are assigned or administered, they will each count as 10% of the final grade.

A final letter grade will be assigned at the end of the semester, according to this scale:

A    (93-100%)
A-   (90-92%)
B+   (88-89%)
B    (83-87%)
B-   (80-82%)
C+   (78-79%)
C    (73-77%)
C-   (70-72%)
D+   (68-69%)
D    (63-67%)
D-   (60-62%)
E    (59% or below)

Attendance:  Regular attendance is required. Any unexcused absences will detract from the student's final grade.