

HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
ANG 5172 (Sect 30506)
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Spring 2022

Classroom: Turlington 1208H

Time: Tuesday – 1:55 pm to 4:55 pm (7-9 periods)

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Course Description and Objectives: The seminar's goal is to provide a solid background in the field of historical archaeology. We will establish the basic history of the discipline, from its birth in the 1930s, to its identity crisis in the 1950s and 1960s, to the present day. Along with more theoretical papers, specific case studies will be used to address a variety of topics such as Material Culture, Artifact Patterning, Consumerism and Socioeconomics, Ethnic Identity, Ideology. Our view of Historical Archaeology will be both particularistic and global.

Course Requirements:

Class participation/attendance	10%
Discussion Questions (weekly)	10%
Synopses (of specific readings)	10%
Two essay/reaction papers	20%
Major research paper	50%

Required Readings:

1. Orser, Charles E. Jr.
1996 *A Historical Archaeology of the Modern World*. Kluwer/Plenum.
2. Electronic documents, comprising key articles and book chapters, will be posted and downloadable as pdfs from a university website.

Grade Percentile breakdown:

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 and participation in class discussions is a requirement. Students are expected to have read the material for that day, and come to class prepared to discuss the readings.

Discussion Questions:

Each student will submit to me, via email (davidson@ufl.edu), two questions to be used for class discussion. They will be derived from one or more of the readings for each week's class. The questions are due Monday evening (before 10 pm), the night before class on Tuesday. I will compile them, and send them out to the class to help facilitate discussion.

This will not be required for the first week's readings.

Synopses of Readings/Two Exercise or Reaction Papers:

For some key readings, a synopsis (i.e., a critical summary) not to exceed a half page in length for each reading) will be required and due at the beginning of each class, before we begin the discussion. Readings requiring synopses are marked with an underlined X at the end of each citation.

Two smaller paper assignments, on specific readings, will be distributed during the semester (4 to 5 pages each). Their topics and due dates will be scheduled later in the semester.

Discussion/Attendance:

Given that we only have 15 class meetings during the semester, regular attendance is expected. Further, the class works best when you have read the materials for each week, and be prepared to participate in a discussion. This combined, constitutes a substantial portion of the grade (10%).

Research Paper:

One research paper will be due at the end of the semester (15 to 20 pages for graduate students, 12 to 15 pages for undergraduates). Each student will choose the individual topics of the paper, after consultation with me. It could involve original research, an analysis of an existing dataset, or a comparison of two or more papers, sites, or theories.

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. Consult the Student Guide at www.dso.ufl.edu/stg/ for further information. To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use another person's idea, opinion, or theory; any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings (any pieces of information) that are not common knowledge; quotations of another person's actual spoken or written words; or paraphrase of another person's spoken or written words. Students caught cheating will be referred to the University administration for disciplinary action, the consequences of which can include failure of this course, and possible expulsion from the University.

Schedule and Topics

Week 1 (Tuesday – Jan. 11)

Introduction and Early Definitions

(lots of individual readings this week, but most are very short, two or three pages each)

Cotter, John L.

1958 Symposium on Role of Archaeology in Historical Research, Summary and Analysis.

Cotter, John L.

1958 End Products of Historic Sites Archaeology.

Fish, Carl Russell

1910 The Relation of Archaeology to History. *The Wisconsin Archaeologist* 9(4):93-100.

Dollar, Clyde D.

1967 Some Thoughts on Theory and Method in Historical Archaeology. *The Conference on Historic Site Archaeology Papers* 2(2):1-30.

Walker, Iain C.

1967 Historic Archaeology — Methods and Principles. *Historical Archaeology* 1:23-34.

Harrington, J. C.

1955 Archeology as an Auxiliary Science to American History. *American Anthropologist* 57(6):1121-1130.

Fontana, Bernard L.

1965 On the Meaning of Historic Sites Archaeology. *American Antiquity* 31(1):61-65.

Pykles, Benjamin C.

2008 The Recent Past: A Brief History of Historical Archaeology in the United States. *The SAA Archaeological Record* 8(3):32-34.

Larrabee, Edward

1969 Historic Site Archaeology in Relation to Other Archaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 3:67-74.

Jelks, Edward B.

1968 Observations on the scope of historical archaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 2:1-3.

Schuyler, Robert L.

1970 Historical and Historic Sites Archaeology as Anthropology: Basic Definitions and Relationships. *Historical Archaeology* 4:83-89.

Jelks, Edward B.

1968 Observations on the scope of historical archaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 2:1-3.

Week 2 (Tuesday – Jan. 18)

Later Definitions and Paradigms

South, Stanley

1979 Historic Site Content, Structure, and Function. *American Antiquity* 44(2):213-237.

Leone, Mark P, Parker B. Potter, and Paul A. Shackel

1987 Toward a Critical Archaeology. *Current Anthropology* 28(3):283-302

Little, Barbara

1994 People with history: an update on historical archaeology in the United States. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 1(1):1-40.

Leone, Mark

1995 A historical archaeology of capitalism. *American Anthropologist* 97(2): 251-268.

X (synopsis required)

McKay, Joyce

1976 The Coalescence of History and Archaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 10:93-98.

Deetz, James

1987 American historical archaeology: methods and results. *Science* 239:362-367.

Orser, Charles E. Jr.

2001 The Anthropology in American Historical Archaeology. *American Anthropologist* 103(3):621-632. **X (synopsis required)**

Week 3 (Tuesday – Jan. 25)

One concept of a Global Historical Archaeology

Charles E. Orser Jr.

1996 *A Historical Archaeology of the Modern World*. Kluwer/Plenum.

Week 4 (Tuesday – Feb. 1)

Ranges of Sites: Scales and Scope

Starzmann, Maria Theresia

2015 The Materiality of Forced Labor: An Archaeological Exploration of Punishment in Nazi Germany. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 19:647-663.

Casella, Eleanor Conlin

2001 To Watch or Restrain: Female Convict Prisons in 19th-Century Tasmania. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 5(1):45-72. **X (synopsis required)**

Heath, Barbara J. and Amber Bennett

2000 "The little Spots allow'd them": The Archaeological Study of African-American Yards. *Historical Archaeology* 34(2):38-55. **X (synopsis required)**

McGuire, Randall H. and Paul Reckner

2003 Building a Working-Class Archaeology: The Colorado Coal Field War Project. *Industrial Archaeology Review* 25(2):83-95. **X (synopsis required)**

Seifert, Donna

1991 Within Site of the White House: The Archaeology of Working Women. *Historical Archaeology* 25(4):83-108.

Pena, Elizabeth S. and Jacqueline Denmon

2000 The Social Organization of a Boarding House: Archaeological Evidence from the Buffalo Waterfront. *Historical Archaeology* 34(1):79-96.

Deagan, Kathleen and Jane Landers

1999 Fort Mose: Earliest African-American Town in the United States. In *I, Too, Am America: Archaeological Studies of African-American Life*, edited by Theresa A. Singleton, pp. 261-282. University Press of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Week 5 (Tuesday – Feb. 8)

Methodologies and Goals

Noble, Vergil

1996 Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: A Plea for Change in the Practice of Historical Archaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 30(2):74-84. **X (synopsis required)**

Wurst, LouAnn and Stephen A. Mrozowski

2014 Toward an Archaeology of the Future. *The International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 18:210-223.

McGuire, Randall H.

2014 Won with Blood: Archaeology and Labor's Struggle. *The International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 18:259-271. **X (synopsis required)**

Deagan, Kathleen

1988 Neither History nor Prehistory: The Questions that Count in Historical Archaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 22(1):7-12.

Cleland, Charles

1988 Questions of Substance, Questions that Count. *Historical Archaeology* 22(1):13-17.

Mrozowski, Stephen A.

1988 Historical Archaeology as Anthropology. *Historical Archaeology* 22(1):18-23.

Schuyler, Robert L.

1988 Archaeological Remains, Documents, and Anthropology. *Historical Archaeology* 22(1):36-42.

Zimmerman, Larry J. and Jessica Welch

2011 Displaced and Barely Visible: Archaeology and the Material Culture of Homelessness. *Historical Archaeology* 45(1):67-85.

Week 6 (Tuesday – Feb. 15)

Material Culture

South, Stanley

1978 Pattern Recognition in Historical Archaeology. *American Antiquity* 43(2):223-230.

South, Stanley

1988 Whither Pattern? *Historical Archaeology* 22(1):25-28.

Olsen, John W.

1983 An Analysis of East Asian Coins Excavated in Tucson, Arizona. *Historical Archaeology* 17(2):41-55. **X (synopsis required)**

Gazin-Schwartz, Amy

2001 Archaeology and Folklore of Material Culture, Ritual, and Everyday Life. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 5(4):263-280.

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.

Cabek, Melanie, Mark D. Groover, and Scott J. Wagers

1995 Health Care and the Wayman A.M.E. Church. *Historical Archaeology* 29(2):55-76.
X (synopsis required)

Schmitt, David N. and Charles D. Zeier

1993 Not By Bones Alone: Exploring Household Composition and Socioeconomic Status in an Isolated Historic Mining Community. *Historical Archaeology* 27(4):20-38.

Potter, Parker B. Jr.

1992 Critical Archaeology: In the Ground and On The Street. *Historical Archaeology* 26(3):117-129.

Hurst, Stance, Dallas C. Ward, Eileen Johnson, and Doug Cunningham

2018 Cowboy Life along the Llano Estacado Eastern Escarpment of Northwest Texas: Insights from Macy Locality 16 (41GR722). *Historical Archaeology* 52:332-347.

Week 7 (Tuesday – Feb. 22)

Native Perspectives under Colonialism

Mainfort, Robert C., Jr.

1985 Wealth, space, and status in a historic Indian cemetery. *American Antiquity* 50:555-579.
X (synopsis required)

Marshall, Yvonne and Alexandra Maas

1997 Dashing Dishes. *World Archaeology* 28(3):275-290.

Galke, Laura J.

2004 Perspectives on the Use of European Material culture at Two Mid-To-Late 17th-Century Native American Sites in the Chesapeake. *North American Archaeologist* 25(1):91-113.

Kelly, Kenneth G.

1997 The Archaeology of African-European Interaction: Investigating the Social Roles of Trade, Traders, and the Use of Space in the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Hueda Kingdom, Republic of Benin. *World archaeology* 28(3):351-369.

Silliman, Stephen W.

2005 Culture Contact or Colonialism? Challenges in the Archaeology of Native North America. *American Antiquity* 70(1):55-74. **X (synopsis required)**

Orser, Charles E. Jr.

2012 An Archaeology of Eurocentrism. *American Antiquity* 77(4):737-755.
X (synopsis required)

Sudderth, W. E. and Linda J. Darnell Hulvershorn

2000 The Rare Bone China Gorgets of Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, Williston, North Dakota. *Historical Archaeology* 34(4):102-117.

Week 8 (Tuesday – March 1)
Socioeconomics/Class/Status

Wurst, LouAnn and Robert Fitz

1999 Why confront class? *Historical Archaeology* 33(1):1-7.

Wurst, LouAnn

1999 Internalizing Class in Historical Archaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 33(1):7-21.

X (synopsis required)

Miller, George L.

1980 Classification and Economic Scaling of 19th Century Ceramics. *Historical Archaeology* 14:1-40.

Henry, Susan

1991 Consumer, commodities and choices: A general model of consumer behavior. *Historical Archaeology* 25(2):3-14.

Cheek, Charles D. and Amy Friedlander

1990 Pottery and Pig's Feet: Space, Ethnicity and Neighborhood in Washington, D.C., 1880-1940. *Historical Archaeology* 24(1):34-60.

Adams, William H.

1976 Trade Networks and Interaction Spheres – A View from Silcott. *Historical Archaeology* 10:99-112. **X (synopsis required)**

Adams, William Hampton and Sarah Jane Boling

1989 Status and Ceramics for Planters and Slaves on Three Georgia Costal Plantations. *Historical Archaeology* 23(1):69-96. **X (synopsis required)**

Otto, John Solomon

1980 Race and Class on Antebellum Plantations. In *Archaeological Perspectives on Ethnicity in America: Afro-American and Asian American Culture History*, edited by Robert L. Schuyler, pp. 3-13. Baywood Publishing Co, Farmingdale, NY.

Week 9 (Tuesday – March 8) NO CLASSES SPRING BREAK

Week 10 (Tuesday – March 15)
Race/Ethnicity Part 1

Franklin, Maria and Garrett Fesler (editors)

1999 *Historical Archaeology, Identity Formation, and the Interpretation of Ethnicity*. Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Richmond, VA. **(Read Introduction only)**

Baker, Vernon G.

1980 Archaeological visibility of Afro-American Culture: An Example from Black Lucy's Garden, Andover, Massachusetts. In *Archaeological Perspectives on Ethnicity in America*, ed. Robert L. Schuyler, pp. 29-37. Baywood Press, Farmingdale, NY.

Wheaton, Thomas R. and Patrick H. Garrow

1985 Acculturation and the Archaeological Record in the Carolina Lowcountry. In *The Archaeology of Slavery and Plantation Life*, edited by Theresa Singleton, pp. 239-269. Academic Press, Orlando, FL.

Howson, Jean E.

1990 Social Relations and Material Culture: A Critique of the Archaeology of Plantation Slavery. *Historical Archaeology* 24(4):78-91.

X (synopsis required)

Babson, David W.

1990 The Archaeology of Racism and Ethnicity on Southern Plantations. *Historical Archaeology* 24(4):20-28. **X (synopsis required)**

Orser, Charles E. Jr.

1999 The Challenge of Race to American Historical Archaeology. *American Anthropologist* 100(3):661-668. **X (synopsis required)**

Week 11 (Tuesday – March 22)

Race/Ethnicity Part 2

Warren Perry and Robert Paynter

1999 "Artifacts, Ethnicity, and the Archaeology of African Americans." In *"I, Too, Am America": Archaeological Studies of African-American Life*, edited by Theresa Singleton, pp. 299-310. University Press of Virginia, Charlottesville.

X (synopsis required)

Mullins, Paul R.

2001 Racializing the Parlor: Race and Victorian Bric-Brac Consumption. In *Race and the Archaeology of Identity*, edited by Charles E. Orser, Jr., pp. 158-176. The University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City. **X (synopsis required)**

Voss, Barbara L.

2005 The Archaeology of Overseas Chinese Communities. *World Archaeology* 37(3):424-439.

Diehl, Michael, Jennifer A. Waters, and J. Homer Thiel

1998 Acculturation and the Composition of the Diet of Tucson's Overseas Chinese Gardeners at the Turn of the Century. *Historical Archaeology* 32(4):19-33.

Praetzellis, Adrian and Mary Praetzellis

1998 A Connecticut Merchant in Chinadom: A Play in One Act. *Historical Archaeology* 32(1):86-93.

Week 12 (Tuesday – March 29)

Gender/Feminist

Purser, Margaret

1991 “Several Paradise Ladies are Visiting in Town”: Gender Strategies in the Early Industrial West. *Historical Archaeology* 25(4):6-16.

X (synopsis required)

Wall, Diane Dizerega

1999 Examining Gender, Class, and Ethnicity in Nineteenth-Century New York City. *Historical Archaeology* 33(1):102-117.

X (synopsis required)

Little, Barbara J.

1997 Expressing Ideology Without a Voice, or Obfuscation and the Enlightenment. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 1(3):225-241.

Voss, Barbara L.

2000 Feminisms, Queer Theories, and the Archaeological Study of Past Sexualities. *World Archaeology* 32(2):180-192.

Geller, Pamela L.

2009 Identity and Difference: Complicating Gender in Archaeology. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 38:65-81.

Davidson, James M.

2020 Black and White Beads in the African Diaspora. *Historical Archaeology* 54(4):681-737.

Kozub, Andrea Zlotucha

2018 “To Married Ladies It Is Peculiarly Suited”: Nineteenth-Century Abortion in an Archaeological Context. *Historical Archaeology* 52:264-280.

Week 13 (Tuesday – April 5)

Social Relations (Domination/Resistance; Culture Contact/Culture Change)

Frazer, Bill

1999 Reconceptualizing Resistance in the Historical Archaeology of the British Isles: An Editorial. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 3(1):1-10.

Johnson, Matthew

1999 Commentary: Mute Passive Objects? *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 3(2):123-129.

Wilkie, Laurie A.

1995 Magic and Empowerment on the Plantation: An Archaeological Consideration of African-American World View. *Southeastern Archaeology*, 14(2): 136-157.

X (synopsis required)

Russell, Aaron E.

1997 Material Culture and African-American Spirituality at the Hermitage. *Historical Archaeology* 31(2):63-80.

Fennell, Christopher C.

2003 Group Identity, Individual Creativity, and Symbolic Generation in a BaKongo Diaspora. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 7(1):1-31.

X (synopsis required)

Gundaker, Gray

2000 Discussion: Creolization, Complexity, and Time. *Historical Archaeology* 34(3):124-133.

Donnelly, Colm J.

2005 The I.H.S. Monogram as a Symbol of Catholic Resistance in Seventeenth Century Ireland. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 9(1):37-42.

X (synopsis required)

Week 14 (Tuesday – April 12)

Historic Mortuary Studies

Farrell, James J.

1980 *Inventing the American Way of Death, 1830-1920*. Temple University Press, Philadelphia. **(Pages 16-73)**.

McGuire, Randall H.

1988 Dialogues with the Dead: Ideology and the Cemetery. In *The Recovery of Meaning: Historical Archaeology in the Eastern United States*, edited by Mark P. Leone and Parker B. Potter, Jr., pp. 435-480. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C.

X (synopsis required)

Bell, Edward L.

1990 The historical archaeology of mortuary behavior: Coffin hardware from Uxbridge, Massachusetts. *Historical Archaeology* 24(3):54-78.

Cannon, Aubrey

1989 The Historic Dimension in Mortuary Expressions of Status and Sentiment. *Current Anthropology* 30(4):437-458.

Jamieson, Ross W.

1995 Material culture and social death: African-American burial practices. *Historical Archaeology* 29(4):39-58.

Little, Barbara J., Kim M. Lamphear, and Douglas W. Owsley

1992 Mortuary display and status in a nineteenth-century Anglo-American cemetery in Manassas, Virginia. *American Antiquity* 57(3):397-418. **X (synopsis required)**

Davidson, James M.

2010 Keeping the Devil at Bay: The Shoe on the Coffin Lid and Other Grave Charms in 19th and Early 20th Century America. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 14(4):614-649.

Week 15 (Tuesday – April 19)

Ethics, Politics, Descendant Communities

Morrell, Virginia

1995 Who Owns the Past? *Science* 268(5216):1424-1426.

Lynott, Mark J.

1997 Ethical Principles and Archaeological Practice: Development of an Ethics Policy. *American Antiquity* 62(4):589-599.

Franklin, Maria

1997 “Power to the People”: Sociopolitics and the Archaeology of Black Americans. *Historical Archaeology* 31(3):36-50. **X (synopsis required)**

Derry, Linda

1997 Pre-Emancipation Archaeology: Does it Play in Selma, Alabama. *Historical Archaeology* 31(3):18-26.

Epperson, Terrence W.

2004 Critical Race Theory and the Archaeology of the African Diaspora. *Historical Archaeology* 38(1):101-108.

McDavid, Carol

1997 Descendants, Decisions, and Power: The Public Interpretation of the Archaeology of the Levi Jordan Plantation. *Historical Archaeology* 31(3):114-131.

McCarthy, John

1996 Who Owns These Bones? Descendant Communities and Partnerships in the Excavation and Analysis of Historic Cemetery Sites in New York and Philadelphia. *Public Archaeology Review* 4(2):3-12.

La Roche, Cheryl and Michael L. Blakey

1997 Seizing Intellectual Power: The Dialogue at the New York African Burial Ground. *Historical Archaeology* 31(3):84-106. **X (synopsis required)**

Franklin, Maria, Justin P. Dunnivant, Ayana Omilade Flewellen, and Alicia Odewale

2020 The Future is Now: Archaeology and the Eradication of Anti-Blackness. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 24:753-766. **X (synopsis required)**

******* Term Paper Due on last day of classes *******