

# Florida Anthropological Society NEWSLETTER



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Ceramic Technology Laboratory, University of Florida

The Ceramic Technology Laboratory at the Florida Museum of Natural History is celebrating over 40 years of research and training. Visit the [updated website](#) to explore our recent projects, ranging from analyses of complicated stamped pottery to Mayan mortars and sauerkraut crocks! In addition to images of Florida pottery types, we have new Georgia image galleries online, with additional galleries for other parts of the southeastern US coming later this summer.

The publication *Ceramic Notes*, edited by Prudence Rice, has also been digitized and is freely available through our site. Ann Cordell, emerita lab manager, has established an endowment to support student research and training in the lab. To contribute to this fund, please [visit here](#). Follow us on Twitter [@CeramicTechLab](#).



Kolomoki complicated stamped pottery in the Georgia type collection, Ceramic Technology Lab.



Volunteer Dr. Jerry Kidder preparing clay samples in the Ceramic Technology Lab.



Each year, Smithsonian magazine organizes [Museum Day](#). Participating museums and cultural institutions across the country provide free entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. The ticket provides free admission for two people on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

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## How You Should Spend Your Summer Vacation (Even if You Don't Get One)

By Lonnie Mann

Florida Archaeological Preservation Association

In the last four years the antiquities dealer/collector complex has redoubled efforts to reinstate Florida's destructive "isolated finds" program. Driven by enormous prices for Florida river stained artifacts, this alliance is well organized and funded. For example, the unincorporated Tri State Archaeological Society boasts over 2,400 members and has tens of thousands of dollars in legal defense funds. They have held well-attended rallies with Florida legislators and their efforts are supported by a wealthy and well-connected Florida collector and his high-priced lobbyists.

In 2017 a group of individuals led by Dr. Glen Doran, Professor Emeritus in Anthropology at Florida State University, established a new a 501(c)(4) organization. The Florida Archaeological Preservation Association (FAPA) aims to advocate legislatively for cultural preservation. In an effort to level the playing field the Association retained Liberty Partners to provide professional legislative representation. Getting the organization off the ground and operating through two sessions has been possible because of generous donations by several individuals in the Tallahassee area. Visit FAPA online to learn more about how you can be involved.

But there is good news. In the 2018 legislative session, Rep. Cyndi Stevenson of Flagler County introduced and deftly shepherded a bill to repeal authorizing language for "isolated finds." The bill passed the House of Representatives with an overwhelming 94 to 18 vote!

Now the bad news: For the second straight year Senator Dennis Baxley of Marion/Lake Counties refused to give the bill a hearing in his Senate committee.

The more elected officials know about cultural preservation the better. Over the summer, it is imperative that members of FAS and FAS Chapters across the state [contact their Representative, Senator](#), or those running for State House or Senate. Consider asking elected officials to please support the preservation of our historical and cultural resources. This support encompasses both funding and policy. Provide them with examples of some important local sites or ones that your FAS Chapter has actually tested. Point out that Florida law protects these sites on State lands and need to continue to be protected. If there is a current dig or excavation in your area, please consider inviting the legislators out as special guests.

Additionally, please mention that Florida's historical and cultural resources and sites bring millions of tourists to Florida each year. Of the nearly 107 million visitors to Florida, 35 million of them (nearly one third) visited a cultural, historical or archaeological site. This population of tourists contributed to Florida's economy with nearly a **\$29 BILLION** impact.

On the funding side, also mention the importance of continuing to fund preservation grants. During the 2018 legislative session, the funding for cultural and historical grants were completely slashed. We cannot let this continue to happen. You can look up [grants by county](#); you will be surprised how much your county has benefitted through this important resource.

Please remember this is an election year! Half of the Senate is up for election and all of the House members and entire Cabinet are up for election this November. [Candidate listings](#), including by area, are available online.

If you are able to do some education work with legislators consider a short post on the [FAPA Facebook page](#). For more information on FAPA's efforts, please feel free to contact [Dr. Glen Doran](#).



## Need a Date? Join Beta Analytic's Raffle

We invite all undergraduate and postgraduate students who need radiocarbon dating to join our raffle. We are giving away five (5) AMS dates worth US\$595 each. The raffle is open to all students in Europe, Africa, Asia Pacific, North America, and South America. We will select one winner per region.

To join the raffle, please fill out the form found in our raffle page. The forms requires a description of your research that needs AMS dating. Winners are required to show proof of enrollment for any semester in 2018. For details, please visit <https://www.radiocarbon.com/raffle.htm>.

## Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, D.C. Symposium September 15, 2018



The annual symposium of the Pre-Columbian Society, D.C. will take place in Washington on Saturday, September 15, 2018. This year's symposium title is "The Peopling of the Americas: Recent Research and Perspectives." Six archaeologists and geneticists will address the still controversial topic of when and how people first arrived in the New World, their migration routes, and the process by which they spread throughout the North and South American continents.

David Meltzer of Southern Methodist University will serve as symposium moderator. Other

speakers include James Adovasio of Florida Atlantic University; Jon Erlandson of the University of Oregon; Kelly Graf of Texas A&M University; David Kilby of Texas State University, and Jennifer Raff of the University of Kansas.

Registration is now open for this one-day event. Program details and registration information are available on the [PCS website](#). Please note that there is a special registration rate for enrolled students.

## Call for FAS Membership Secretary

FAS seeks to a fill the Membership Secretary position within the next year.

Duties include: maintaining the current FAS membership database, sending annual renewal notices, attending quarterly Board meetings, preparing quarterly reports, depositing renewal fees into the FAS bank account, and handling general inquiries from FAS members.

If you are interested in the position, please contact [Jason Wenzel](#), President.

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Two human skeletons are sitting on a wooden floor, facing each other. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned above the skeleton on the right, containing the text "Need a Date?".

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## **Archaeological Organizations Combine Resources to Develop New Ethics Database**

*Register works with counterpart in the United Kingdom to offer international resource*

BALTIMORE, MD – The Register of Professional Archaeologists (the Register) and the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), based in the United Kingdom, released a new Archaeological Ethics Database today as an ongoing joint project. The database can be found at [archaeologicaethics.org](http://archaeologicaethics.org).

The goal of the database is to combine sources on archaeological ethics in a central, searchable place for students, researchers, and professional archaeologists. The archaeological ethics database includes over 500 sources relating to ethics in archaeology. The product was designed to be used internationally.

"Adoption of professional ethics, a code of conduct, research standards, and a process by which to enforce these make Registered Professional Archaeologists the most desirable to their clients and employers" said Register President Christopher D. Dore, PhD, RPA 10331. "We're excited to be able to provide this tool to the archaeological community to proactively strengthen ethical behavior in professional practice."

In 2017, CIfA and the Register signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote and strengthen professional ethics in archaeology and the Register assigned an Ethics Intern to begin work on the project. Patricia Markert, RPA 49570246 and a Ph.D. candidate from Binghamton University, served as the inaugural ethics intern. She developed the database and coded over 500 entries, including journal articles, books, blogs, online resources, and course descriptions.

Ms Markert worked with freelance web developer Angela Kristin VandenBroek, who is also a sociocultural anthropology PhD candidate at Binghamton University and visiting researcher at Stockholm University, to transfer the database to a searchable, online platform. The website includes a form for suggestions, questions, and comments. The database is an ongoing project and will be updated and expanded yearly by an Ethics Intern each summer.

*The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) is the leading professional body representing archaeologists working in the UK and overseas. The Institute has over 3,500 individual members, and about 80 registered organizations.*

*Established in 1998, the Register of Professional Archaeologists is a non-profit professional organization that serves as the international standards and credentialing body for archaeologists. At the end of 2017, there were 3,200 Registrants.*

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and other items of interest are welcome for submissions. The submission deadline for the next issue is **September 11, 2018**. Contact the editor, **Sarah Bennett, 2615 Crestwood Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168**; email [sarah.bennett.archaeo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.bennett.archaeo@gmail.com). Address changes should be sent to FAS Membership Secretary, **Pat Balanzategui, P.O. Box 1135, St. Augustine, FL 32085-1135**.

## **FAS Membership Information**

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to person interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources, and community education. FAS members receive the Society's journal, *Florida Anthropologist*, and the FAS Newsletter. Visit [www.fasweb.org](http://www.fasweb.org) to learn more. Dues are: Regular and Institutional -- \$30; Family -- \$35; Student (with a valid ID) -- \$15; Sustaining -- \$100; Patron -- \$1,000; Benefactor -- \$2,500 or more. Please add \$25 for foreign addresses.

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