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2018 Annual Meeting

The 70th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) will take place in St. Petersburg on May 11 – 13, 2018. The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) Anthropology Program are honored to host this year's events. The conference meetings, presentations, and the banquet will be held on the beautiful harbor-side campus of USFSP.

Conference Hotel

The Bayfront Hilton, located in the vibrant downtown area of St. Petersburg, is within walking distance of USFSP. The Bayfront Hilton has provided a special conference rate of

\$135 per night. Subject to availability, this rate is offered until April 10, 2018. To make a reservation, please call the Bayfront Hilton at (727) 894-5000 and mention the FAS 2018 70th Annual Meeting.

The conference rate will be available to attendees three days before and after the Annual Meeting. Consider extending your stay to explore and enjoy the city of St. Petersburg.

Registration

Registration for the Annual Meeting is now open. Please visit the [FAS website](#) to register. The general cost is \$50 and the student rate is \$20 (students are required to upload a picture of their current student ID). These prices are effective until March 17, 2018. Registration



FAM posters will be distributed at the next FAS Board Meeting, which will occur on February 17th at Headquarters Library Branch, 401 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

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after this date will be accepted at an increased rate (\$60/\$30 respectively).

On-site registration will be available at the Bayfront Hilton on Thursday (May 10th) from 4:30 to 5:30. Look for an FAS information table in the hotel lobby, or ask about it at the front desk. On-site registration will also be available at the University Student Center (USC) at USFSP on Friday (May 11th) between 12:00 – 4:30pm and at the same location on Saturday (May 12th) between 7:30am – 12:00pm.

Parking: We are working on a reduced parking rate but, unfortunately, do not have it available in time for this publication. Stay tuned to the [FAS Facebook page](#) and conference program for more information about near-campus parking on day of the conference.

Friday Meetings and Workshop

Friday meetings and workshop will be located on USFSP campus. The schedule and room assignments are as follows:

FPAN Annual Board Meeting

Davis Hall 130

8:00 – 12:00

FAS Old Board Meeting

Davis Hall 130

12:30 – 2:30

FAC Board Meeting

USC Coral Room

1:30 – 2:30

FAC General Meeting

USC Coral Room

2:30 – 3:30

Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage

USC Coral Room

3:30 – 4:30

GOPHR workshop

USC Ocean Room

3:30-4:30

GOPHR Workshop

Turn YOUR Past to YOUR Advantage. Are you interested in enabling your local government and historical society to take charge of heritage preservation in your community? The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) is holding a workshop that might interest you. GOPHR workshop is a free program. Please RSVP to [Tristan Harrenstein](#).

Friday Evening Reception

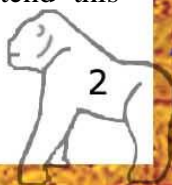
On Friday evening (May 11th), the Welcome Reception and Florida Archaeological Council's Stewards of Heritage Award Ceremony will take place from 6:00-8:00pm at 3 Daughters Brewery. The reception will include complimentary hors d'oeuvres from The Tavern, beverages from 3 Daughters, as well as a variety of games. Transportation between the conference hotel and 3 Daughters Brewery will be provided.

Saturday Presentations and Meetings

Morning and afternoon paper and poster presentations will take place at USFSP's University Student Center in Ballrooms 1-3. There are numerous restaurants featuring a variety of cuisines located around the campus and in downtown St. Petersburg, which is a short distance away. Limited scheduled transportation between the conference hotel and USFSP will be provided upon request during registration.

The Chapter Representative workshop will take place on Saturday. Time is to be determined. Lunch will be provided.

The FAS Annual Business and New Board Meetings will take place at the conclusion of conference papers and presentations, usually between 4-5pm. A FAS member quorum is needed! Take your chance at raffles and door prizes. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting!



Saturday Evening FAS Awards Banquet

At the conclusion of the presentations and meetings, USFSP's University Student Center's ballrooms will transform into the banquet location. The event will feature a cocktail hour from 6:00-7:00pm with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The plated dinner will be served at 7:00pm with the following options:

- Lemon Parmesan Chicken with a White Wine and Chive sauce
 - Cheever Orzo and Basil
- Stuffed Portobello Mushroom
 - Halibut Saltimbocca

All entrees include roasted asparagus, rosemary roasted potatoes, rolls, a house salad, cheesecake, and coffee or tea. Additional beverage options will be available at the cash bar.

The FAS Awards Ceremony and Keynote Presentation will take place following dinner. The banquet cost is \$40 per person.

Banquet Keynote Speaker

Dr. J. Michael Francis is the Hough Family Endowed Chair of Florida Studies at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. He will present on the following:

“Not Even the Devil Could Read This”: Rethinking Florida's Colonial History in the Digital Age"

Abstract: In this keynote address, Dr. J. Michael Francis will introduce a new initiative to create an interactive digital archive dedicated to Florida's rich and diverse colonial past. The project, entitled "La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas," will launch in March 2018. Dr. Francis will discuss the project's initial phase and its long-term aim to create an interactive database that will make Florida's colonial history accessible to a global audience.

Sunday Morning Tours

On Sunday morning, conference attendees will have the option to choose between two guided tours at local archaeological sites. The cost is \$20 per person. Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, so sign up before they fill up!

9:00 am -- City of St. Petersburg Parks Sites -- limited to 28 people

Four city parks within bustling St. Petersburg are home to some well-known and interesting archaeological remains. Join AWIARE board members and longtime FAS gurus, Bob Austin and Dave Burns, on guided tours of the Pinellas Point Mound, Maximo Beach Midden, Abercrombie Park and Kutler Mound, and Jungle Prada Mound and Midden Complex. This will be a driving tour from place to place to learn about the archaeology and changes that have shaped each site, as well as the City of St Petersburg's current efforts to preserve and interpret these important places. Transportation will be provided. Comfortable shoes suggested. Low to moderate walking expected. Tour buses will depart from the Conference Hotel. Limited to 28 persons.

9:00 am -- Weedon Island Archaeology Tour -- limited to 30 people

Are you curious about the archaeological research that has been going on at Weedon Island? If so, join us for a guided tour at the beautiful preserve. Individuals will meet at the Weedon Island Cultural and Natural History Center to view the Weedon Island canoe exhibit. The canoe is Florida's longest pre-Columbian dugout canoe and the only one recovered from a saltwater environment.

The tour will continue with a brief walk to the AWIARE research station to learn about the organization and the current research being conducted. The tour will conclude after a moderate hike to a portion of the famous Weedon Island site where AWIARE and the USFSP Anthropology program have been conducting

excavations. The unearthed material suggests this midden area was occupied during the Safety Harbor period. USFSP will be working at the site beginning Spring 2018 and will have new finds to discuss.

Call for Symposia, Panel Discussions, or Other Special Programs

There is still time to arrange symposia, panel discussion, or other special programs for the conference. Please submit a proposal to [Rebecca O'Sullivan](#) by **Friday, February 16, 2018** if you are interested.

Call for Papers and Posters

The Florida Anthropological Society invites the submission of abstracts for paper and poster presentations at the 70th Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg. We encourage submissions on a broad range of topics pertaining to Florida anthropology, archaeology, history, and other related disciplines. Paper and poster presentations will occur on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

An abstract of no more than 100 words is required from each presenter. Individuals may submit only one paper or poster as first author for consideration. All presenters must register and pay the appropriate registration fee at the time they submit their abstract. A 20-minute time limit for each paper presentation will be strictly enforced.

Conference registration and abstract submission access is now available through the FAS website. **The abstract deadline is Friday, March 16, 2018.**

Student Prize Competition

Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in degree granting collegiate programs are encouraged to compete for a prize. The student must submit a paper of original

research that contributes to our understanding of Florida's cultural history.

Contestants must register for the conference and submit a copy of their paper by **Friday, March 30, 2018**. The written paper cannot exceed 2,500 words and must be typed and double-spaced. Students are required to make an oral presentation, drawn directly from their written paper at the FAS annual meeting on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Past first place winners of the student paper prize are not eligible.

Judging criteria for student papers and oral presentations include quality of writing, overall presentation, quality of arguments and supporting data, and overall contribution to our understanding of Florida's cultural past and/or present. Prizes will be awarded during the Saturday evening banquet.

Email questions and student paper submissions to [Rebecca O'Sullivan](#).

FAS Dorothy Moore Student Grant

The Florida Anthropological Society is making available \$500 to be awarded annually to archaeology students (B.A., M.A., or Ph.D.) who are currently enrolled in a Florida university. The grant money will assist students conducting archaeological research in Florida. Grant funds can be used to cover the costs associated with archaeological fieldwork, special analyses (e.g., radiocarbon dates, faunal or botanical analyses, soils analysis, etc.), and, in some cases, travel expenses associated with presenting a paper based on the student's research at a professional meeting.

Students interested in applying for the grant should submit a letter not to exceed two pages that describes the project for which the funds are being requested; what research question(s) or problem(s) are being addressed; how the funds will be applied to these problems; what, if any,

additional funds will be used to accomplish the research; and how the research will contribute to Florida archaeology. The applicant should include a budget indicating the amount requested and describing how the money will be spent along with a letter(s) of support from faculty.

Applications for the 2018 award are now being accepted and can be sent to: Dr. Robert Austin, FAS Student Grant, 7224 Alafia Ridge Loop, Riverview, FL 33569 or via email to roc_doc@verizon.net. **Application deadline is March 31, 2018.**

Annual Meeting Book Sale

The Biennial Book Sale returns to the Annual Meeting this year. Please consider donating your new or gently used books to the sale. All proceeds are used to sustain the Dot Moore Award. Donations will be accepted at the 70th Annual Meeting.

Contact [Linda Geary](#) with questions or to make other donation arrangements.

Florida Archaeology Month 2018

Every year in March, Florida celebrates its diverse heritage and buried (or submerged) past during Archaeology Month. FAS chapters, archaeologists, heritage professionals, museums, historical societies, and interested members of the public come together to promote and celebrate archaeological sites and knowledge about the past through events, workshops, lectures, and public archaeology days. Another highlight during this month of archaeological celebration is the new poster, which is developed every year to highlight a unique theme within Florida archaeology.

This year's theme is "Heritage at Risk." Places that make Florida special are under threat. Florida's coastal heritage sites are disappearing due to storms, erosion, modern development, and inundation. We must do what we can to preserve

and document these fragile windows to the past before they are completely lost. Archaeologists, preservationists, and local communities are increasingly collaborating to protect these places by using high-tech tools and other time-tested methods. The poster this year highlights various examples of projects that preserve historic and archaeological sites across the state of Florida.

The front of the poster features a digital model of the Castillo de San Marcos created by University of South Florida Libraries' Digital Heritage and Humanities Collections. This iconic Florida site is vulnerable to sea level rise and storm surge. The National Park Service's Southeast Archeological Center, along with their partners, efforts to document and preserve the site have helped to protect it for years to come. The final version of the poster will allow the public to link to and view an actual 3D model of the Castillo on their computer or device.

Another fun update for Florida Archaeology Month this year is a [revamp of the website](#). The new site will provide more information, sites to visit, and other great add-ons to explore. The final updated version will be up and running before March 2018.

Advocacy Alert

Florida's 2018 legislative session is officially underway. The 2018 session will address at least one legislative action related to Florida's cultural resources. Representative Cyndi Stevenson is sponsoring House Bill 6041 and Senator Greg Steube is sponsoring Senate Bill 1296, which, if passed, would repeal "isolated finds" language from existing laws.

Consider [tracking these bills](#) or joining the AAAN ([Archaeology Advocacy Alert Network](#)) Facebook group for advocacy opportunities and bill updates. If you feel inclined, please call or write to legislators in order to formally express your stance.



In Memoriam

Patricia Griffin, a founding member of the St Augustine Archaeological Association and SAAA's oldest member, passed away peacefully on New Year's Eve. She was also a founding member, along with her husband John, of FAS. The early organizational meeting took place in August, 1947 at John's parents' home in Daytona Beach.

Pat earned a doctorate in anthropology at the University of Florida and wrote or edited numerous articles and several books including *Mullet on the Beach: The Minorcans of Florida*, *The Odyssey of an African Slave: Sitiki* and *Fifty Years of Southeastern Archaeology: The Selected Works of John W. Griffin*.

Although Pat and John and their 5 children lived primarily in St Augustine, John's position as archaeologist with the State of Florida and the National Park Service led to travels throughout the State and extended stays in Key West, Sebring, Tallahassee and Gainesville.

Dr. Griffin served as President of the St Augustine Historical Society and its Acting Director in 2001. She also served as Florida State University faculty.

In addition, Pat used her social work education (MSW at the University of Chicago) to assist with founding or development many organizations that became fabric of the St. Augustine community: Council on Aging, the Betty Griffin House, the Tri-County Mental Health Services, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and the Victims' Advocacy Office of the St Johns County Sheriff's Department.



A frequent speaker at SAAA meetings and the FAS Annual Meeting, Pat's intelligence, humor and graceful presence greatly added to our organizations through the years. We miss her already.

For more memories of Dr. Patricia Griffin's life and work, please visit the [St. Augustine Record](#).

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The FAS Newsletter is published quarterly: January, one month before the Annual Meeting, July, and October. Brief articles, chapter news, and other items of interest are welcome for submission. The submission deadline for the next issue is **March 11, 2018**. Contact the editor, **Sarah Bennett, 2615 Crestwood Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168**; email 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**.

ANCIENT EXPLORERS:

LITTLE SALT SPRING AND THE PEOPLING OF THE AMERICAS

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

STORER AUDITORIUM, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CORAL GABLES CAMPUS
5250 UNIVERSITY DR, MIAMI, FL 33146

Join us for a one day public symposium on Little Salt Spring. Through a variety of scholarly presentations, a pop-up artifact exhibit, and discussion panel we aim to explore the role of Little Salt Spring within the broader spectrum of knowledge of the first peopling of the Americas and address the site's pertinence to climate change in the past, present, and future.

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES LUNCH



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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 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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