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## Peoples of Florida: Eyes on the Past, Present, and Future 69th Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society

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### 2017 FAS Annual Meeting

The 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) will be held in Jacksonville from May 5-7, 2017. The [Archaeology Lab at the University of North Florida](#) (UNF), with the support of the [Jacksonville Society of the Archaeological Institute of America](#), is honored to host the meeting presentations and related events on the UNF campus. Situated amid woodlands, beautiful lakes, and nature trails, UNF lies within 10 miles of both the Atlantic Ocean and Downtown Jacksonville.

### Conference Hotel

The conference hotel is the Sheraton Jacksonville, located near the St. Johns Town Center and within a few miles of the UNF campus. The Sheraton Jacksonville Hotel offers a special conference rate of \$99 per night. Room options include single king or double queen. The conference rate is available until April 13, 2017, although subject to availability. Reserve a room today at the [hotel's FAS conference web link](#).



The next FAS Board Meeting, and the FAM poster distribution, will take place February 18th at Headquarters Library Branch, 401 E University Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

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## Registration

Registration for the annual meeting is now open. Please visit the [FAS website](#) for registration options. The general cost is \$50 and a student rate of \$20 is also available. These prices are good until March 17, 2017, after which late registration fees go into effect.

## Friday Evening Reception



On Friday evening, the Welcome Reception will take place in an open courtyard adjacent to the UNF Archaeology Lab (Building 51). Reception attendees will have the opportunity to view displays showcasing Jacksonville archaeology courtesy of the Archaeology Lab, [Jacksonville Museum of Science and History \(MOSH\)](#), [National Park Service's Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve](#), and [Big Talbot Island State Park](#). Our featured exhibit will include artifacts from the Mill Cove Complex, a St. Johns II mound center and village (AD 900-1250). Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be available.

## Saturday Meetings

Morning and afternoon paper and poster presentations will take place on the UNF campus. A variety of local food trucks will be on campus as a lunch option for conference attendees. Those willing to venture off campus can visit the nearby St. Johns Town Center, which offers a variety of places to eat.

## Saturday Evening Banquet

The Adam W. Herbert University Center, which overlooks a nature preserve lake, offers a quiet sanctuary for the Saturday night banquet. Cocktail hour will be from 6:00-7:00 pm. BBQ

meatballs, Spicy Southwest Chicken Eggrolls, and Franks in Puff Pastry will be served. The banquet itself runs from 7:00-9:00 pm. Three dinner choices are available:

- 1) *Herb crusted chicken breast* in lemon, garlic, white wine and savory herbs (Sides: Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus)
- 2) *Apricot and ginger glazed salmon* (Sides: Candied Butternut Squash and Israeli Couscous)
- 3) *Roasted vegetable pasta* with oven roasted tomatoes, orange bell peppers, whole garlic cloves, fresh basil, goat cheese (Sides: Steamed Vegetable Medley)

All entrees include a spinach strawberry salad, rolls with butter, and coffee or tea. Dessert items are Chocolate Tart or Lime Meringue Pie. Banquet cost is \$40, which includes 2 drink tickets for beer, wine, soft drinks, and water. A cash bar will also be available.

## Keynote Speaker



Dr. Jim Dunbar, one of the foremost authorities on paleoindians in Florida and the broader southeast, will serve as Keynote Speaker. Jim was an archaeologist for the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research for more than 35 years. He is also the founder of the Aucilla Research Institute, Inc. Given that underwater prehistoric sites are coming under attack by the antiquities market and those who want to pass legislation so they can sell artifacts, Dr. Dunbar asks, "Why does Florida has so many inundated archaeological and paleontological sites and what about their significance?" His presentation will focus on the significance of underwater and wetland sites in Florida and the need for their protection.



## Sunday Morning Tours

On Sunday morning, conference attendees will have three tour options that include visiting an archaeological site on state lands, viewing a historic Plantation belonging to the National Park Service, or undertaking a guided museum tour.

### 9:00 am - **Kingsley Plantation, Ft. George Island**

Located within the NPS Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, the plantation is "the oldest standing plantation house in Florida." Originally built in 1798, it became the residence of Zephaniah Kingsley and his family in 1814. The site includes the original barn and kitchen house and a semicircular arrangement of slave cabins made of tabby. The slave cabins have been the subject of various archaeological excavations over the years, most recently by the University of Florida field school in 2013. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes transportation to and from the site.

### 9:00 am - **Grand Shell Ring on Big Talbot Island**

This unique St. Johns II site contains a shell ring and a sand burial mound complex that dates to A.D. 950-1200. First recorded in 1973, the site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The University of North Florida's 2014 field school made two interesting discoveries: the bones of a great auk and a passenger pigeon, both extinct species of bird. The tour will be conducted by Dr. Keith Ashley. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes transportation from the hotel.

Space is limited on these two tours so register early! If too few people sign up for one tour, the tour may be cancelled or combined with the other tour.

The third option is exclusive access to the **Mandarin Museum and Historical Society's Maple Leaf exhibit.**

On April 1, 1864, the steamship Maple Leaf was transporting Union supplies when it struck a Confederate mine in the St. Johns River just off Mandarin Point where it sank and still lies today.

The Mandarin Museum has a large collection of the artifacts from this ship which were recovered by Dr. Keith Holland, St. Johns Archaeological Expeditions, Inc. It also has on site the St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African-American children built in 1898. The cost of admission is \$7.00 per person. Attendees are required to provide their own transportation. A map and directions will be provided.

## Call For Papers and Posters

The Florida Anthropological Society invites the submission of abstracts for paper or poster presentations at the 69th annual meeting in Jacksonville. 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 6, 2017**. Papers and posters should state the research question(s) that guided the work and summarize conclusions or issues resolved by the investigation.

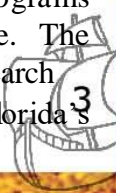
Please note the following guidelines:

- 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
- A 20-minute time limit for each paper presentation will be strictly enforced
- All presenters must register and pay the appropriate registration fee at the time they submit their abstract

Online abstract submission and registration for presenters is due by **Monday, March 13, 2017**.

## 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 31, 2017**. 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 6, 2017. Past first place winners of the student paper prize are not eligible.

Judging criteria for student papers and oral presentations are: 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 Keith Ashley ([kashley@unf.edu](mailto:kashley@unf.edu)).

### **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. For more information, or to submit your application, contact: Dr. Robert Austin, FAS Student Grant, P.O. Box 2818, Riverview, FL 33568 or via email to [roc\\_doc@verizon.net](mailto:roc_doc@verizon.net). Deadline for applications is **Friday, March 31, 2017**.

### **Chuck and Jane Wilde Archaeological Research Award**

The Chuck and Jane Wilde Archaeological Research Award is supported by the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historical Conservancy (KVAHC). This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of two exemplar avocational archaeologists who dedicated years of their lives promoting education that prioritized the significance of South Central Florida's cultural resources. This award is only offered to students continuing in the field of Florida archaeology and its use is limited to archaeological research costs. The award (\$500) might be applied toward processing fees such as C14 dating, or toward participation in a pay-as-you-go fieldwork opportunity, or in research materials. Each student that submits a paper or poster at the 2017 FAS Annual Meeting (either may be co-authored by a professional) will have the opportunity to enter the competition via the online registration form.

### **WMS/LSSAS Student Travel Grants**

The Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society (WMS/LSSAS) is pleased to offer \$200 supplemental travel grants to up to two eligible students who present a paper or poster at the FAS 2017 Annual Meeting. The grant can be used for expenses pertaining to the meeting including hotel, registration, and travel expenses. Students enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program and first-time FAS presenters are eligible and invited to apply. **Application deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017.** Selection of awards will be based on



review of the letter of application and abstract, and proof of conference registration and university enrollment.

### **Sally McKeige Research Award**

In honor of Sarah "Sally" McKeige, the Southeast Florida Archaeological Society (SEFAS) is pleased to announce a one-time competitive award in the amount of \$500 to a student currently enrolled in a degree granting Florida College or University. The grant money can assist the student with conducting archaeological research in southeastern Florida. A Skidmore graduate, Sally acquired a Master's Degree in Anthropology from Hunter at 60 years of age. A Founder and President of the Southeast Florida Archaeological Society (SEFAS), Sally was an avid sailor, outdoorswoman and archaeologist who worked to conserve the environment and preserve history.

Grant funds can be used to cover the costs associated with archaeological fieldwork, specialized analyses (e.g., radiocarbon dates, faunal or botanical analyses, soils analysis), 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.

For more information, or to submit your application, contact: Theresa Schober ([president@fasweb.org](mailto:president@fasweb.org)). **The application deadline is Friday, March 31, 2017.**

### **Laboring in the Fields of the Lord**

Lee Trust for Historic Preservation and Friends of Mound Key are pleased to announce a free public event focused on the Spanish Mission period in Florida history. The program entitled, "Laboring in the Fields of the Lord: Southeastern Indians and Spanish Missions," will be held on February 25th at Florida Southwestern State College, Auditorium U-102, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Funding for this program is generously provided by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and local sponsors.

From the 1560s on, Jesuit and then Franciscan friars established over 150 missions across La Florida – from the southern reaches of the Florida peninsula to the Chesapeake Bay. San Francisco, San Antonio, Santa Fe – names we associate today with Texas and the southwest – were first missions among southeastern Indian groups. Yet by 1763, when Great Britain took over Florida from Spain, only two missions and less than one hundred mission Indians remained.

This program brings together five preeminent scholars in American Indian languages and mission period history and archaeology. The presenters will address the rise and fall of the Spanish missions including language barriers and contrasting world views, the impact on indigenous peoples and cultures, and how these histories are interpreted and presented to the public at heritage sites.

Interested parties are encouraged to [register in advance](#). Attendees may attend one presentation or all presentations. Box lunches are available for advance purchase should you wish to remain on-site to interact with the speakers at lunch.

Event speakers: Jerald T. Milanich, John E. Worth, J. Michael Francis, Rochelle Marrinan, and George Aaron Broadwell.

Event sponsors/partners: Florida Humanities Council, Lee Trust for Historic Preservation, Friends of Mound Key, Florida Southwestern State College School of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences, and the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society.



## **Florida Archaeological Preservation Association Formed to Head off Artifact Collection and Site Destruction on Florida's Public Lands**

By Lonnie Mann, FAPA Board of Directors

As many are without doubt aware, several groups linked to the antiques market, one based in Georgia with members from Alabama and Florida, have lobbied the Florida legislature to legalize excavating and artifact collecting on Florida's Public Lands. Tribal groups, archaeologists and preservationists, and several municipalities were active in the Florida legislature last session and successfully defeated the proposed measures, House Bill 803/Senate Bill 1054. Similar bills will likely be introduced very soon in the 2017 legislative session.

Collector groups and some of their wealthy supporters operate at a distinct advantage by expending considerable sums to retain well-connected professional lobbyists. In contrast to unincorporated collector groups, non-profit organizations, such as FAS, are 501(c)(3) organizations for taxing purposes. This status limits the level of expenditures the organization can devote to direct lobbying. Of course, acting as private individuals, members of FAS are in no way restricted from engaging in or contributing to the political process.

The Florida Archaeological Preservation Association (FAPA) was recently incorporated with Glen Doran, Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Florida State University Department of Anthropology, as its president. FAPA's purpose is to participate directly in the political process in order to protect Florida's cultural heritage. FAPA is a 501(c)(4) organization, and is therefore permitted to make expenditures for lobbying purposes.

FAPA has retained a highly competent and ethical professional lobbying firm, Liberty Partners Inc., to represent our cause during the upcoming legislative session. At the same time, FAPA is working diligently to form a broad coalition of organizations to defend cultural resources in Florida. While these initiatives will certainly help, direct communications from local constituents to their own legislators remains an enormously important factor as well.

Membership in FAPA is open to anyone who supports its purposes and who attests that they are not engaged in buying or selling artifacts.

Anyone who wishes to make a material contribution to protect Florida's increasingly vulnerable cultural heritage may join FAPA by paying annual membership dues of \$25 for a Regular Membership or \$75 for a Sustaining Membership. In addition, donations will be gratefully accepted. For anyone who itemizes, please note that these expenditures are not tax deductible; however, FAPA pays no taxes on them. A membership form will be posted on FAPA's "under construction" website (see [www.FloridaAPA.com](http://www.FloridaAPA.com)).

Additionally, FAPA invites everyone to check out news about cultural resource protection and to like the [FAPA Facebook page](#).



Lee Trust for Historic Preservation & Friends of Mound Key Present



Florida Southwestern State College, U-102, Fort Myers, FL To Register: [WWW.HERITAGE-MATTERS.ORG](http://WWW.HERITAGE-MATTERS.ORG)

From the 1560s on, Jesuit and then Franciscan friars established over 150 missions across *La Florida*. Yet by 1763, only two missions and less than one hundred mission Indians remained. Join preeminent historians, archaeologists, and linguists in exploring this era that brought together diverse peoples, cultures, & ideas.

## PROGRAM

9:00AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

**FREE!**

Jerald T. Milanich | A New World: Southeastern Indians and Spanish Missions

J. Michael Francis | Politics, Power, and Polygamy: Rethinking the 1597 Guala Uprising

George Aaron Broadwell | Timucua Writers in Mission Period Florida

John E. Worth | Rebellion and Consequences: The 1656 Rebellion and the Reorganization of Timucua

Rochelle Marrinan | The Archaeology of the Apalachee Missions

12:30PM Question & Answer *Lunch available for advance purchase at [www.heritage-matters.org/mound-key-events](http://www.heritage-matters.org/mound-key-events)*

Jerald T. Milanich | The End of Time: Destruction of the Missions and Resettlement of Indian Refugees around St. Augustine

John E. Worth | So Far but So Near: Native Refugees in West and South Florida

J. Michael Francis | 'Not Even the Devil Could Read This': Digging in the Archives

George Aaron Broadwell | Timucua Miracle Stories: European Folklore Through the Eyes of Florida Indians

Rochelle Marrinan | San Luis de Apalachee: Bringing Missions to Life

5:00PM Meet & Greet to follow

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# FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH



Engineers are skillful, original thinkers who design and build complicated systems and structures. The Engineers of the Mississippian Period built vibrant communities shaped by achievements in landscape design, social systems, and extensive trade. Major world events would dramatically change life for Native peoples in Florida, but their creative spirit lives on today.



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### WHO WERE THEY?

Mississippians lived across the Midwest to the Southeastern United States from around AD 1000-1600, a time period that ends with the disruption of lifeways from European invasion into North America. Mississippians across this area developed similar cultural traits related to agriculture, politics, and trade. In Florida, the Mississippian traits people chose to adopt or reject were influenced by the unique environment and local character of their communities.

**RIGHT:** What can a piece of pottery tell us about agriculture? This broken pottery fragment was decorated with a corn cobs by Mississippians in Florida. Prior to European contact, corn cultivation was only found in North Florida, while people living in other areas relied on resources from the water like fish and shellfish.



For most of Florida's past, we do not know what Native peoples called their communities because they did not leave written records. When Europeans arrived in the early 1500s they wrote down a few names of places and people (shown in blue on the map).

### STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

Mississippians in the Southeast built impressive earthworks, and people in Florida shared in this long tradition. In Southwest Florida, Calusa engineers at the Pineland site constructed a central canal system, about 2.5 miles (4 km) long. The canal passed through the middle of their planned village and across the width of Pine Island. The Pine Island Canal stands out as one extraordinary achievement of Mississippian engineering in the same way modern engineering feats like the Panama Canal have profound political and economic importance today.



**RIGHT:** Map of the Pineland site selected from Marquardt and Hunter in Late Prehistoric Florida: Archaeology at the Edge of the Mississippian World (2012).

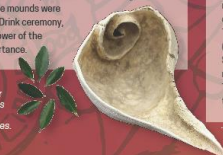
### START OF MISSISSIPPIAN

AROUND AD 1000

### SOCIAL NETWORKS

How do you manage your social network? Life in the Mississippian Period revolved around relationships, requiring local groups to forge connections with other networks at regional and distant levels. Mississippians created systems of social and political organization different from earlier time periods. Large platform mound construction, like those at the Fort Walton or Safety Harbor mound sites, shows the ability of communities to organize large-scale building projects. These mounds were backdrops for rites, like the Black Drink ceremony, which served to strengthen the power of the place and provide a sense of importance.

**RIGHT:** Lightning whet shell dipper or cup from the Mill Cove site. Shell cups were used for the ceremonial "Black Drink" brewed from yaupon holly leaves.



### INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Connections among far-flung people are a hallmark of the Mississippian way of life, tying people, goods, and ideas together. Religious ideas also spread and are reflected in symbols like the Falcon Warrior (at far right). This example was found on an embossed copper plate at Lake Jackson Mounds near Tallahassee. Other copper plates found at Mount Royal (bottom right) show common Southeastern ceremonial motifs like the forked eye. This symbol might represent the markings on a falcon.



**RIGHT:** Students excavate at the Mill Cove site as part of a UNF-led research project.



### ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE MILL COVE SITE

What was it like to live in a Mississippian community in Florida? Recent research by Dr. Keith Ashley of the University of North Florida (UNF) at the Mill Cove site near Jacksonville paints a picture of a connected community. From around AD 900-1250, Mill Cove was a hub for trade and exchange in Northeast Florida. Artifacts found at the site show the vast networks its people tapped into: shell from coastal Florida, pottery from Georgia, exotic stone tools from the Midwest, and numerous copper objects from the Appalachian Mountains and Great Lakes Region. These items were used to build and maintain alliances with faraway communities, but also played an important role in local rituals or as communal religious offerings that maintained and bound together the Mill Cove community.

**RIGHT:** Non-local Calhouna Paint found at the Mill Cove site. Images courtesy of Dr. Keith Ashley, UNF.



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next issue is **April 15, 2017**. 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**.

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