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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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May 5-7, 2017

2017 FAS Annual Meeting

The Archaeology Lab at the University of North Florida (UNF), with the support of the Jacksonville Society of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), is honored to host the 69th annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). Situated amid woodlands, beautiful lakes, and nature trails, the meeting presentations and related events will be held on the UNF campus in Jacksonville, May 5-7, 2017.

UNF is located within 10 miles of both the Atlantic Ocean and Downtown Jacksonville. Arrangements with a nearby hotel close to the St. Johns Town Center are almost final. The conference rate will be \$99 a night.

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. The Adam W. Herbert University Center, overlooking a nature preserve lake, offers a quiet sanctuary for the Saturday night banquet.

More details about the hotel, meeting registration, Sunday tours, and other event activities will be available on the FAS website in January 2017.



Our 2017 host, as seen from above Image courtesy of UNF

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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.

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 will be available through the <u>FAS website</u> in early January 2017. The abstract submission deadline is Monday March 13, 2017. The deadline for proposing symposia, panel discussions, or other special programs associated with the conference is **January 31, 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 at <u>kashley@unf.edu</u>.

Other Student Opportunities

FAS strongly encourages student research and participation in the annual conference. A number of additional funding opportunities are available through generous sponsors and local chapters. Application details for each award vary. Please see the FAS website for additional details. Student award recipients are announced at the FAS Annual Membership & Business Meeting on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

The Dorothy Moore Student Grant

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is making available \$500.00 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. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 31, 2017.

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 assist the student with conducting can 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, 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 via email at president@fasweb.org. 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 Vallev Archaeological and Historical Conservancy. This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of two exemplar avocational archaeologists who dedicated years of their lives promoting education that prioritized significance of South Central Florida's cultural resources. This award is only offered to students continuing in the field of Florida archaeology. Its use is limited to archaeological research costs. The award (\$500.00) might be applied toward processing fees such as C14 dating, 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) the opportunity to enter will have competition via the online registration form.

WMS/LSSAS Student Travel Grants

The Warm Mineral Springs/Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society (WMS/LSSAS) pleased to offer \$200 supplemental travel grants to up to two eligible students who present a paper or poster at the FAS 2016 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 firsttime 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.

FAS Awards Call for Nominations

The FAS Board encourages nominations for the following Awards:

The Ripley P. Bullen Award recognizes professional archaeologists who foster the spirit of Ripley Bullen by furthering good working relationships among avocational professional archaeologists in Florida. A FAS Chapter and Chapter Representative must make nominations, in writing, to the current FAS President and the FAS Board. Nominations must be received by December 15th, 2016. The nominee must be a member of FAS. Formal criteria for qualifications and implementation of the Bullen Award are described in the FAS Operating Procedures Manual. Copies available from FAS Officers and Chapter Representatives.

The Lazarus Award recognizes members of FAS who exemplify the spirit accomplishments of William C. Lazarus through their contributions to archaeology, preservation, and/or education, as well as to FAS and the wider community. Only FAS member may submit nominations for the Lazarus Award. Nominations, in writing, should be sent to the current FAS President by December 15th, 2016. The nominee must be a member of FAS and must not make his/her living through the practice of archaeology. Formal criteria for qualifications and implementation of the Bullen Award are described in the FAS Operating Procedures Manual. Copies are available from FAS Officers and Chapter representatives.

The Arthur R. Lee FAS Chapter Award recognizes chapters for their achievements regarding archaeological and historical sites and cooperation with other organizations. These include: a) recording sites in the Florida Master Site File and/or National Register of Historic Places; b) salvaging information from endangered sites and making it available for

research and education; c) outreach programs; d) cooperation with institutions of higher learning and with local, state, and federal organizations; e) supporting preservation of sites through city, county, or state planning; and f) preservation efforts with individuals, corporations, and government agencies.

The recipient is honored with a plaque at the Annual Banquet. The criteria for qualifications and implementation of the FAS Chapter Award are described in the FAS Operating Procedures Manual.

In Memoriam

by Monica Oyola-Coeur, RPA

Former Miami-Dade County Archaeologist Gary Beiter passed at age 77 in Davie, Florida, after a fruitful life as a U.S. Marine, professional scuba diver, and archaeologist. Gary was born in New York, where he attended Cortland College, earning a B.S. in Biology. He worked as a professional and commercial scuba diver, and organized the New York Underwater Archaeology Association. Looking for warmer waters, Gary settled in South Florida over 35 ago. He attended Florida Atlantic University, earning a second Bachelor's degree in Geology, and in 1989 he was conferred a Master of Arts in Anthropology for his thesis on ancient pictographs from marine caves in Aruba. Gary went on to teach cultural anthropology at Barry University while working in cultural resource management (CRM) and serving as archaeologist for the Graves Museum of Archaeology and Natural History in Dania, Florida.

In 1999, Gary Beiter worked in the archaeological investigation of the Miami Circle under the direction of Florida's State Archaeologist, Ryan Wheeler. From 2001 to 2005, Gary served as an archaeologist with the Miami-Dade Office of Historic Preservation. Gary later joined Janus Research, where he

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trained and lead crews in archaeological field work as a field supervisor. In 2007, he founded the CRM firm Environmental Archaeological Solutions, LLC (EAS) in partnership with archaeologist Monica Oyola-Coeur. Together they conducted projects across Florida. They also created a Student Work-Study Program in partnership with the Broward College Department of Behavioral Sciences, which gave anthropology students the opportunity to gain experience in archaeology, while earning wages as field technicians in EAS.

Gary was a member of the Society of American Archaeology (SAA) and a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA). His work was published in The Florida Anthropologist and in the Archaeological Institute of America's (AIA) Archaeology magazine. He was professional master diver, who owned and operated Aquatic Ventures in Davie, Florida. He trained and certified many of colleagues, students. friends and in Scuba International (SDI) open water scuba diving at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels.

Gary Beiter was known for his kindness, his professional ethics, and his courage to persevere in what he believed. He will be remembered for his strength of character and generosity of spirit.



Archaeologists Gary N. Beiter and Monica Oyola-Coeur

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Information for Contributors

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 **December 15, 2016**. 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**.

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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