



Florida Anthropological Society

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

***76th Annual Meeting May 10-12, 2024
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA!***

***Hosted by Pensacola Archaeological Society
with special co-host FPAN***

Check fasweb.org/annual-meeting in mid-January for details



The Pensacola Archaeological Society, PAS, is made up of people of all ages with an interest in archaeology. Members, and they come from diverse backgrounds, but all have an interest in preserving, protecting and studying our past cultures through archaeological investigations and the historical record.

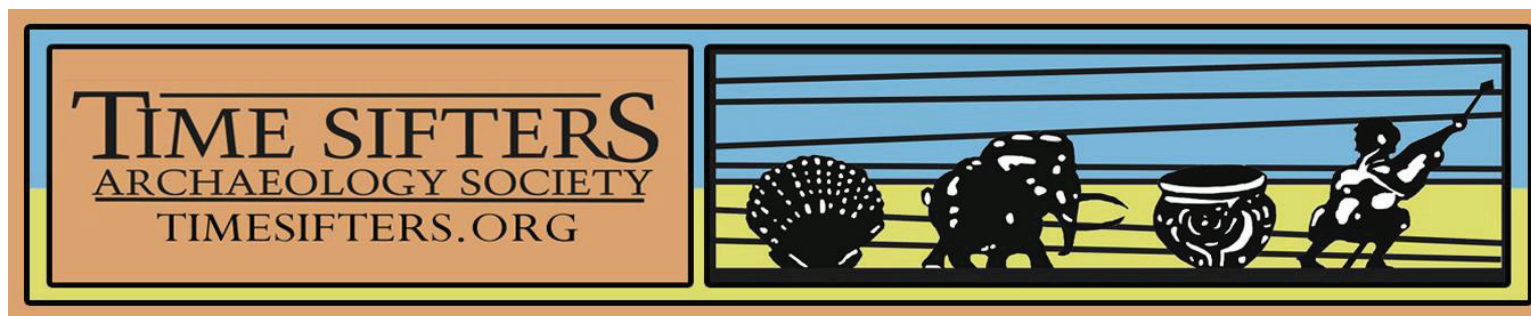
PAS works closely with the *Archaeology Institute at the University of West Florida* by providing volunteers for many of their field and lab projects. Members also participate in public archaeology projects in the panhandle region of northwest Florida in cooperation with the *Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), Northwest Region*. These events include the Florida Archaeology Month celebrations, Archaeology Day events, and lab activities throughout the year.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PAS at <https://pasfl.org/> and support the chapter's [Facebook](#) page.

EUGENE LYON EDUCATION FUND 2024 PROJECT AWARDS

The St. Augustine Archaeological Association (SAAA) is making available up to \$500 to provide support for scholarly activity across all disciplines of archaeology, anthropology and history relating to St. Augustine or Northeast Florida. Applications will be accepted from students - or anyone involved in such research. These funds can be used to cover costs associated with research, archaeological fieldwork or travel, and other expenses connected with presentations at professional meetings. The entire amount may be given to a single individual or divided among applicants at the discretion of the SAAA Eugene Lyon Educational Award Committee. **Application Deadline is February 1, 2024.**

For further information and an application go to <https://www.staugarch.org/> or contact staugarch@gmail.com (attention: Courtney Crum-ELEF).



FLORIDA CRM FIRMS HELP TIME SIFTERS FUND STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT FIELD SCHOOLS

Time Sifters Archaeology Society (TSAS) has partnered with *Archaeological Consultants, Inc.* (Maranda Kles, VP), *Janus Research* (Ken Hardin, CEO), and *Stantec* (Paul Jones, Senior Principal), three of Florida's leading cultural resource management firms, to help publicize and fund annual student grants and scholarships for field school students.

It's become clear that there is a general lack of field school trained crew, not just in the Southeast US, but everywhere. Opportunities for field school participation (in the US and abroad) diminished during the pandemic and have not recovered in the current economy. While Time Sifters can't fund a field school, we are leading an effort to help finance student participation. Donations to the fund can be made at timesifters.org.

**Professors, are you planning a field school?
Please share this information with your students.**

Last year, Time Sifters funded its second set of field school scholarships, the Cornelia Futor Memorial Student Research Grant for two University of South Florida students. This year we hope to have enough to provide several \$2,000 scholarships, with the eventual goal of increasing the amount given to each student.

The grant is open to students currently enrolled at a Florida university or college who, at a minimum, have begun their junior year of undergraduate studies at the time of application and are pursuing a major in anthropology with a focus on archaeology.

The 2024 grant cycle is specifically funding participation in field schools that include training in excavation techniques. There will be more than one award made.

KEY DATES

Request application by: March 1, 2024

Application submittal deadline: March 15, 2024

Award will be announced: March 30, 2024

All questions, application requests, and submissions must be sent to Sherry Svekis (ssvekis@gmail.com). Include "Time Sifters Student Research Grant" in the subject line.

Grant request requires submission of an Application, which includes a statement of request, a brief bio, two photos, and a line-item budget. In addition, a letter of support from an academic advisor must be submitted along with the application. We recommend you speak to your professor as soon as possible.

Upon conclusion of the funded project, a written report (500 words), at least two photos, and an expense report including receipts must be submitted within 60 days.



CHAPTERS & FRIENDS PROGRAMS



Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM at Selby Public Library, downtown Sarasota

TIME SIFTERS ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY PRESENTS:

The Nine Lives of Florida's Famous Key Marco Cat

By Austin Bell

Excavated from a waterlogged archaeological site on the shores of subtropical Florida by legendary anthropologist Frank Hamilton Cushing in 1896, the Key Marco Cat has become a modern icon of heritage, history, and local identity. Preserved in the muck for centuries on Marco Island and discovered in pristine condition due to its oxygen-free environment, the Cat has since traveled more than 12,000 miles and has been viewed by millions of people. In this presentation, Bell explores nine periods in the life of the small wooden carving, beginning with how it was sculpted, what it may have represented to the ancient Calusa, and clues to the Cat's mysterious origins that have emerged in its later lives.

Austin Bell is the Curator of Collections for the Marco Island Historical Society and a Consulting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. He is the author of four books, including *The Nine Lives of Florida's Famous Key Marco Cat*, which won a 2021 Florida Book Award and a 2022 Meritorious Achievement Award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. Bell currently serves on the Florida Anthropological Society's Board of Directors and is the Chair of the Collier County Historic Archaeological Preservation Board. He holds a B.A. in Anthropology and M.A. in Museum Studies from the University of Florida and is an alumnus of the Smithsonian Institution's Summer Institute in Museum Anthropology.

Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 PM at Main Branch of the Palm Beach County Public Library,
3650 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach, 33406. For more information email pbccarchaeologicalsociety@gmail.com.

PALM BEACH COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (PBCAS) PRESENTS:

Mobility in South Florida's Everglades: Trail Networks Connecting Ancient Sites in the Western Okeechobee Region

By Bonita Lee, M.A. Candidate, Archaeology/Anthropology

This work locates trails in the Western Okeechobee, a landscape long viewed as an inhospitable combination of sloughs, swamps, and sawgrass. Trail networks connected communities and allowed people to travel, exchange materials, and share ideology. The work applies multiple data sources to over 11,000 km² to find potential trails used during the Woodland period. Trails connect archaeological sites and monumental anthropogenic earthworks. Results show a high potential of local intraregional community ties and interregional travel.

Bonita Lee is a graduate student at Florida Atlantic University. She specializes in regional analysis and landscape archaeology. Formerly, she worked as a data science and remote sensing engineer. She is also the current treasurer of Florida Anthropological Society.

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at noon, at Building 51 at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville. Email aiajaxsoc@gmail.com or visit aiajax.org for location details or Zoom information.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA - JACKSONVILLE SOCIETY PRESENTS:

Following the Metal Wake of Spanish Expeditions in the Southeast

By Dr. Charles Cobb from the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida

Many of the artifacts from 16th-century Spanish explorations found on Native American sites in the American Southeast have been documented from burial contexts. This has given rise to the received wisdom that these objects were usually gifts distributed to Indigenous elites. Over the past decade, archaeological research at sites in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia has challenged this perspective. Systematic-metal detecting surveys have revealed that objects of European origin are far more abundant than previously realized and are often found in domestic contexts. This work is opening up new interpretations about how Native Americans acquired European goods, as well as how they modified these objects in ways that aligned with Indigenous worldviews.

Charles Cobb has been the Curator of Historical Archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History since 2014. He also is Director of the Museum's Randell Research Center located on Pine Island in southwest Florida. He received his PhD in 1988 from Southern Illinois University and was subsequently a faculty member in anthropology at SUNY-Binghamton and University of South Carolina before his arrival at the University of Florida. Cobb has a long-term interest in the history and archaeology of Indigenous cultures of the southeastern United States, with a particular focus on interactions between Native Americans and European colonials.

The Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) is open to persons interested in anthropology, archaeology, preservation of cultural resources, and community education. FAS members receive the Society's journal, *The Florida Anthropologist*, and the FAS Newsletter. Join Now, or Renew your Membership at www.fasweb.org/membership.

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