

## **Final Report, 2012 NPS Archeology Program Webinar Series**

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In the fall and winter of 2012/13, Dr. Stacey Camp arranged presenters for the WASO Archeology Programs Webinar Series. The speakers, topics, and short abstracts are listed below.

**October 4, 2012, at Noon, EDT**

### **The Archeology of Japanese American Internment**

*Dr. Stacey Camp, University of Idaho*

During World War II, the U.S. government imprisoned over 120,000 individuals of Japanese heritage solely due to their ethnicity. Among those confined were naturalized and non-naturalized Japanese and Japanese American citizens. Despite being "relocated" to destitute, downtrodden camps, internees not only made do with internment but creatively and intentionally interrogated their imprisonment by utilizing and crafting material culture. This talk will examine the material engagements recovered in the form of artwork, gaming pieces, vases, and other artifacts from Idaho's Kooskia Internment Camp recovered as part of the University of Idaho's Kooskia Internment Camp Archaeological Project. The project is an ongoing archeological, archival, and oral history study of the internees' and supervisors' lives at this remote facility.

Camp specializes in the archeology of late 19th and early 20th century immigrants living in the western United States, with particular emphasis on how marginalized groups expressed national allegiances, civic loyalties, and citizenship aspirations using material culture. Her first book, *The Archaeology of Citizenship*, will be published by the University Press of Florida in early 2013.

**October 18 at 3:00pm, EDT**

### **The Pleistocene Human Colonization of Interior North America**

*Dr. David G. Anderson, University of Tennessee*

Anderson will focus on when, where, and how human beings entered the Americas during the last Ice Age, upwards of 13,000 years ago. Many ideas have been proposed, some more plausible and better accepted than others. The routes early peoples took can be inferred from an examination of the archaeological and environmental record, and are not as obvious as we might think.

David G. Anderson has conducted archeological fieldwork in the Southeastern, Southwestern, and Midwestern United States, and in the Caribbean, work he has documented in some 350 publications and meeting papers and some 45 books and technical monographs. He is the founding director of PIDBA, the Paleoindian Database of the Americas, readily available online, and a former NPS archeologist.

**November 15 at 3:00 pm, EST**

### **History in Bits and Pieces: The Battle of Cedar Creek**

*Dr. Clarence R. Geier, James Madison University (emeritus), Harrisonburg, Virginia.*

Clarence Geier and students at James Madison University are engaged in research on military actions on the Civil War Cedar Creek Battlefield. The team has documented archeological evidence of the Union encampment, interpreted parts of the battle flow, and reconstructed the cultural setting over which much of the battle was fought. This presentation discusses the approaches used in analyzing battlefield remains; methods and procedures used in the physical study of the lands involved; and the results gained from the application of the layers of field research.

Clarence R. Geier is an emeritus professor of anthropology, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Trained as a pre-historian, he has evolved into a historical archeologist, working at such sites as Madison's Montpelier. Since 2000, he has been the P.I. for a number of projects involving the overview and assessment of NPS military sites such as Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Belle Grove-Cedar Creek NHP. He is co-editor on a number of Civil War and military sites archeology books, including *Archaeological Perspectives on the American Civil War* (with Stephen Potter), *Huts and History* (with David Orr and Matthew Reeves) and *The Historical Archaeology of Military Sites Archaeology* (with Douglas Scott and Larry Babits).

**Cost: \$750**

**November 1 at 3:00 pm, EST**

**"One Ship, Two Ships, Our Ship, Whose Ship? Untangling the Muddle of Submerged Cultural Resources Laws"**

*Dr. David Conlin, Chief, NPS Submerged Resources Center*

The NPS has at least 140 park units with significant water resources totaling more than 3.5 million acres of submerged lands. On, near, and under these park bottomlands lie thousands of shipwrecks, aircraft, submerged terrestrial sites, paleo-landscapes and other cultural resources. Many of the sites have exceptional preservation and a few are rumored to have exceptional commercial value. NPS managers and archeologists have been grappling for decades with a patchwork of laws and policies that apply to these sites and trying to determine which ones to apply to fulfill legal requirements, and to meet the NPS mission to preserve these resources unimpaired for future generations. Speaker Dave Conlin will talk about recent developments in the management of submerged cultural resources.

Conlin is the chief of the NPS Submerged Resources Center. He leads the team that provides technical expertise to parks and partners for the location, protection, and interpretation of submerged cultural resources system-wide.

**December 13 at 3:00 pm, EST**

**The Windover Site – Voices from the Past**

*Glen H. Doran, Department of Anthropology at Florida State University*

Wet sites provide an often spectacular view of prehistoric life and their contribution cannot be over emphasized. The Windover cemetery in Brevard County, Florida, has yielded preserved organics including woven materials, antler, wood bottle gourds, food remains, and bone tools with 168 burials dating in excess of 7,000 radiocarbon years. Glen Doran, project director, will share with us some of the things that he has learned in his investigation of this amazing site.

Glen H. Doran is Chairman of the Anthropology Department, Florida State University. He has research interests in archeology and human skeletal biology, primarily in the southeastern U.S., and particularly populations in the Archaic Period. He is also interested in soils and geoarchaeology and has been involved in specialized special soil core extractor work from Florida to Tennessee and west to Texas.

**January 31 at 3:00 pm, EST**

**Climate Reconstruction and Its Implications in the Eastern U.S.**

*Dennis B. Blanton*

Climate and weather are factors that contribute to patterns of human behavior. Reconstructing those conditions and then judging their influence on human affairs are not without challenges but case studies demonstrate successful approaches for doing so. The cases in this presentation exemplify the strengths and limitations of different proxy data sources, ranging from tree rings to historical documentary records, and ultimately their relevance for interpretations of the historical and archeological records.

Dennis B. Blanton is a former Curator of Native American Archaeology, Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta, Georgia. Before that, he spent 15 years as Co-director or Director of the Center for Archaeological Research at the College of William and Mary, and a year creating and directing a new public archeology program

at historic Shirley Plantation. Early collaborative work included the discovery of how severe drought affected the Jamestown colony in Virginia. Current research focuses on effects of climate and weather on Spanish colonial occupation of *La Florida*, including research on Santa Catalina de Guale (Georgia) mission, evidence of early Spanish-Indian interaction across southern Georgia and the *entrada* of Hernando de Soto.

**All webinars went smoothly and were well-received. It is anticipated that this series will be continued under a new RM-CESU agreement in FY13.**