



52nd Annual Spring Symposium on Maryland Archeology

Presented by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.

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People's Resource Center

Maryland Historical Trust

100 Community Place

Crownsville, Maryland 21032

2017 Annual Spring Symposium

8:30 AM: **Registration** - Registration will be at the door. The price of admission is \$7.00, \$5.00 for current members of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc, students are free.

9:00 AM: **Welcome and Introduction to the Program**

9:15 AM: **Teacher of the Year Presentation**

9:25 – 10:00 AM: **Archaeology in Support of Activism: The Hill Community Project**
presented by Tracy Jenkins

To maintain our relevance in the 21st century, archaeologists can lend our support to ongoing emancipatory projects. An example of this kind of work comes from The Hill Community Project in Easton, Maryland where, archaeologists from the University of Maryland have been working for the past five years. The Hill is a 200-year-old integrated neighborhood and home to a large African-American community that was free 75 years before Emancipation. Economic disinvestment threatens the future of this community and Carlene Phoenix and Priscilla Morris of Historic Easton lead an effort to fighting back with a remembrance of their past. At their invitation, a team of scholars organized by Dale Green of Morgan State University is using our understanding of the past in this place as a platform to advocate for the community's needs in the present and to help get them a seat at the table in decisions over the future of their neighborhood.

The ASM Student Spotlight

10:05 – 10:35 AM: **Using Archaeology to Find and Interpret the Role of Children in the Colonial Chesapeake**
presented by Catherine Dye

Children are an under-studied group of people historically, especially in archaeology. Where children have been studied, it is typically in relation to mortality rates. This paper describes findings from a year-long study of the construction of African and European childhood in the Virginia and Maryland colonies through an archaeological lens. Analyses of probate inventories, child burials, and child-related archaeological artifacts shed important light on the experience of childhood in the colonial Chesapeake. In addition to providing an archaeological examination of childhood mortality, the study of child bodies in burials can reflect attitudes towards these children. Material culture in combination with burial conditions of children indicate the emotional value these children had, complicating the notion that children were valued primarily for their economic contributions.

10:35 – 10:50 AM: **Coffee Break**

10:50 – 11:25 AM: **The Archaeological Conservancy at Work in the East: Recent Acquisitions and Projects**
presented by Andy Stout

The Archaeological Conservancy is the only private, national, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that acquires and permanently preserves America's most important archaeological sites. In addition to preserving over 500 of America's most important sites, the Conservancy is also the leading provider of archaeological tours in North & Central America, publisher of American Archaeology magazine, and has over 20,000 members. Andy Stout has been the Eastern Regional Director of The Archaeological Conservancy since 2004. During this time, he has overseen a doubling of the Conservancy's archaeological research preserves in the eastern U.S., including the acquisition of two National Historic Landmarks. Mr. Stout will discuss recent acquisition and special projects in the east.

11:25 – 12:00 PM: Field School: **Calverton Site**
Presented by Kirsti Uunila

Kirsti Uunila will present on the Calverton Site, the site of the 2017 ASM Field Session May 26 – June 4, 2017.

12:00 – 1:00 PM: **Lunch**

The cafeteria at 100 Community Place is closed. Nearby restaurants are limited (a listing will be available at registration). Save time...bring a bag lunch and mingle with friends.

The Iris McGillivray Memorial Lecture

Iris McGillivray was a founding member of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc., ably serving the Society for over thirty years as Secretary, President, Newsletter Editor, Field Session Registrar, and Membership Secretary. She is perhaps best known and respected for her organization of the annual Spring Symposium, first held in 1965, arranging all aspects of the day-long program. In 1991 Iris was presented with the Society's William B. Marye Award to honor her services to archeology in Maryland.

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM: **Archeology's Role in African American Critical Geography**

Presented by Cheryl LaRoche

1:45 – 2:20 PM: **Oakley Cabin**
presented by Heather Bouslog

This presentation will give an overview of the past and present investigations of this African American archaeological site in the heart of Montgomery County, Maryland. Particular attention will be given to Oakley Cabin's historical context as a "geography of resistance."

2:20 – 2:35 PM: **Coffee Break**

2:35 – 2:40 PM: **Silent Auction Results**

The Richard E. Stearns Memorial Lecture

The Richard E. Stearns Memorial Lecture is named in honor of Richard E Stearns (1902-1969), curator of the Department of Archeology at the Natural History Society of Maryland for more than 30 years. Mr. Stearns located numerous archeological sites in the Chesapeake area, and carefully documented his surface and excavated finds. He published numerous archeological articles and several monographs, and donated his collection to the Smithsonian Institution. A commercial artist by profession, he was nonetheless a pioneer in Maryland archeology, instrumental in recording much of Maryland prehistory.

2:45 – 3:30 PM: **The Powhatan Landscape**
presented by Martin Gallivan, PhD

This presentation offers a new perspective on Chesapeake history by examining the archaeology of Native settlements along the James and York rivers from A.D. 200 to 1622. The goal is to shift the frame of reference from English accounts toward a longer narrative of Virginia Algonquians' construction of places, communities, and connections in between. Drawing from his recently-published book, *The Powhatan Landscape*, Martin Gallivan will discuss the spread of forager-fishers through history of the colonial-era Powhatan chiefdom. The archaeological record indicates that scholars' attentiveness to the English arrival in the Chesapeake has concealed a deeper, indigenous past in Tsenacomacoh, the Algonquian term for Tidewater Virginia. .

DIRECTIONS: Follow Maryland Route 178 (Generals Highway) towards Crownsville. At the light turn onto Crownsville Road, then make an immediate right onto Fairfield Loop Road. Take the first left, and bear right toward the People's Resource Center and the MHT parking lot.