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**PAS MEMBERSHIP VIRTUAL MEETING**

**TUES, JAN. 10, 7:00 PM**

**Discovering the Battle Site of Mabila**

Presented by Dr. Ashley Dumas

Associate Professor of Anthropology at the  
University of West Alabama

See page 2 for all the info.

**Register for the January Meeting**

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About our January program and speaker:

This month's lecture is presented by Dr. Ashley Dumas, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of West Alabama. She also serves as the manager of the Fort Tombecbe Archaeological site. Her primary research has focused on culture change in the late prehistory and colonial periods in the Southeast. In 2021 the University of Alabama Press published her co-edited volume *Salt in Eastern North America and the Caribbean: History and Archaeology*. She currently manages the Search for Mabila project.

On October 18, 1540, at a native town called Mabila, indigenous chief Tascalusa and his warriors fiercely resisted an intrusive and cruel Spanish army led by Hernando de Soto. The outcome of the battle irrevocably altered the course of European colonization of North America. The exact location of this battle remains one of Alabama's most intriguing mysteries, but archaeologists can now claim with confidence that they are close. In this presentation, Dr. Ashley Dumas will recount the recent work by a multi-institutional team to locate Mabila and to better understand indigenous peoples' responses to the Soto entrada.

This is part of a free PAS online series that features a short presentation by an archaeologist via Zoom and an opportunity for participants to ask questions at the end of the presentation. Space is limited, however, and a password will be required for access. Please register for this presentation at the link provided! Please register for the presentation in advance at:

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**FPAN ARCHAEOLOGY LAB**– Open BY RESERVATION.

The FPAN Public Archaeology Lab is on for business on Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm each week. There has been a holiday break and work will resume Jan. 18 for spring semester.

Volunteers must RSVP ahead of time. If you would like to RSVP or have more questions, please send an e-mail to [northwest@fpan.us](mailto:northwest@fpan.us) with your desired date(s) and time(s) for volunteering. While in the Lab, volunteers are strongly recommended to wash their hands frequently and follow all CDC recommendations.

**UWF LAB** will not be open on a regular basis this spring. There will be some volunteer opportunities. Look at the PAS website or facebook.

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## **2023 PAS SPRING LECTURE SERIES-7 PM ON THE 2nd TUESDAY BY Zoom**

**JAN. 10      Discovering the Battle Site of Mabila**

**Dr. Ashley Dumas**

THE REST OF THE YEAR'S SERIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OUR WEBSITE AS WELL AS FACEBOOK AND THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.