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NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2023

PAS MEMBERSHIP *IN PERSON* MEETING

TUES, APRIL 11, 7:00 PM

COLONIZERS AND COLONIZED:

**INDIGENOUS ALLIES, NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS
AND THE NEW SPANISH COLONIAL CULTURE
OF THE LUNA SETTLEMENT**

Presented by Christina Bolte, Grad Student

University of West Florida

Contributions by Whitney A Goodwin and Jeffrey R. Ferguson

Archaeometry Lab, University of Missouri Research Reactor

See page 2 for all the info.

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About our April program and speakers:

Tristan de Luna's settlement effort was dispatched from New Spain (Mexico) to La Florida (Pensacola) with 12 ships and 1500 colonists. These colonists included Mexican-born Spaniards, essentially first-generation New Spaniards, as well as 200 Aztec Indians from the Valley of Mexico, who were probably first generation post-colonial Aztecs. Both groups represented unique populations distinctively different from their pre-conquest counterparts. This program focuses on the Aztec ceramics recovered from the Luna Settlement site, some of which were sent to the Archaeometry Lab, University of Missouri Research Reactor for Neutron Activation analysis (NAA). These analyses help identify the source of the ceramics (clay) by looking at their chemical makeup and comparing the result to known clay sources. This research characterizes a New Spanish colonial assemblage and explores the significance and experiences of indigenous people who were, at once, colonized and colonizers, and their role in the 16th century Spanish imperial expansion in the Americas.

Christina Bolte was born and raised in rural Connecticut. She received her bachelor's degree in anthropology at East Tennessee State University. She is currently pursuing her graduate degree in Historical Archaeology at UWF and was a previous recipient of a PAS Student Award for her thesis research. Christina has participated in archaeological investigations in Florida, Tennessee, Jamestown, Va as well as the Auvergne region of France. She directed, supervised and participated in documentary research and excavations at the 1559-1561 Luna Settlement site since its discovery in 2015. Her thesis research focus is the Aztec Indian component of the Luna expedition. Her interests include the late prehistory of the Southeast, Spanish contact and colonialism in the Americas, Curation and Collections Management as well as all aspects of Maritime History and Archaeology.

Pensacola Archaeological Society Spring 2023 Lecture Series will be held in person with a few changes to the previous agenda.

-Lectures will run from 7 – 8 PM.

-TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH has agreed to allow us to resume our meetings in their Choir Room for 2023 spring and fall. Ample parking is available in the large lot on the side of the church building (Tronjo Rd.) and handicapped/ a few other spaces are located along the “back” of the church (on Piedmont Rd.).

-Entry to the Choir Room for PAS meetings will be through the back door under the covered entrance.

-The meeting begins at 7 PM. This door will be unlocked ONLY from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for security reasons.

-The Feb - April membership meeting lectures are no longer being offered on Zoom (in person only).

-No pre-registration is required for the lectures.

-No refreshments will be shared at this time, but you are welcome to socialize outside after the meeting.. Social distancing is requested and masks are optional, but encouraged.

-If you are ill, please stay home. Be considerate. Don't share. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FPAN ARCHAEOLOGY LAB—
OPEN BY RESERVATION.

The FPAN Public Archaeology Lab is open for business on Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am-4:00pm most weeks **thru April 19th**. 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 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 our website or Facebook.

RENEW OR JOIN PAS for 2023 NOW! Our calendar year is January through December. Renew TODAY. Use PayPal or Mail a check to: PAS, PO Box 13251, Pensacola, FL 32591

2023 PAS SPRING LECTURE SERIES - IN PERSON

APRIL 11 - Colonizers and Colonized: Indigenous Allies, Neutron Activation Analysis and the New Spanish Colonial Culture of the 1559-1561 Luna Settlement on Pensacola Bay

Christina Bolte, Grad student, UWF

PAS Fall Lecture Series will resume Sept. 2023 after summer break.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

DR. WILLIAM LEES RETIRES

This March, Dr. William Lees retired after serving as FPAN Executive Director for 18 distinguished years. Dr. Lees has led FPAN since its founding in 2005, building the organization into the network of public archaeologists, staff, and students that today work with communities across the state.

Throughout his career, Dr. Lees has served as president of the Society for Historical Archaeology, the Plains Anthropological Society, the Society of Professional Archaeologists, and the Register of Professional Archaeologists, and has served on the Florida Historical Commission. Mostly recently, the Society for Historical Archaeology presented him with the 2022 Carol V. Ruppé Distinguished Service Award.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN APRIL

APRIL 6 - Archaeology on Tap, St Michael's Brewery—Mike Thomin FPAN

APRIL 21- New Exhibit at FPAN Coordinating Center “What is Olive This About?” Opening Reception 5-8 pm

APRIL 28-30 - Tall Ships Pensacola Festival, Plaza de Luna 9 am-6 pm

FPAN NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE MONTHLY

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