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KyOPA dues online!

I. Spotlight: Urban Archaeology at Beecher Terrace, Louisville

The Beecher Terrace Archaeological Project is the largest urban archaeology effort to date in Louisville. The Beecher Terrace Housing Complex occupies 12 city blocks on 39 acres between 9th and 13th Streets and Jefferson and Muhammad Ali Boulevard in downtown Louisville. The area has become a symbolic and virtual "divide" between the predominantly black population of West Louisville and the eastern, more affluent, predominantly white portions of the city. Built in 1939 as the second low-income residential development in Louisville specifically for African Americans, the aging complex is being replaced with newer housing.

Beecher Terrace overlays the remains of more than 380 residences, commercial properties, institutions, and churches of a neighborhood developed in 1860-1870, as well as remains of earlier pre-1850 occupations. Phase I and II archaeological investigations by Corn Island Archaeology documented significant intact archaeological remains associated with these historic occupations. Ongoing work at the Phase III level is providing unparalleled detail in historic Louisville urban life. Check out photos and learn more at [the Beecher Terrace KyOPA post](#).

II. Events & KyOPA Misc.

1. The 2019 Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference was held from March 1 to March 3 at Northern Kentucky University. Many great presentations were given. The abstracts from these presentations will be appended to the next newsletter.

2. The Central Ohio Valley Archaeological Society (COVAS) holds a public speaker series the second Thursday of the month from Jan-May and Sept-Nov. The talks are held in the Central Library in Covington, KY, from 7-9:00 PM. The **April talk** will be by Claiborne Sea, who will discuss his graduate work at a central Kentucky Native American farming village site. The **May talk** will be by Dr. Jon Endonino, who will discuss excavations at the Grizzly Newt Rockshelter on the Daniel Boone National Forest in Jackson County. If you want to receive flyers for future talks please contact rspencer182@gmail.com

3. The Eastern Kentucky Archaeology Group (EKAG) holds a public speaker series the fourth Tuesday of the month from Jan-Nov. The talks are held in the Central Bank community room at 350 W. Main, Richmond, KY, from 6-8:00 PM. The **April talk** will be by Dr. Gary O'Dell, who will discuss the 19th century niter mining industry (for gunpowder) in eastern Kentucky. The **May talk** is TBD. The **June talk** will be by Steve Bentley from the Red River Museum, who will talk about the Bedrock Mortar Project. The **July talk** will be by Johnny Faulkner, who will talk about his experimental replication of petroglyphs and bedrock mortars. If you want to receive monthly event information OR you want to be a guest speaker please contact mj davidson@uky.edu

Miscellaneous KyOPA Updates

1. KyOPA's social and fundraiser at Monnik Brewing on January 22nd was a success! We had dozens of attendees and raised a total of \$150 between beer sales and a raffle setup by Ann Bader.
2. KyOPA members present at the 2019 KHC conference voted in favor of the mission statement drafted by the KyOPA board! You can find the statement [here on the website](#)
3. KyOPA now has swag! We have hats, t-shirts, and mugs with the super-cool KY archaeology logo. All proceeds go to KyOPA sponsored events and research grants. Pictures of swag are below; contact Anne Bader abader@ciarch.com or the editor for times and places you can pick these up. We are going to try to make them available at upcoming archaeology talks and social events.



Recent hires around the state

December 2018

Christina Pappas - Archaeologist / Cultural Resources Specialist,
Natural Resource Conservation Service, Lexington office

February 2019

Karen Stevens - Heritage Database Coordinator,
Kentucky Heritage Council - State Historic Preservation Office

March 2019

Ann Wilkinson - Red River Gorge Archaeological Technician,
Daniel Boone National Forest - Cumberland District

Oral History Crowd-Sourcing

William (Bill) A. Huser (1955-2018)

Please contribute to "A Hoosier Story Project", a crowd-sourcing effort to document Bill's life and legacy as an archaeologist. To see what has already been compiled and to contribute, follow [THIS LINK](#). Next month's issue will include an obituary for Bill.



IV. Job Announcements!

1. **Corn Island Archaeology LLC** is seeking to hire an M.A. level archaeologist on a project-by-project basis. The position has potential to become permanent. Please contact Anne Bader at abader@ciarch.com for more information.

2. **Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.** is seeking a Staff Archaeologist in their Lexington, KY, office. The ideal candidate will have a M.A. in anthropology, experience in the Southern U.S., and a minimum of 3 years of supervisory experience in CRM. Primary duties include pre-field, field and laboratory components of Phase I, II and III projects in the Ohio Valley, Midwest and Southeastern U.S. Must be able to work 8-10 hour days in a variety of conditions with frequent stays away from the office.

This is a full-time salaried position with a competitive benefit package and salary ranging from \$16-22/hr, or more depending on experience, education and training. This is a shortened advertisement to fit the space of this newsletter format. Please review the full advertisement at <http://crai-ky.com/careers/> Please submit letters of interest, resume, three professional references, and a writing sample to Bridgette Robinson barobinson@crai-ky.com

V. Research & Training

The Sapelo Island Mission Period Archaeological Project (SIMPAP) is returning to the island during the summer of 2019 to continue excavation of structural remains, features and artifacts associated with the 17th century Spanish mission town. In 2017-2018 ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey and test excavations identified possible architectural remains. Work during the summer of 2019 will focus large-scale excavations over this area to expose and record a potential structure and associated archaeological features.

Ph.D. Candidate Tyler Stumpf and Dr. Richard Jefferies from the University of Kentucky are looking for volunteers to join them on their summer 2019 research. The work will occur during 6 weeks from June 23 - August 3, 2019, and provide volunteers the opportunity to learn field excavation methods, photography, and associated archaeological skills. Additionally, college students can earn credit from the University of Kentucky for a Directed Independent Study course. For additional information and details please contact Tyler Stumpf (tyler.stumpf@uky.edu) or Richard Jefferies (rwjeff1@uky.edu).



Fieldwork underway for the SIMPAP.



Students learning to document stratigraphy for the SIMPAP.

Online M.S. Degree in Digital Mapping!

The University of Kentucky Department of Geography is now offering a 30 credit hour, completely online M.S. degree in digital mapping. Looks like it will be offered during seasonal terms in January, April, July and October. Check the website for more information: <https://newmapsplus.as.uky.edu/>



Justin Carlson showing an artifact found at SIMPAP.



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