

LOGISTICS:

The field school meets daily in the field for approximately eight hours a day, Monday through Friday, for six weeks. The daily starting time will probably change over the course of the summer, depending on the weather, and students should be flexible. **Students are responsible for their own transportation to the excavation site** (approximately 12 miles north of Baltimore City). In addition, students should be aware that they will be required to bring a lunch each day, and adhere to a dress code. A waiver of liability will be required by the University of Maryland before a student can participate in field work and/or laboratory work at the site.



TUITION AND FEES:

To receive academic credit, a student must be formally admitted to the University of Maryland, College Park. Application information for non-UMCP students can be found online at www.summer.umd.edu. **We are pleased to offer in-state tuition rates to all students, regardless of their state of residence.** Tuition is charged per credit hour; all students who register for the field school pay the off-campus mandatory fee. Tuition and fee rates are found at www.summer.umd.edu. Payment is due May 20, 2009. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Students should also expect to purchase readings totaling approximately \$50.00.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Students register for either ANTH 496, Sec 0102: Field Methods in Archaeology (six undergraduate-level academic credits) or ANTH 696, Sec 0102: Field Methods in Archaeology (six graduate-level academic credits) using my.umd.edu. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. To register for undergraduate Independent Study (ANTH 389A) is also possible. (Contact Erik Hanson ehanson@anth.umd.edu). A separate lab methods course will also be offered during Summer Session II.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK



BALTIMORE FIELD SCHOOL IN HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY



Director – Stephen Brighton
ANTH 496/696, Section 0102
Summer Session I

June 1 to July 10, 2009

PROGRAM:

The University of Maryland Department of Anthropology and the Office of Extended Studies announce the first season of the Archaeology of Labor and Immigrant Identity in Baltimore County. The 2009 season of excavation will occur in the village of Texas in Baltimore County. Texas, in present day Baltimore County, is an unincorporated village located 12 miles north of Baltimore City. It is situated in an area called the Limestone Valley because of the rich vein of limestone that is still quarried today.



Students can be a part of field school excavations at the site of a predominantly a working-class village settled by Irish immigrants in 1848. It remained an Irish-American working class community well into the 20th century. Irish immigrants have come to, and made an impact on the formation of, Maryland since the 17th century. Missing from the historical narrative, however, is a study of the daily lives of Irish immigrants and Irish American working class families. The historical archaeology of Texas will provide the necessary and important data towards understanding the immigrant presence and everyday life not evident by the historical record. The research is framed by questions such as what impacts did the Famine, eviction, and transportation have on rural Irish cultural practices? What kind of social and material life did Irish evictees have after settling in Texas and how was it affected by their traumatic Irish past? How was it affected by their new industrial present? What traditions, cultural and material practices were adopted in the new place of settlement? Intensive excavations and survey of the domestic and industrial landscape of Texas will contribute to the knowledge of labor history of and immigrant contributions to Baltimore County.



ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students are responsible for reporting to the site each day and contributing to the field work, lab work, and ensuing discussion as each progress. Students will complete weekly reading assignments that address methods and theories of recent archaeology research, regional topics such as immigrant and labor history in Baltimore County, as well as readings discussing the history and archaeology of the Irish Diaspora both in Ireland and the United States. Students will review their assignments at a weekly discussion led by project staff. There will be weekly site seminars where students will share progress in their excavation units with others so that each student will understand the site in its entirety. Furthermore, there will be talks and presentations by some of the descendant community members regarding working and domestic lives of Texas-residents throughout its history. Readings will familiarize students with the local, national, and international history and archaeology of the Irish Diaspora to gain a fuller understanding and appreciation its history associated with early 19th-century rural Irish tenant farmers, mid-19th-century Irish immigrant laborers, and late 19th- and 20th-century Irish-American working class.

ENROLLMENT:

Enrollment is limited to 20 students at either the graduate or undergraduate level. While there are no formal prerequisites for the field school, at least one introductory course in archaeology is recommended. Physical ability and willingness to engage in field work outdoors is essential, and any student currently in good standing at a college or university is eligible to register.