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AT THE
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2016 OCTOBER

Raiding, War, and Cannibalism: Deconstructing the Myth of the Carib in the 15th Century Caribbean

Our next meeting will be Oct. 11. Again this year the meetings will be at the Bowden Building, 120 Church Street in the UWF Historic Trust classroom.

Our speaker this month will be Dr. Erin Stone. Dr Stone is an Assistant Professor of Latin American History at the UWF. She graduated from Vanderbilt University with a PhD in Atlantic and Latin American History in May of 2014. Currently she is working on transforming her dissertation into a book manuscript entitled "Consuming Indians: How Indigenous Slavery Shaped the Spanish Atlantic, 1490-1570."

.From Columbus forward, the Spanish colonial project was founded on the use and abuse of Americas' indigenous peoples. Whether Indians were considered rebellious, cannibals, or "useless," the Spanish found reasons to enslave the "Caribs" of the Caribbean. In October of 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to the Caribbean. This time he altered his course, heading to the Lesser Antilles. It was in these small islands that Columbus and his men first encountered "Carib" Indians. Finding various human bones hanging from an abandoned hut, and others boiling in a pot, the travelers deduced that the island's inhabitants were cannibals. This judgement created the dichotomy between the "good" Tainos and the

of "Carib," to justify the enslavement of indigenous peoples across the



Caribbean and South America for decades to come. However, recent archaeological and historical studies highlight the fluidity of the pre-colonial Caribbean. While most evidence can only prove occasional trade between distant regions or islands, it suggests the possibility of tighter kinship bonds connecting the Caribbean islands to both North and South America. It follows that the firm distinction and conflict between the Taínos and the Caribs was a Spanish construction, ultimately designed

website for pas http://pasfl.org

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA:

AME ZION CEMETERY CLEANING AND RECORDING WORK CONTINUES

Work at the cemetery continues this semester on Fridays from 1-5 PM. Contact Catherine Eddins at the Archaeology Institute at UWF. If you are interested, please email Catherine at least 24 hours before as the work area may change later in the semester. (meddins@uwf.edu)

GRAND OPENING OF NEW EXHIBIT

A number of PAS members attended the official opening of the Commanding Officer's Compound exhibit on Sept. 8. Dr. Judy Bense did the honors by cutting the ribbon at the celebration of this event.

This project marks the first major reinterpretation of a stop along the Colonial Archaeological Trail highlighting the rich history of downtown Pensacola. This is the location of the Commanding Officer's Compound in the British Fort during the late 1700s. The site is located behind the T.T Wentworth, Jr. Museum and has gotten a much needed

facelift.

Be sure to plan a trip downtown to check out the new exhibits since many of you worked on this site over the years. While you are downtown you should tour the museums and other buildings that

are open in the Historic Village and enjoy the living history, all



NEWS FROM ARCADIA MILL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ARCADIA AFTER DARK TOURS:

The second annual lantern tour, Arcadia After Dark, will be held on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are pre-sale only at Arcadia Mill or online at

<u>historicpensacola.org/explore-arcadia-mill/calendar-of-events.</u>

Join us for a spooky historical tour by lantern light including authentic Arcadia ghost stories.



TRY SOME OF THESE BLOGS AND WEBSITES

Patrick Johnson, PhD student at the College of William and Mary and a UWF Master's graduate, has been in town off and on this year looking on Garcon Point for another 18th century mission site in our area. Visit his blog to find out what he has found. http://anthrograd.blogs.wm.edu/

The Maritime Heritage Trail is now up. http://www.ci.pensacola.fl.us/CivicSend/ViewMessage/message?id=24494

\On October 15, FPAN is hosting the Archaeology and History Bike tour! http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org/nwrc/eventDetail.php?eventID=1426 AND

On Oct. 27, A day in ancient Rome

http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org/nwrc/eventDetail.php?eventID=1339

As always **FPAN** has many activities coming up and these can be found by visiting one of their many social media sites. If you are visiting other areas in the state, check the regional FPAN sites for other activities. You won't be disappointed! There WILL be something going on wherever you travel in Florida.

<u>FPAN Website</u>: http://flpublicarchaeology.org <u>Facebook</u>: www.facebook.com/FPANnorthwest Twitter: www.twitter.com/FPANNorthwest

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

FPAN LAB— Volunteer at the FPAN lab downtown from 10 am to 4 pm Mondays and Wednesdays this semester. No experience is necessary. 595-1500

UWF LAB– The UWF lab will be open for volunteers **Fridays** beginning October 14 from 10 to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 through November 18. Call 474-2087 to reserve a spot.

AME ZION CEMETERY CLEAN UP-

UWF sponsored event on Fridays 1-5 pm this semester. See article page 2 for more details and contact information.

FAS

PAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). Twenty two members of PAS are also FAS members. You must join FAS individually to receive the journal, *The Florida Anthropologist*, and the *FAS Newsletter*. See the FAS website or more information: http://www.fasweb.org

Dues are: Regular and Institutional - \$30,

Family - \$35, Student - \$15 (with copy of current student id). **Applications are available at PAS membership meetings each month. Join us!



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT US AT OUR **WEBSITE** http://pasfl.org and Facebook

OCT. 11 Raiding, War and Cannibalism:

Deconstructing the Myth of the Carib in the 15th Century Caribbean

Dr. Erin Stone, UWF Department of History 7 pm, Bowden Building, 120 Church St. (Board meeting will be held at 5:30 before the meeting)

NOV. 8 The *Columbia*: A New Discovery in the Blackwater River Chris Dvorscak, UWF Archaeology Grad Student

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