



Onion Tacos and Other Cross-Cultural Food Encounters in the Protohistoric South

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In March 1540, Hernando de Soto and his army were in the province of Ichisi, located along the Ocmulgee River below the present-day city of Macon, Georgia. They were given onions to eat, which they boiled, roasted, and ate raw with cakes of cornmeal. This cross-cultural food encounter can give us some insights into a number of interesting anthropological and archaeological topics. For instance, food has been explored from the perspectives of nutrition and health, as a marker for sociopolitical status and as a tool of the sociopolitical elite. Archaeologists have explored the connections between food preferences and social identities, as well as more mechanical/material studies of food preparation techniques and vessel attributes. In this presentation, we'll see how this sixteenth cen-

tury encounter reveals much about how the Spanish and their Native American hosts prepared food, how the Spanish adapted to the foodways they encountered in the New World, and how something as humble as the taco has managed to take over the world

Dr. Ramie Gougeon, PAS Board member and archaeologist from the Anthropology Department at the University of West Florida, will present this month's program at 7 pm on January 8. As usual the presentation will be at the Bowden Building, 120 Church Street near the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum downtown.

After the presentation, there will be refreshments and time for socializing. Come and bring a friend or two.



UWF Leisure Learning Classes

From Jan. 18 through March 8, for only \$35 you can attend 8 **Pensacola Archaeology** classes. You will visit a variety of archaeological sites and museums in the Pensacola area on Friday afternoons from 3-4:30 . Archaeologists from the UWF Archaeology Institute, Dept of Anthropology and the Florida Public Archaeology Network will lead tours and provide hands-on activities. Topics will include an intro to the Archaeology of the Pensacola Region, tour of the Florida Public Archaeology Network, Destination Archaeology Museum and lab in Pensacola, Arcadia Mill and Its Community, Spanish and British Pen-

sacola, TT Wentworth Museum and Colonial Archaeological Trail, Blackwater River and Bay Shipwrecks, UWF Marine Services Center, Ellyson Industrial Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore Naval Live Oaks Native American sites and Naval Live Oaks Plantation, St. Michael's Cemetery, UWF archaeology labs-artifact conservation and identification All this for only \$35—what a bargain.

For more information contact the LEISURE LEARNING SOCIETY AT **850-474-3491**. REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON LINE. GO TO THE UWF WEBSITE AND TYPE IN LEISURE LEARNING SOCIETY.

PAS Membership
should be renewed
from January 1
through April for
2013.
DUES ARE:
STUDENT \$6
INDIVIDUAL \$15
FAMILY \$20
LIFE \$200

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. University of West Florida Archaeology Lab. Closed until February 2013. For more information call 474-2087.
- 2 .Florida Public Archaeology Network lab- Lab hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am to 4 pm. Each week beginning Jan. 22
No experience is necessary and a brief orientation will get you started.

NEWS FROM FPAN NORTHWEST REGION

Dr. Della Scott-Ireton, FPAN Northwest Region Director; Irina Sorset, Outreach Coordinator based at the FPAN Center; and Dr. William Lees, Executive Director, contribute periodically to the newsletter.

FPAN Website: <http://flpublicarchaeology.org>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FPANnorthwest

Twitter: www.twitter.com/FPANNorthwest

FPAN activities are far too many to list here. Please visit the FPAN website for a complete list or visit them on Facebook. They are offering something for everyone all over the Northwest Florida area!

The most recent news from FPAN is hiring the new outreach coordinator, Nicole Bocchino to fill the open slot when Irina Sorset moved to New Orleans . We wish Irina and Nicole the best.! Nicole has presented information on her thesis at a PAS meeting and was the recipient of one of the Student Awards this year to continue her thesis research.

FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY

PAS is a member of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS). Twenty three 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 for more information: <http://www.fasweb.org> Dues are: Regular and Institutional - \$30, Family - \$35, Student - \$15 (with copy of current student id).



2013 FAS

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FAS ANNUAL MEETING IN ST. AUGUSTINE, MAY 2013

The 2013 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the St Augustine chapter of FAS and the dates are May 10-12, 2013. The location of the 2013 meeting is former Ponce de Leon Hotel, now Flagler College.

A summary of the Annual Meeting activities was presented in the December PAS newsletter. The St Augustine chapter of FAS has done a great job planning the activities before and after the paper presentations. Tours of St. Augustine with Dr. Kathleen Deagan and Carl Halbird on Fri., May 10 will be a must do. The reception that evening will be held at the Fountain

of Youth Park, location of more than 50 years of archaeological excavations.

Flagler College will be the site for paper presentations on Sat., May 11.

Dr. Deagan will be keynote speaker at the banquet held at the Ponce de Leon Dining Room at Flagler College that evening.

On Sunday, May 12, field trips available will include a tour of the St. Augustine Lighthouse.

Further details about the events and a registration form are available in the JANUARY FAS NEWSLETTER and online at www.fasweb.org beginning in 2013.



News from Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site

After archaeologists completed assessment of the impacted areas, the NEW Arcadia bridge project is underway and construction will begin in the next few months. As a result, Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site will not host the annual March open house. A new historical marker should arrive in the next few months so the next event will be a dedication ceremony. Watch for the date!



COMING EVENTS

2013 **FOR MORE INFO VISIT US AT** <http://uwf.edu/archaeology/archsoc/>

JAN. 8 PAS Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, Bowden Building, Members are welcome

JAN. 8 **Onion Tacos and Other Cross-Cultural Food Encounters
in the Protohistoric South**

**Dr. Ramie Gougeon, UWF Department of Anthropology
7 PM, Bowden Building, 120 Church Street**

FEB. 5 PAS Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, UWF Archaeology Institute, Members are welcome

Feb. 12 **What's on the Table? Adventures at Eastfield Village, New York**

Jan Lloyd, Lab Director, UWF Archeology Institute

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