

PENSACOLA
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PAS MEMBERSHIP <u>VIRTUAL</u> MEETINGS TUES, OCT. 12, 7:00 PM

A Hypothetical Bioarchaeological Reconstruction of the Fate of the 1559-1561 Luna Settlement People

We are continuing to meet on Zoom until further notice.

The membership meeting program for this month gives us an idea of what it may have been like for the Luna settlement people after the hurricane in 1559 destroyed their food supplies, sank their ships and demolished their settlement. This paper was written by Dr. John Worth, Dr. Katherine Miller Wolf and Christina Bolte and is presented by Dr. Miller Wolf. See you there on ZOOM. Invite a friend.

Register for the October meeting:

https://bit.ly/2XryjHPOct2021PAS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT http://pasfl.org AND SEE US ON FACEBOOK.

About our October speaker:

Dr. Katherine Miller Wolf, bioarchaeologist, UWF

Archaeological investigations conducted on the Luna Settlement site and shipwrecks have yet to yield associated human remains. However, the extant documentary record suggests that continued investigation of the settlement site in the future may reveal a significant number of human skeletal remains from burial contexts. The expedition's participants included Spanish men-at-arms, sailors, women, and children, as well as, servants, slaves, and 200 Aztec Indians.

After being in Pensacola for just over a month, a hurricane struck the fledgling settlement on September 19-20, 1559, destroying seven ships in Luna's fleet and the majority of the colony's food stores. The Luna colonization effort presents a unique mid-16th century case and the possible demographic sample would be unlike any other in the Southeastern U.S. Additionally, the expedition's New Spanish origins, coupled with extreme food shortage and native hostilities, may reveal distinctive life- histories of poor health, disease, pathological and traumatic injuries that would be unique to the Luna Settlement.

Utilizing the documentary record and comparative analysis of bioarchaeological investigations at similar sites, this talk presents a hypothetical and preliminary reconstruction of life at the Luna Settlement should we recover burials with human skeletal remains.

2021 PAS FALL LECTURE SERIES - 7 PM Zoom

OCT. 12—A Hypothetical Bioarchaeological Reconstruction of the Fate of the 1559-1561 Luna Settlement People

by Dr. Katherine Miller Wolf, Christina Bolte, and Dr. John Worth presented by Dr. Miller Wolfe.

NOV. 9 - To Live by the Sea: The Use and Reuse of a Pre-Contact Shell Midden on Pensacola Bay

Hillary Jolly, UWF grad student

DEC. 14 Maritime Culture, Bathymetry, and the Emanuel Point Shipwrecks in Pensacola Bay

Rikki Oeters, UWF grad student

In order to keep our members and the public safe, the board made the decision that PAS will continue with Zoom meetings at this time.

Watch for more up to date info about PAS activities on our website and our Facebook page.

The PAS Student Research Awards will be presented during the October meeting. The deadline for submission of a proposal is past (Oct. 1).

RENEW OR JOIN PAS for 2022 NOW!

Our year is January through December. Mail in your renewal now and it counts for the 2022 membership. Mail to:

PAS, PO Box 13251, Pensacola, FL 32591 OR use PayPal

Regular-\$15, Family-\$20, Student-\$6

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FPAN ARCHAEOLOGY LAB— Open BY RESERVATION. Contact FPAN. **UWF LAB** is not open at this time. Lab class is held this semester.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

MEETING LINK TO REGISTER FOR OCT. 12:

https://bit.ly/2XryjHPOct2021PAS

Meeting links will be available on our website, Facebook and in this newsletter. Additionally, the link to register for each presentation will be emailed to PAS members. Advance registration is required to join each meeting. Need more ZOOM INFO - there are tutorials on Zoom

FPAN INFORMATION

The Florida Public Archaeology Network, FPAN, is continuing their "virtual" activities, but the lab is open. Check the website for details. Visit FPAN's newsletter online and website for more information.

Destination Archaeology Resource Center is open Thurs, Fri, & Sat. from 10 am to 4 pm.



Mark your calendars:

<u>International Archaeology Day</u> is Saturday, October 16th! International Archaeology Day (IAD) is a celebration of archaeology and its contributions to society.

Every October, the AIA and archaeological organizations around the world present archaeological programs and activities for people of all ages and interests.

This year FPAN Northwest is excited to host our

"Heritage Hikes" walking tour Oak Tree Nature Park
in Mary Esther, FL!

See the FPAN website/ newsletter for more info.