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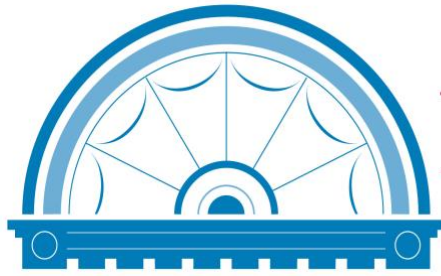
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President's Welcome

Dear Friends and Members,

It seems like just yesterday that we hosted our first annual conference in Princeton. But here we are, a year later, coming together in Lambertville for our second annual conference.

The Archaeological Society of New Jersey, now in our 94th year, continues to be a force in both seeking new knowledge and sharing history with the public. Our great society is made up of non-archaeologists, professional archaeologists as well as high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. This wide range of members helps to continue the tradition of excellence in archaeology through excavation opportunities and dozens of public talks annually.

While we are disappointed to have the bridge closed to New Hope, PA, we hope you will take time to explore Lambertville's rich history and wide culinary offerings. Of interest to many of our members will be the many antique stores around town!

I am indebted to the Conference Committee for working to make sure this weekend was successful; Danielle Cathcart, Steve Santucci, Jonathan Dernbach, Michelle Davenport, Nicole Hetherington, Richard Adamczyk, and our Webmaster, Evan Mydlowski.

After two years of presidency, I have decided it is time to pass the torch and on Sunday we will elect a new president. It has truly been a great honor to follow in the footsteps of the many fantastic leaders we have had guiding our society. I am still in awe of the passion demonstrated by the entire board to dedicate so much free time to our programs. I look forward to staying closely involved in our work.

We hope that you are excited about the weekend's schedule and leave full of new knowledge, ideas, and methods that may be useful in your own pursuits.

**Sincerely,
George M. Leader, ASNJ President**

ASNJ Student Committee Seeking New Members!

The ASNJ Student Committee's goal is to bridge the gap between students/young professionals, and the greater archaeological community by bringing your voices forward to help create **events and opportunities** that you want to see. This past year the first student committee helped to advertise this conference and plan the student and member networking event Saturday evening. Over the next few years, we will be planning new **workshops** and **excursions**, assisting with **public digs**, and beginning **outreach** to local schools to inspire future archaeologists!

If you are interested in applying for the student committee for 2025-2026 and becoming a part of this effort, please come to the **ASNJ Board meeting** this Sunday from **10:15 - 11:30 am!**

-Committee Advisor, Jonathan E. Dernbach, RPA



Abridged Schedule

Friday Evening, January 17th

6:00-8:00 Registration table opens.

8:00- Welcome reception at Lambertville Station Restaurant bar for those registering or staying over Friday evening.

Saturday Morning, January 18th

9:30 - 10:45 Session Room: Riverside Ballroom

Session: New Jersey's Landscapes, Revolution, and Resources

11:00- 12:30 Session Room: Riverside Ballroom

Session: Archaeology of New Jersey's Prehistory

12:30 - 2:30 Break for Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

2:30 - 4:30 Session Room: Riverside Ballroom

Session: Historic Places, Spaces, and Foodstuffs

Saturday Afternoon Panel

5:00 - 6:00 Room: Riverside Ballroom

Topic: Directions and Needs in CRM Archaeology

6:00 - 7:00 Poster Session Room: Riverside Ballroom

7:00 Student and Member Networking Event! Riverside Ballroom

Come meet fellow archaeologists and visit sponsors' tables!

Sunday Morning, January 19th

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Session: The Wide World of Archaeology: Beyond the Mid-Atlantic

10:15 - 11:30 Board Meeting and Elections

12:00 Depart for Washington's Crossing

Detailed Schedule and Abstracts

January 18th, 2025

Saturday Morning Session 9:30 - 10:45

New Jersey's Landscapes, Revolution, and Resources

9:30 - 9:45 Land acknowledgement. Katelyn Lucas, Historic Preservation Officer for the Delaware Nation. President's Welcome. George Leader, President of ASNJ.

9:45 - 10:00 Nicole Skalenko, M.A., Kean University; Richard Veit, Ph.D., Monmouth University; Jonathan Mercantini, Ph.D., Kean University

Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield: Research, Mapping, and Arch

The Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield occurred in June 1780 and were the last major military confrontations in New Jersey before the American Revolution shifted to the southern theatre. British and Hessian forces invaded New Jersey from Staten Island with the intent to capture Morristown, at the time General Washington's headquarters and encampment of the Continental Army. Faced with fierce resistance from the New Jersey militia, the engagements resulted in victories for the Patriot movement. Through historic and cartographic investigations utilizing material such as Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications, personal correspondence and orderly books that belonged to military leaders, and historic maps, this project aims to identify key locations in Union County and lay the groundwork for future archaeological fieldwork to further enhance knowledge and better understand these campaigns. Known as the Crossroads of the American Revolution, New Jersey was the site of more battles and skirmishes than any other state. The Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield are understudied yet significant campaigns that represent a turning point in the war for Independence. The stories of the battles and their participants are compelling and invaluable and offer a lens to view how different people experienced and understood the Revolution.

10:00 - 10:15 Victoria M. Sharp, Rutgers University Camden-MARCH Historical Preservation Program

Continuing Historic Preservation of The Thomas Clarke House, Princeton Battlefield State Park

As a student enrolled in the Rutgers University Camden-MARCH Historical Preservation Program, I highlight the important work of ongoing historic preservation of New Jersey

's historical places. I share my final presentation for my class on "Materials & Techniques of Historic Restoration & Rehabilitation," taught Robert Russell of HMR Architects, Princeton, NJ. The presentation discusses my recent architectural survey of the Thomas Clarke House, Princeton Battlefield State Park. The house and its landscape played an integral part of the 1777 Battle of Princeton and serves as a good example of the interdisciplinary nature of the historic preservation field, which brings together professionals from building construction, geologists, botanists, architects, historians, and archaeologists.

10:15 - 10:30 Bill Liebeknecht, Dovetail, A Mead & Hunt Company

The Francina Plantation Revealed: A Unique Opportunity to Examine the Development of a Large Landscape Over Time

Dovetail Cultural Resource Group a Mead & Hunt Company (Dovetail) along with South River Heritage Consulting, LLC (South River) conducted Terminal Phase II archaeological testing and evaluation of three sites (7NC-F-186, 7NC-F-187, 7NC-F-188) within the Francina Planation ahead of a proposed residential development of the Carter Farm in Middletown, Pencader Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The development of the project area for a residential subdivision came to the attention of the New Castle County Historic Review Board (HRB) in May 2021. A Phase IA study was completed by South River Heritage Consulting in 2023 outlining the history of the project area and the potential for archaeological resources. In May 2023 Dovetail conducted a Phase IB archaeological survey of five areas of archaeological interest across the property and recommended Phase II testing. The Phase IB survey identified three new archaeological sites with seven loci: consisting of multicomponent archaeological sites (7NC-F-188, 7NC-F-187, and 7NC-F-188. All three newly identified sites were found to contain both precontact and historic artifacts with date ranges between the Archaic and Woodland precontact periods as well as the late seventeenth through mid-nineteenth centuries. The goal of the terminal Phase II testing was necessary to formally evaluate each site for NRHP eligibility prior to development. Overall, the sites within the Francina Plantation represents a mix of ephemeral precontact short-term occupations (short-term procurement forays and a rhyolite cache of blades) and three historic occupations, a late seventeenth to mid-eighteenth-century domestic complex, a probable eighteenth-nineteenth century quarter, and a late-eighteenth-early nineteenth century storehouse complex. The three historic sites allow for a unique perspective to examine the development of a large landscape over time.

10:30 - 10: 45 Discussion

10:45- 11:00 Break

January 18th, 2025

Saturday Morning Second Session 11:00 - 12:30

Archaeology of New Jersey's Prehistory

11:00 - 11:15 Richard Adamczyk, RPA, Curator of the Alan E. Carman Museum of Prehistory in Cumberland County

The Alan Carman Museum: A Reintroduction to Southern New Jersey's Unsung Gem

The Alan E. Carman Museum of Prehistory in Cumberland County is off the beaten path in Greenwich, New Jersey. Located in an original mid-nineteenth-century barn and former gas station, the unassuming little building became the Cumberland County Historical Society's new museum in 1997. Originally curated by Alan Carman, a prevalent collector and ally of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey, the museum has been staffed by a new generation of professional archaeologists and trained museum professionals over the past three years. Significant efforts have been taken to update the museum and bring its amazing collections to light through proper documentation, new exhibitions, public programming, and cooperation with descendent communities. This paper reviews some of the significant material housed at the museum, the potential for new research, and explains how the institution is being brought into a new generation of museum work and Native American archaeology.

11:15 - 11:30 Richard Veit, Monmouth University

Magnificent Mortars of Middlesex and Union Counties: Reanalysis of an Underappreciated Artifact Type

Rare is the historic site in Union or northern Middlesex County, New Jersey that does not display a sandstone "Indian mortar." Collectively, several dozen exist. Since the late 19th century they have been identified as Indian mortars. Rarely found in archaeological excavations, they have attracted little attention from the region's archaeological community. Here several alternative explanations for the prevalence of these mortars in this region are explored. Ultimately, I argue that these markers may reflect the syncretic combination of Native American and European technologies in the early colonial period, when few local water and wind mills were available to service the needs of settlers and natives. Finally, given the great size of several examples, some were almost certainly used for tasks other than processing grain.

11:30 - 11:45 Michael Villanella, The College of New Jersey, Ian Burrow, Ph.D. Hopewell Valley Museum, George Leader, Ph.D. The College of New Jersey, Ed Fimble, Greg Herman

A Study of New Jersey Native American Ground Stone Tools from the Middle Delaware Valley

For over 6,000 years, Native Americans of the Middle Delaware Valley meticulously crafted ground-stone tools- an ancient tool industry that rarely finds itself in the anthropological spotlight. While tools such as stone axes and adzes are often prized by collectors, the ground-stone tools of the Middle Delaware Valley are often overshadowed by the more coveted and ubiquitous arrowheads and spear points of the same region. Existing research on these unique implements is relatively limited as a result. The focus of this study is a collection of 63 ground-stone tools, collected from around the Middle Delaware Valley and held by the Hopewell Museum of New Jersey. Analysis of this collection has provided the opportunity to both expand upon existing literature, provide a modern resource on ground-stone tools, and simply create usable, accessible raw data that can be utilized in future research. In addition, through the analysis of tool material, size, weight, and various other metrics, this study seeks to answer some simple questions. Of particular interest are questions such as if the material of choice correlates to the degree of usage of the tool, and if the bit-length correlates to the weight of a material, suggesting an intentional variation in blade size for different uses.

11:45 - 12:00 Christopher Matthews and Bradley Phillippi, Montclair State University

Documenting the Ramapough Mountain Cemetery

The Mountain Cemetery is a historic burial ground of the Ramapough Lenape community located west of Mahwah, NJ. The cemetery is the resting place of several dozen ancestors who lived in the towns of Hillburn and Mahwah. While there are more than 20 headstones inscribed with names, several dozen burials are identified by natural stones without any markings. Working in collaboration with the Ramapough Mountain Indian community in Mahwah, Montclair State's Native American and Indigenous Studies program and Hofstra University's Center for Public Archaeology documented the cemetery in 2024 creating a record of each burial site and a digital map of the cemetery in ArcGIS. These data have been amplified by additional genealogical research about individuals buried at the site. The result will be a richly detailed record of the cemetery that tribal members can use to better know their history and which they can use to deepen their heritage in the region.

12:00 - 12:15 Julia Fuchs, Rutgers University

Stories Lost in Time: A Case Study on the Life and Posthumous Travels of Iset-Ha

In the Rutgers University Geology Museum (RUGM) collection lies the mummy of a Ptolemaic Priestess named Iset-Ha. A Presbyterian missionary, John G. Lansing brought Iset-Ha to the RUGM after a trip to visit his parents in Egypt. Since her arrival to the United States, Iset-Ha's life story has largely been a mystery, with very little information on who she was and how exactly she ended up in the United States. This paper aims to take the information that is known of Iset-Ha, including archival materials and piece together an interpretation on what her life and afterlife has been. The life of Iset-Ha, work of John G. Lansing and furthermore efforts made by the RUGM to preserve Iset-Ha will be analyzed, along with a literature review on what current scholarship is available in terms of cases similar to Iset-Ha. This paper serves to be a case study in the greater issue of human remains in museum collections.

12:15 - 12:30 Discussion

12:30 - 2:30 Lunch Break

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Saturday Afternoon Paper Session 2:30 - 4:30

Historic Places, Spaces, and Foodstuffs

2:30 - 2:45 Ryan Walls, Dr. George M. Leader, and Dr. Jared Beatrice, The College of New Jersey

Hog Pens and Orchards: Evidence for food production on a historic plantation.

The William Green Plantation (ca. 1720), once sustained an over 300 square foot apple orchard in addition to supporting domestic livestock. The plantation's land is now home to The College of New Jerseys. Beyond a few mentions, little is known about the type of agriculture conducted on the plantation. Several documents, some dated as recently as the 1970s, have demonstrated the existence of hog pens. Over the past decade archaeological excavations around the house have yielded a limited faunal dental assemblage. The agriculture on this plantation is of interest for several reasons. Firstly, the plantation has been linked to enslavement and indentured servitude, thus the type of agriculture would provide a further glimpse into the lives of the marginalized population. Secondly, understanding early agriculture at a regional level allows a more informed understanding of regional economics both of the Green Family and the community. Excavations in the summer of 2024 uncovered several fragmented and

complete domestic pigs' teeth, and another grazer, possibly sheep. This is the first physical evidence of livestock yet recovered. This paper will discuss the new faunal data and the agriculture of the plantation and contextualize these foodstuffs within the time period.

2:45 - 3:00 Janna Sawyer, The College of New Jersey, George Leader, The College of New Jersey

Comparative Archaeology at the William Green Farmhouse: Uncovering Patterns in Artifact Distribution

The William Green Farmhouse, located on the campus of The College of New Jersey, offers an opportunity to explore early American life through archaeological investigation. Built in the early 18th century, the site has served as a domestic space, a potential Revolutionary War billet, and a plantation. This presentation focuses on the history of the house and the methods used to conduct a comparative analysis of artifacts recovered from the north, east, south, and west yards of the farmhouse. By examining the spatial distribution, composition, and classifications of these artifacts, this research seeks to discover patterns that reflect differing uses of the spaces in and around the house. Variations in artifact density, types, and contexts reveal insights into household activities and interactions between residents, laborers, and future visitors. The inclusion of the newly excavated west yard, explored in Summer 2024, provides new perspectives on the site's history which can complement earlier findings. This comparative approach demonstrates how quantitative artifact analysis across spatial contexts contributes to reconstructing the lived experiences of individuals associated with the farmhouse while speaking to the broader historical questions about domestic spaces, labor, and Revolutionary War-era practices.

3:00 - 3:15 Adam R. Heinrich, Monmouth University

Anw Shucks... Oyster Exploitation in New Jersey

Oysters recovered from archaeological sites across New Jersey speak to the popularity of the foodstuff through time. Shells recovered from these sites seem to be able to speak to how their popularity has led to their over-exploitation leading to diminished sizes. The shells from geographically dispersed sites are also able to speak to harvesting sources and changes to these sources over time.

3:15 - 3:30 Kristen Hohn MA, RPA; Senior Historic Preservation Specialist: Monmouth County Park System

Chomping at the Bit of Cultural Material found during the Preservation of an Elite 19th Century Thoroughbred Stable

In recent years, the importance of archaeology in the field of Historic Preservation has become increasingly recognized. Historic professionals find they can tell deeper, more personal stories of place and space with the accompaniment of cultural artifacts found during restoration projects. This paper presents the cultural finds recovered inside the large-scale rehabilitation of a thoroughbred stable, that once housed some of the most famous racehorses of the era, and shares how these items colored the interpretation of the public exhibits.

3:30 - 3:45 Troy Davitt, Montclair State University, and Will Williams, Ph.D. Student Department of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center.

Glass Vessels of Dunkerhook

This paper presents an overview of the methods and processes used to identify and categorize glass vessels found at 263 Dunkerhook Road, the former home of the Bennetts, an important family in the Dunkerhook community located in Paramus, New Jersey. Dunkerhook is known to have been inhabited by formerly enslaved African Americans in the mid-19th to early 20th centuries. The site was excavated from 2019-2021 by a team of Montclair State University students, and this paper specifically focuses on the glass vessels found behind the site of what was possibly a storage room or similar structure. Methods of identification and research will be explained as well as unique examples of vessels shown that reveal the diversity of the vessels in the significance of their primary and secondary uses as possible storage vessels for Catherine Bennett's medicines.

3:45 - 4:00 Lauren Lembo, MA, RPA

"A Lady Without Protection": New Research on Mary Field and Late 18th-Century Life at White Hill Mansion

The Friends of White Hill Mansion (FoWHM) applied for a New Jersey Historical Commission Inclusive History Grant in 2023 to fund research on Mary Peale Field and her role during the American Revolution. The research endeavor involved a review of primary source information pertaining to the lives of the Field Family at White Hill in Burlington County, with a particular emphasis on Mary's life. New information revealed the realities of life for a woman as a widow and head of the household, the complexity of loyalties and relationships during the American Revolution, as well as the extended network and interwoven culture of enslavement that persisted in the region.

4:00 - 4:15 Lauren Cook, RPA, Niall Conway, RPA, Cultural Resources Group,
Dewberry Engineers

Navigating New Jersey's Maritime Cultural Landscapes

If you were to ask the average person on the street where maritime transportation stands, many would place it in the historic past, before the advent of commercial airlines and superhighways. In fact, most goods transported to and from overseas markets travel by sea. New Jersey, by its proximity to New York City, boasts several large container terminals and oil refineries. Thousands of state residents commute daily to the city on ferries. The state's sheltered bays and harbors serve fisheries and recreational boating. NJ Department of Transportation, Office of Maritime Resources (NJDOT OMR) is tasked with infrastructure support of maritime transportation. Dewberry Engineers has provided environmental services, including archaeological monitoring, in support of several recent maritime transportation projects. Those projects presented unique challenges and opportunities. In one long running maintenance dredging project, archaeology supported novel efforts to restore habitat and help mitigate the impacts of climate change. An anchor recovered during another maintenance dredging project was conserved, providing OMR with a piece of the state's maritime past for display and educational use. Both projects enabled a better understanding of New Jersey's changing maritime cultural landscapes.

4:15 - 4:30 Discussion

Panel Discussion 5:00 - 6:00

Room: Riverside Ballroom

Directions and Needs in CRM Archaeology

Discussants: Jonathan Dernbach, Mike Gall, Richard Adamczyk, Danielle Cathcart, Richard Grubb. Moderator: George Leader

Saturday Evening Poster Session 6:00-7:00

Room: Riverside Ballroom

Emily Kane (Advised by Professor Brenda Frazier, and read by Professor Evan Bird)

An Assessment of Bias in Metric and Nonmetric Pelvic Sex Estimation Methods

Skeletal sexual dimorphism in humans is best observed in the pelvis. The sex of an unknown individual can be estimated using both metric and nonmetric methods. Previous research has found that biases favoring one sex over the other seem to arise either when nonmetric approaches are used to assess the pelvis and skull or when metric methods are used on bones other than the pelvis. This study compares the results of applying a metric method (DSP2 program) vs. a nonmetric method (MorphoPASSE program) of sex estimation to a sample of innominates of unknown sex. Most specimens (83%) exhibited agreement in the overall sex estimate between the two methods and only four (17%) did not exhibit agreement. Every time disagreement occurred, DSP2 (metric) estimated the sex of the specimen to be male and MorphoPASSE (nonmetric) estimated the sex of the specimen to be female. These results suggest that there may be a systematic sex bias at play, despite the fact that mean maleness (or femaleness) across the sample does not differ statistically between the two methods. This research suggests that a comparative study of metric vs. nonmetric methods of sex estimation on a larger sample of innominates of known sex is warranted.

Joel Dworsky, AECOM and Jesse Walker, AECOM

The Glassy Part of Town: 19th century Glassmaking at the Weyman Brothers Factory in Woodbury, NJ

AECOM conducted a Phase II archaeological survey for the replacement of the Route 45 bridge over Woodbury Creek in Gloucester County, NJ. This survey documented the Weyman Brothers/American Bottle Company glass factory site (28-GL-480) dating from the 1880s to 1910s. The investigation revealed a wooden floor and structural features, stone walls, and an engineered clay floor associated with glass production. Archaeologists recovered 80 glass artifacts so of which suggests bottle production for various famous brands, including the production of a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup (a popular but sometimes lethal medicine). Research into patent records suggests that the site was an early adopter of automation. Based on the archaeological investigation, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office determined the site of the glass factory eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Sunday Morning Paper Session, 9:15 - 10:00

The Wide World of Archaeology: Beyond the Mid-Atlantic

9:15 - 9:30 George Leader, The College of New Jersey, Dominic Stratford, Stony Brook University

A Walk in the Park: Recording a 160km transect across the Namib Desert, Namibia

The Sand Sea within Namibia's Namib Desert has been a central focus of a long-term research project to understand hominin occupations of this hyper-arid environment. Several Earlier and Middle Stone Age sites have been investigated and linked to the presence of ephemeral water deposits. In 2024 a team walked a 160km transect along the course of an ancient river to record archaeological and geomorphological features. This paper presents preliminary results from this survey.

9:30 - 9:45 Jonathan Dernbach, RGA, Assistant Curator of the Alan E. Carman Museum of Prehistory in Cumberland County

Built Stone by Stone - The Neolithic Chambered Cairns of the Orkney Islands of Scotland

For almost a millennium, Neolithic communities constructed tombs of earth and stone, which today represent some of the most notable and enigmatic megalithic constructions still remaining in the northern isles. Using geospatial data and a review of construction methods and mortuary treatment, the evidence indicates that common beliefs were held by distinct, individual communities who expressed local variations to these trends. This presentation applies this framework to a recently rediscovered cairn, Blomuir Tomb.

9:45 - 10:00 Discussion

10:00 Award Ceremony. ASNJ annual awards. Presented by Mike Gall.

10:15-11:30 Board Meeting and Elections.

All are welcome to attend, both members and the public!

12:00 Depart for Washington's Crossing (New Jersey side)!

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