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2018

Education opportunities
for adults, youth, and teachers

2018 Schedule at a Glance

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Public Lectures

The Development of Two Early Urban Centers in Upper Egypt During the 3rd Millennium BCE – The Towns of Edfu and Dendara

Dr. Nadine Moeller will discuss geomorphological and archaeological data from recent fieldwork conducted at the ancient cities of Tell Edfu and Dendara in Upper Egypt. The data provides new insights into the evolving landscape of the dynamic floodplain and its influence on the long-term development of these early urban centers. This presentation will also examine the layout and organization of the respective town quarters at Edfu and Dendara. Dr. Nadine Moeller is Associate Professor of Egyptian Archaeology, The Oriental Institute / Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago.

Date: Wednesday, February 28

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Main Hall Auditorium, UWL

The King Khufu's Harbor at Wadi al-Jarf on the Red Sea and its Link to the Great Pyramid at Giza

Dr. Gregory Marouard will discuss excavations at an exceptional harbor complex from the early Old Kingdom at Wadi al-Jarf along the Egyptian coast of the Red Sea. The presentation will also provide a new overview on some of the recently (2013) discovered papyri, which underline a complex organization and well-structured logistics for the royal projects and expeditions 4600 years ago. Dr. Gregory Marouard is Research Associate in Egyptian Archaeology, The Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

Date: Thursday, March 1

Time: 4 PM

Location: Centennial Hall Auditorium, UWL

Annual Awards and Lecture:

A 40-Year Archaeological Journey Across the Driftless Area

Robert "Ernie" Boszhardt will provide a summary of his career in the rugged, unglaciated portion of western Wisconsin. It will review highlights of his nearly 30 years with MVAC, including discoveries such as Oneota ridged agricultural fields at Sand Lake, Paleoindian quarry complexes at Silver Mound, Tainter Cave and other rock art sites, and recognition of an Effigy Mound territorial boundary. The talk will also summarize more recent research, including continued rock art discoveries along the eastern edge of the Driftless Area, Effigy Mound discoveries in the Bad Axe Valley using LIDAR technology, and ongoing exploration of a major early Mississippian colony at Trempealeau. Copies of his books will be available.

Date: Tuesday, November 13

Time: Social 6:30 PM, Awards 7 PM,

Lecture 7:30 PM

Location: Student Union Theater, UWL



Public Events

Artifact Show

Come to Valley View Mall and see artifacts representing the area's long history. Local collectors will display their personal collections, and MVAC staff will bring artifacts recovered from local excavations. Archaeologists will be on hand to answer questions. Bring in your own artifacts for help in their identification. Call MVAC at 608.785.8454 or e-mail Jean Dowiasch (jdowiasch@uwlax.edu) if you would like to display your artifacts.

Date: Saturday, March 3

Time: 10 AM–5 PM

Location: Valley View Mall, La Crosse

Wisconsin Archaeology Month

A variety of activities will be offered throughout the state during May to introduce the public to Wisconsin's long and rich cultural past. For a complete list of activities check out the Wisconsin Historical Society's web site at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/> and type "Archaeology Month" in Search.

Dates: May 2018

More Information

Contact MVAC at 608.785.8463, e-mail mvac@uwlax.edu, or check the website mvac.uwlax.edu for more information on these and other MVAC programs.

Volunteer Field Survey Opportunity for MVAC Members

MVAC will celebrate Wisconsin Archaeology Month by involving volunteers in surveys of local fields to find unreported archaeological sites. The day will begin with an introduction at the archaeology laboratory, followed by helping with an actual field survey. Participants will end the day back at the lab to wash the artifacts recovered and learn more about their history. The number of participants is limited, so register early. Children may participate if accompanied by an adult. E-mail or call MVAC at jdowiasch@uwlax.edu or 608.785.8454 to register. **Advance registration required!**

Date: Saturday, May 5 (rain date: Saturday, May 12)

Time: 8:30 AM–4 PM

Location: Archaeology Center & Laboratory, UWL

Fee: Free admission for MVAC members

Field School Open House

See what the MVAC Public Field School participants are doing this summer! Stop by on Thursday, July 19, between 10 AM and 2 PM. Check MVAC's website for updated information at: mvac.uwlax.edu. Call MVAC at 608-785-6473 or e-mail MVAC@uwlax.edu for more information.

Date: Thursday, July 19

Time: 10 AM–2 PM

Location: TBD

Youth Events

Temples & Tombs of the Americas - grades 4–6

Discover the unique cultures of the Maya, Inca, and Aztecs of Mesoamerica and South America. These early Americans built spectacular buildings, and had a written language and complex warrior rituals. Hands-on activities will include writing hieroglyphics, making a mask, and more! Cancellations prior to June 29 will receive a full refund minus a \$40 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 29.

Date: Monday, July 16

Time: 9 AM–3 PM

Location: 312 Wimberly Hall, UWL

Age: Students entering grades 4–6

Fee: \$80

Note: Bring a lunch, drink, snacks, water bottle

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance for youth and teen events may be available. For more information, contact MVAC at 608.785.8454 or jdowiasch@uwlax.edu.

Introduction to Archaeology - grades 5–9

Explore MVAC's Archaeology Lab and work with artifacts recovered from area excavations as an introduction to the science of archaeology. Discover how the first Native Americans in Wisconsin survived using the area's natural resources. Students *must* take this class in order to attend the Middle School Field Experience. This program takes place in the classroom. It does not include excavation activities. Cancellations prior to June 29 will receive a full refund minus a \$40 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 29.

Date: Tuesday, July 17

Time: 9 AM–3 PM

Location: 312 Wimberly Hall, UWL

Age: Students entering grades 5–9

Fee: \$80

Note: Bring a lunch, drink, snacks, water bottle

Registration

Registration for fee events is administered through the Continuing Education Office, 220 Morris Hall, UW-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601. For more information, contact Jennifer Carlson at 608.785.6500. To register online, go to: www.uwlax.edu/conted/archaeology-workshops/

To reserve a table for the Artifact Show or attend the Public Field Survey, contact Jean at jdowiasch@uwlax.edu or 608.785.8454.



Field Schools

Middle School Field Experience - grades 5–9

Take your excitement for archaeology into the field! Students who have taken MVAC's *Introduction to Archaeology* class in the past can join a La Crosse area project. Participants will work alongside professional archaeologists in the field. Activities may include shovel testing or small-scale excavations. Weather may require alternate activities. Cancellations prior to June 29 will receive a full refund minus an \$80 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 29.

Dates: Wednesday–Thursday, July 18–19

Time: 9 AM–3 PM

Location: 312 Wimberly Hall, UWL

Age: Students entering grades 5–9

Fee: \$200

Note: Bring a lunch, drink, snacks, water bottle, insect repellent, sunscreen. Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

Prerequisite: MVAC's *Introduction to Archaeology* class

Public Archaeology Field Schools (3 and 5 day experiences) – high school/adult

This multi-day field and lab experience is a well-rounded opportunity for those who want to learn about the process of archaeology. Work alongside professional archaeologists on an actual archaeological excavation and survey work. Lab work may include washing and sorting ceramics, stone tools, and other remains. An experimental archaeology component may explore making stone tools and using an atlatl (spearthrower). Optional lab hours and local field trips will be available after regular field school hours. No previous experience is necessary.

This experience is open to high school students through adults. Fee includes a one-year MVAC membership. Supervised dorm facilities are available for high school students at an additional cost of \$225 for 3 days and \$335 for 5 days. Cancellation prior to June 15 will receive a full refund minus a \$100 cancellation fee. No refunds for cancellations after June 15.



Three-Day Experience

Dates: Mon.–Wed., July 16–18

Time: July 16: 9 AM–5 PM;

July 17–18: 7 AM–3:30 PM

Location: 3110 Student Union, UWL

Fee: \$350

Five-Day Experience

Dates: Mon.–Fri., July 16–20

Time: July 16: 9 AM–5 PM;

July 17–20: 7 AM–3:30 PM

Location: 3110 Student Union, UWL

Fee: \$500