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## *Teaching Archaeology for the Common Good* *by Crystal Alegria*

Coordinators from twenty-one states came to historic Shaker Village in Kentucky for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Coordinators Conference in late October. Everybody worked hard, but we all enjoyed the great southern hospitality and historic setting.

Five new participants joined us this year, including Cynthia Nostrant (MI), Marty Thomas (UT), Richard Vanderhoek (AK), Gail Lundeen (MO) and David Cohen (CA). It was fun to see new faces and to welcome back old friends.

We focused on the newest shelter investigation, *Investigating a Plains Tipi*, and enlisted the attendees to enhance and improve the investigation. We quickly revised the Tipi Investigation and then mailed it off to Hardin, Montana for piloting in five fourth-grade classrooms.

A new feature, a book discussion, was added to the conference this year thanks to a suggestion from Mary Anne Davis (ID) last year. Gwynn Henderson (KY) asked Dr. Linda Levstik (University of Kentucky) who co-authored Teaching History for the Common Good to discuss her research concerning how students learn and understand history. Linda discussed how the research could be applied to teaching archaeology. She also addressed many of the challenges we experience when doing professional development with educators.

The conference wrapped up with a great day of Kentucky archaeology. In the morning we were treated to an archaeological tour of Shaker Village by Dr. Kim McBride (Kentucky Archaeological Survey) who has done extensive work at the Village for many years. In the afternoon, Dr. Steve McBride gave us a



The historic West Family Wash House at Shaker Village – Conference Meeting Room



Dr. Steve McBride - Camp Nelson



Dr. Kim McBride



Dr. Linda Levstik and Gwynn Henderson



**Back row: (left to right)** Tom Roll, Annemarie Cox, Richard Vanderhoek, David Cohen, Cynthia Nostrant, Ranel Capron, Pat Blevens, Daryl Michael. **Middle Row:** Judy Pace, Gwynn Henderson, Gail Lundeen, Linda Derry, Maureen Malloy, Valerie McCormack, Virginia Wulfkuhle. **Neeling:** Megg Heath, Marty Thomas, Carol Ellick, Jeanne Moe and Crystal Alegria

tour of Camp Nelson, a civil war camp, where African American men were recruited for the war and given their freedom.

Thanks to everyone who made the trip to Kentucky. We hope to see you all next year.



Stone fence at Shaker Village, Kentucky. Photo courtesy of Tom Roll



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## From the Director's Desk

Hello Everyone,  
It has been another busy season for Project Archaeology. We had a very successful conference at the beautiful Pleasant Hill Shaker Village in Kentucky in late October. Many thanks to Gwynn Henderson, David Pollack, the Kentucky Archaeological Survey, and the Kentucky Heritage Council for sponsoring and organizing the conference. The week after the conference, I taught a facilitator training to launch a new Northern California program at the Archaeological Research Facility on the University of California-Berkeley campus. Please join me in welcoming Northern California to the Project Archaeology network as our 23<sup>rd</sup> program.

*Project Archaeology: Investigating Shelter* is currently being piloted in five fourth grade classrooms in Hardin, Montana where many of the students and teachers are Crow. The teachers are using "Investigating a Plains Tipi" to complete the shelter unit. Our evaluation in other classrooms last spring, indicates that the new curriculum unit is successful in teaching for deep understanding of archaeological processes, cultural understanding, and the need to

protect archaeological sites and artifacts. We hope the Hardin pilot will help us improve user-friendliness and increase student engagement in learning. This pilot will complete our formal evaluation process and we will begin final revisions as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful holiday season! We look forward to working with all of you in the New Year.

Best regards,  
Jeanne



*Ranel Capron (WY) and Pat Blevens (NH) at the annual Project Archaeology Coordinators Conference*

## Northern California Facilitators Training by David Cohen

November in Berkeley started off great with Jeanne Moe leading a Project Archaeology workshop at the Archaeological Research Facility of the University of California on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for graduate students and professional archaeologists. In the graduate program here, we have a very active archaeological outreach and education program in which all graduate students in the department, some former teachers themselves, work with a variety of publics.

More than 20 graduate students and two professional archaeologists from the Presidio Trust attended the facilitator workshop, and all who attended enjoyed the experience and are excited about continuing work with the Project Archaeology curriculum.

Project Archaeology will be a good complement to all of the outreach that we already do in classrooms and other venues. It will help us give something more to teachers and bring archaeology into the classroom beyond what we can do in a 1-2 hour visit.

We are looking forward to being a regional Project Archaeology program in the San Francisco Bay Area (and beyond) and bringing its important messages to a wider audience.

## In Memory of Patrice Junius

Patrice Junius served as the Mississippi Project Archaeology coordinator from 2002-2006. Patrice's passing marks the first time we have lost a member of the Project Archaeology "family." She did an excellent job as the MS coordinator and will be greatly missed. - Jeanne Moe

Patrice Junius graduated in May 1988, from Selma High School, Selma, Alabama. Knowing that education was a key to success, Patrice pursued higher education at Enterprise Junior College in Enterprise, Alabama. She later transferred to Troy State University in Troy, Alabama, where she successfully obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism and Communication in August 1992.

After graduating from Troy State University in 1992, Patrice worked as a Reporter/Editor with The Selma Times-Journal. She later moved to the Washington, D.C. area to pursue career opportunities. She realized her passion for writing and communications with the Bureau of Land Management.

Patrice later obtained her Masters of Arts in Communication, Journalism and Public Affairs on May 11, 1997, from the American University of Washington, D.C. To get closer to her Southern roots and her family,



she transferred to the Bureau of Land Management's Jackson, Mississippi Office to work as an Outreach Specialist in January 2001.

Patrice will always be remembered as an outstanding Wife, Mother and Friend. All who loved her will cherish her friendly attitude, uplifting words and her ability to make everyone smile (Excerpted from the *Selma-Times Journal* for August 18, 2006).



Patrice comparing workshop materials with Carolyn Turner from the Mississippi Farm Bureau. Photo courtesy of Ondine Rudolph.



Patrice Junius and Annemarie Cox at the Project Archaeology Conference in 2004.

## Project Archaeology Intern by Erika Malo, Student Research Assistant for Project Archaeology

Project Archaeology has welcomed its first intern, Arian Adams. She is an undergraduate student in the anthropology department at Montana State University. After taking a public archaeology course, taught by Jeanne Moe, Arian became interested in pursuing a career in public archaeology. Arian is currently working on a Shelter Investigation, *Investigating a Historic Farmhouse*. This investigation focuses on archaeological data from a historic farmhouse located in Montana. Arian is gathering oral histories, historic photos, and archaeological data of the farmhouse. Arian also helps with Montana Project Archaeology workshops, general office duties, and anything else that comes up. Arian is learning how a not-for-profit organization functions.

When asked why she thought public



Arian Adams – Project Archaeology student Intern

archaeology was important she replied, “It is a great way to teach students a broad range of subjects, especially science, and it helps build an understanding for preservation concerns.” Project Archaeology will be offering an internship each semester for students interested in heritage education.

## Visitors to the National Project Archaeology Office

In April, Crystal Alegria (MT) invited Lynn Alex (IA) to give a presentation to a group of archaeology educators involved in the Montana Archaeology Education Initiative. Lynn gave an inspiring presentation about the archaeology education program at the University of Iowa. Lynn’s presentation gave the Montana group a good example to follow, and has helped the Montana group move forward with the Montana Initiative.

While in Bozeman, Lynn took a tour of Project Archaeology’s offices in the Montana State University Anthropology Department.

The second visitor to our office this year was Carolyn McClellen, Chief of Cultural Heritage, Fossil Resources, and Tribal Liaison for the Bureau of Land Management.

Carolyn came to Montana in July for the “Clark on the Yellowstone National Signature Event” at Pompey’s Pillar National Monument.

While in Montana, Carolyn conducted an annual program review with Sue Monahan, Department Chair, and George Tuthill, Dean of the College of Letters and Science in Bozeman at the new Project Archaeology offices at Montana State University.

We are always excited to welcome visitors, so if you’re ever in Montana, please don’t hesitate to stop in.



Carolyn McClellen and Jeanne Moe



Lynn Alex –  
University of Iowa