

5th National Archaeology Educators Conference &
17th Biennial Project Archaeology Coordinators Conference



Discover the Past of Clotilda and Africatown
Shape the Future of Archaeology Education

Mobile, AL
July 28-31, 2026
DRAFT Agenda

Goals:

- Inspire and equip our Network to coordinate and teach Project Archaeology workshops
- Connect and collaborate with other archaeology educators
- Mentor participants to deliver high-quality professional development to their community and create curriculum
- Unite as a community of archaeology educators to create impactful, interactive learning experiences
- Learn more about Montessori methods to reach students with archaeology content
- Create a vision and plan for a new program, Elders in Every Classroom
- Preservation and protection of our shared cultural heritage through citizenship education

Conference participants will:

- Use museum collections to connect the public to the past
- Interact with a Network Nook collaborative, online folder
- Experience as a learner, *Project Archaeology: Investigating Shelter; Investigating a Shotgun House*
- Explore Africatown Heritage sites
- Discuss *Barracoon* by Zora Neale Hurston – direct descendent
- Celebrate our country's 250th anniversary

Required Reading and Watching:

Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston

Descendant, a documentary film, co-written and co-produced by Kern Jackson, Ph.D., 2022 (Netflix)



Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Dinner on your own

Evening 7:00 pm -9:00pm, USA Archaeology Museum

Opening Reception

- Welcome
- Ice breaker
- Silent Auction begins!

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Morning 9:00 am USA Archaeology Museum

- Opening Session – Review conference goals and agenda
 - Questions and answers
- Concurrent Sessions
 - Workshop Track: Introduction to Project Archaeology
 - Warm-up, Lesson Three, Family Room Site
 - Project Archaeology Coordinator Meeting

Lunch Break 12:00-1:00 pm (catered Chicken Salad Chick)

Afternoon 1:00 pm

- Literature Circle – *Barracoon*

Break

- Keynote Speaker – Maddy Aubrey Africatown Archaeology

Dinner on your own

Thursday, July 30, 2026 9:00 am USA Archaeology Museum

Morning 9:30 Bus Tour of Africatown Heritage Sites

- Africatown Welcome Center – Brand new!
- Africatown Cemetery
- Africatown Heritage House: Clotilda Exhibition

Lunch Mary's Southern Cooking (bring your own lunch money)

BREAK



- Elders in Every Classroom Panel -

Dinner Celebration

- Dinner
- Awards
- Music – Honor Song
- Silent Auction Ends!

Friday, July 31, 2026

Morning 9:00 am USA Archaeology Museum

- Workshop Track - Investigating Shelter: Shotgun House
- Concurrent Sessions:
 - Elders in Every Classroom Planning
 - State Program planning: workshops and curriculum Development

Lunch Break 12:00-1:00 pm (on your own)

Afternoon 1:00 pm - 5:00pm

- How Project Archaeology delivers value through different learning venues
 - Montessori
 - Classical
 - Homeschool
 - Public School
- America250 Citizenship Education
 - FPU Shotgun House
 - Lesson 3 from *Investigating Rock Art*
 - Understanding by Design
 - Experimental Archaeology – Cordage with red, white, and blue beads!

Break

- USA Archaeology Museum – Life of an Artifact Tour
 - Artifact Analysis
 - Africatown Digital Archives
 - Exhibit Artifact

Certificates and Evaluations

