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**To know nothing of what happened
before you, is to forever remain a child.**

Attributed to Marcus Tullius Cicero, first century BCE



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.



Tristan Harrenstein and I just returned from giving invited papers at the Plains Anthropological Conference in a session on the recent emergence of Public Archaeology Networks (a "PANdemic?") in several states. Since FPAN was the first, I was asked to lead the session in which Public Archaeology Networks in Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah were introduced. During and following, Public Archaeology Networks in Colorado and Kansas were also discussed. Although each of these programs is markedly different from FPAN, we share many important similarities, and it is notable that they have chosen to follow Florida's lead.

Prior to that, I keynoted at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Archeological Society. The topic was public archaeology through the eyes of FPAN. Many people, and I am one of them, would trace the origins of modern public archaeology to Arkansas, the Arkansas Archeological Survey, and the Arkansas Archeological Society during the 1960s and 1970s. Once again, remarkable.

Before that, Sarah Miller and I were invited to join an international research project funded by the Scottish Universities Innovation Institute. This project considered the effects of heritage loss on Scottish communities due to climate. We were asked to participate because of our successful HMS Florida program, and similarities in the problems that Scotland and Florida face by the year 2030. Extraordinary.

Remarkable also are the many additional opportunities that other FPAN staff throughout our eight regions have had to talk about FPAN as an example within Florida and beyond. In FPAN's 2010 Strategic Plan, a vision for 2020 was established: "In 2020 FPAN is the leading advocate for Florida's archaeological stewardship and the premier example of how public archaeology is done well" (page 10).

Not only do these examples and others indicate success in attaining this part of our vision, they indicate that FPAN is indeed a leader in today's public archaeology. Here, I want to thank our remarkable FPAN professionals who, every day and in every Florida county, have made that happen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Lees". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. William Lees, RPA

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...FPAN is indeed a leader in today's public archaeology.

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FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH.

Each year, FPAN celebrates Florida Archaeology Month (FAM) to help residents and visitors discover Florida's amazing archaeological resources.

Top:

The 2018 Florida Archaeology Month Poster.

Bottom:

DARC and the Northwest Region kicked off FAM with an ArchaeoCafe featuring UWF's Dr. Raime Gougeon.



Supporting Lifelong Learning

Since 2014, the East Central Region has collaborated with Indian River State Community College's (IRSC) Fielded Institute for Lifelong Learning Program. The partnership is beneficial to both IRSC, who need Peer Leaders for adult education classes, and FPAN to develop sustainable outreach in remote areas such as Okeechobee, Indian River, and Saint Lucie Counties. This year, Kevin Gidusko presented the first two sessions on "Paleoindian Florida" and "Fantastic Archaeology: Florida Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries," then Sarah Miller wrapped up the series during Florida Archaeology Month with "Irish Diaspora in Florida's Colonial Era" and "Grit Tempered: Women in Florida Archaeology" to correspond with St. Patrick's Day and Women's History month.

FAM Promotional Materials and Website

West Central Region staff developed the Florida Archaeology Month graphics and materials to accompany the FAM 2018 "Heritage at Risk" theme. Staff approached the USF Libraries' Digital Heritage and Humanities Collection, directed by Drs. Lori Collins and Travis Doering, to

utilize their 3D digital model of Castillo de San Marcos, located in St. Augustine, as the visual focus of the FAM poster. The Castillo is an important Florida heritage icon unfortunately situated in the crosshairs of impacts from climate change and sea level rise.

Additionally, Northwest Region oversaw the development of an entirely new [FAM website](#) that is intended to be user-friendly and more visually appealing. The new website still features upcoming events for the current year and more information about FAM partners, but also includes an interactive map of Florida. This map showcases sites featured during each year's FAM theme, as well as archives information from previous years.

Archaeology Bootcamp

In March 2018, the Southeast Region, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, with support from host institution Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, and the Jupiter Lighthouse and Museum, hosted a three-day intensive archaeology workshop for archaeology students. The program attracted students from across Florida and



Participants in the 2018 Archaeology Bootcamp in Jupiter, Florida.

even students from as far away as Missouri. The goal of this workshop was to illuminate the Coast Guard phase of the Lighthouse site. In order to study the site, participants excavated a trash pit used during this phase, and attended afternoon workshops and evening lectures featuring local archaeologists, such as Palm Beach County Archaeologist Chris Davenport, FPAN Northeast and East Central Director Sarah Miller, BLM section archaeologist John Sullivan, Lynn University assistant professor Dr. April Watson, FAU professor Dr. Arlene Fradkin, and Bob Carr of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, in addition to many others.

Exploring FPAN Regions

The Southwest Region hosted 12 different events for Florida Archaeology Month, including presenting talks at Mound House and partnering with groups like Everglades National Park and the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Museum for archaeology days throughout the month. Additionally, Rachael Kangas worked with the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves to document sites impacted by Hurricane Irma.

Children's Programming

During Florida Archaeology Month staff from the North Central Region visited the Legislative Day Care to conduct a youth program with legislators' children who trav-

el to Tallahassee for the legislative session. This program was conducted in partnership with the Florida Historic Capitol Museum. Each child learned about prehistoric ceramics, made a craft, and took a Florida Archaeology Month poster home with them.

HERITAGE TOURISM.



Florida's heritage tourism is exciting, unique, and growing; FPAN participates in events throughout the year to help encourage access to cultural resources.

Guided Tours and Site Monitoring

The Northeast Region partnered with the City of Ponce Inlet to host a guided hike and monitoring day at Ponce Preserve. Ten participants learned about the archaeology of Green Mound, and how they can help protect the site through monitoring with Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) Florida. Staff led a hike through the Preserve to see the mound and helped participants complete a scout report.

Rachael Kangas presented Florida site-specific lectures on topics like "Prehistoric Snowbirds" to groups traveling within Southwest Florida, and led HMS

workshops at notable Southwest Florida sites like Mound House.

History Bike Gainesville (HBG), an ongoing Central Region outreach program, gets people out and about to heritage sites important to Gainesville history. This year, HBG offered numerous opportunities for area residents to experience nearby sites related to the Spanish colonial era, Gainesville's musical history, and many other spots off the beaten track.

The Southeast Region partnered with staff from the Bureau of Land Management to lead a monthly ar-



Left: Divers discover components of the Mystery Wreck site in the Florida Keys. **Right:** West Central and Central Region staff speak at one of the tour stops during a History Bike Gainesville event. **Inset:** North Central staff attend local heritage festivals.

archaeology kayak tour of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area.

Interpreting Archaeology for Visitors

FPAN staff, along with USF Professor Thomas Pluckhahn, completed a Florida Humanities Council grant project to create and install new interpretive signage at the Crystal River Archaeological State Park. Florida Park Service staff held the sign unveiling during Florida Archaeology Month as part of a regularly scheduled Moon Over the Mounds outreach event. Nine new signs grace the walkways throughout the famous Crystal River archaeological site and mound complex.

Festivals and Special Events

Staff from the North Central Region attended various heritage festivals throughout the year, ranging from Civil War reenactments to the Tallahassee Science Festival. Staff worked hard to create short vignettes for use at festival booths to help visitors understand the importance of archaeological context. One of the vignettes utilizes fragments of ammunition found at another Civil War battlefield site that was recently studied by a former FPAN intern. Staff use a 3D print of the artifact and associated maps of where the artifact was found to discuss its context and how it contributes to our understanding of the story of that battle.

TRAINING PROGRAMS.

FPAN training programs reach on land and in the water, teaching others how to assist in caring for and preserving Florida archaeology.



Left: HMS Florida workshop in the Southeast Region. Right: CRPT graduates at the Gomez Cemetery in Hobe Sound, Florida.

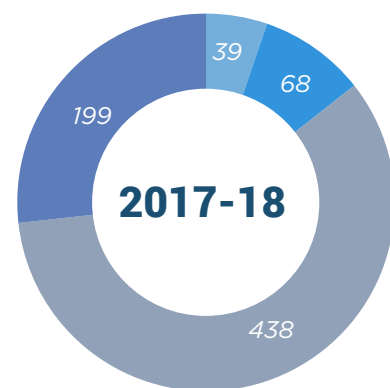
Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida)

The Northeast Region partnered with the Florida State Park Service to offer the first *Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) Florida* training specifically for state land managers in April. The workshop, hosted at Tomoka State Park, instructed 15 State Park staff in how to use HMS Florida for site assessments, as well as how to use the Arches platform to record monitoring data. In June, staff also offered a short presentation on HMS Florida to 29 state land managers at an Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) training sponsored by the Bureau of Archaeological Research (BAR).

The HMS Florida training program has also proven to be popular in the Northwest Region, with the first workshop held in October 2017. Since then, workshops have been held in partnership with a variety of organizations, including five regional State Parks, the Florida Master Naturalist Program, the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, and the City of Fort Walton Beach.

Staff in the Southwest Region led multiple HMS Florida trainings throughout the year, including at Mound House and the Fort Myers Cemetery. Additionally, Southwest staff worked with West Central and Central Region Director Jeff Moates to collaborate with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

IMPACT OF HMS FLORIDA



- Florida Counties Represented
- Contributing Scouts
- Sites Monitored
- Scout Applications Received

(FKNMS) to host the first submerged HMS Florida workshop to assess and document submerged cultural heritage that may have been impacted by hurricanes and other recent inclement weather.

Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT)

In May 2018, the Southeast Region led a [CRPT workshop](#), sponsored and hosted by the Dade Heritage Trust, focusing on cemetery care and protection. Cemeteries are outdoor community museums, which provide an invaluable link to the history and culture of an area. For the May workshop, participants learned about cemetery care basics and laws pertaining to historic cemeteries at the Dade Heritage Trust's headquarters before heading out to the Miami City Cemetery to carefully clean headstones and gravesites.

In November 2017, staff from the East Central Region held a CRPT course for the M.O.S.E.S. (Maintenance, Organization, Security, Environmental, Services) project

group at Gomez Cemetery. The cemetery is one of the original African-American cemeteries in Hobe Sound and the M.O.S.E.S. group, comprised of many descendants of those interred at Gomez, were interested in finding ways to

QUICK FACTS:

90+

training programs conducted by FPAN throughout Florida

better document and preserve the historic African-American cemeteries of the area. FPAN continues to collaborate with ongoing preservation efforts by the group, which recently incorporated as the Historic Gomez Cemetery Archaeological and Cultural Conservation Committee, Inc. (HGCAC).

The North Central Region worked with the cemetery committee at St. John's Episcopal Church to help them maintain and preserve their historic cemetery. Staff provided a CRPT for members and held several meetings with them to discuss specific areas of concern, including their iron fencing.

Project Archaeology Training

Staff from the Northeast Region hosted two teacher training workshops in July 2017, teaching the [Project Archaeology](#) curriculum to 13 local teachers. On July 12-13, staff partnered with the National Park Service to host "Investigating a Tabby Slave Cabin" at Kingsley Plantation in the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve. On July 26-27, staff partnered with the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum to host "Investigating a Light Station" at the St. Augustine Lighthouse. The second training also served as a facilitator training for five FPAN staff from the Northwest and North Central Regions.



State land managers learn about archaeology at Bulow Plantation from Dr. James Davidson on a site visit during Archaeological Resource Management Training.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

Engaging the public through volunteering creates new heritage stewards throughout Florida.



Volunteers rough sort archaeological collections from UWF in the Coordinating Center's Public Archaeology Lab.

Post-hurricane Assessments

In the wake of Hurricane Irma, the Southwest Region made two trips to Calusa Island, a site located in Collier County, five days apart, and saw noticeable differences in the midden, with sections of the midden undercut after the storm and some areas washing out. To enhance and improve on previous monitoring, Cindy Bear of the Randell Research Center and FPAN staff are conducting follow-up assessments to document erosion of the midden, following protocol established by Dr. Karen Walker of the University of Florida.

Volunteer Archaeology Labs

The [Weedon Island Volunteer Lab](#)

continues to be a successful and important outreach program for the public in the West Central Region. In addition to providing assistance to USF St. Petersburg researchers by rough sorting collections from the Weedon Island archaeological site, the volunteer lab has connected 104 volunteers to Florida archaeology resulting in a total of 204 hours of service.

During most weeks each year, the Northwest Region oversees operation of the FPAN Coordinating Center's [Public Archaeology Lab](#). Volunteers have the opportunity to work for two days each week, rough sorting archaeological material excavated by UWF

during terrestrial excavations. The Public Archaeology Lab not only helps members of the public better understand the archaeological process and the material culture of Pensacola, it also provides a unique opportunity for public service. During 2017/18, the lab saw 115 different volunteers who provided over 1,300 hours of service.

Bringing New Skills to FPAN

The East Central Region's 3D Lab benefitted from volunteer assistance to complete substantial projects throughout the year. Volunteers assisted in collecting data, digitizing 3D models, post-processing models, and 3D printing. The current project involves creat-

Top Collage:

A volunteer assists in the creation of 3D printed artifacts.

Bottom:

HMS Florida scouts monitor sites at the GTM Research Reserve as part of the First Friday Monitoring Days.



ing 3D models of artifacts discussed in FPAN curricula that can be used by staff when engaging the public. After the artifacts are printed, they must be cleaned and painted, a time-consuming process that would have been difficult to achieve without volunteers. In return, volunteers, many of whom are college students, learn aspects of 3D capture and printing; these are emerging technologies that will no doubt be a part of their future anthropological endeavors.

**First Friday Monitoring Days**

The Northeast Region kicked off a series of First Friday Monitoring Days for HMS Florida volunteers. In February 2018, four scouts helped staff monitor five sites at the GTM Research Reserve and, in March 2018, three scouts helped monitor a site at Flagler County's River to Sea Preserve. The monitoring days allow volunteers a chance to hone monitoring skills with the guidance of staff, while aiding partnering land managers with resource management.



FPAN IN THE MEDIA.



Media exposure, whether digital or print, helps promote appreciation for and protection of local history and archaeology.

Top:

Southwest Region staff monitor sites after Hurricane Irma on Calusa Island.

Bottom:

Northwest and North Central Region staff conduct a Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship (SSEAS) training in Tallahassee, Florida.



5 October 2017

[“Mystery of dugout canoe that washed ashore during Hurricane Irma solved”](#)
ClickOrlando.com

20 October 2017

[“Underwater Archaeologists Turn to Scuba Divers to Help Monitor Historic Resources”](#)
WFSU News

17 November 2017

[“The Archaeologists Saving Miami’s History from the Sea”](#)
CityLab

20 November 2017

[“Debate: What to do with Artifacts Unearthed By Irma?”](#)
NPR’s Morning Edition

21 November 2017

[“Ybor’s first public school, long gone, still has a story to tell about district’s history”](#)
Tampa Bay Times

5 December 2017

[“Archaeologists monitor sea level rise and erosion at historic sites”](#)
First Coast News

23 December 2017

[“Rising seas: Coastal waters threaten Florida’s historic resources”](#)
The St. Augustine Record

4 Mar 2018

[“New program asks citizens to help preserve history”](#)
Northwest Florida Daily News

2 April 2018

[“New data on centuries-old Ponte Vedra shipwreck offers clues of origin”](#)
First Coast News

7 May 2018

[“Hurricane Irma unearthed pre-European era Native American artifacts on Marco Island”](#)
Accuweather.com

27 May 2018

[“The Heritage of our Underwater World: Key West Art and Historical Society Offers Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar”](#)
Konk Life

DESTINATION ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER.

The [Destination Archaeology Resource Center \(DARC\)](#) is FPAN's public archaeology museum, hosting free exhibits, events, and programs.



DARC Manager Mike Thomin engages younger visitors at the FPAN Coordinating Center through the "Archaeology Story Time" program.

"Admiring the Hush Arbor"

DARC partnered with Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site, UWF Historic Trust, UWF Office of Equity and Diversity, African-American Heritage Society, University of South Alabama, Kukua Insitute, and the Polimbatree Griots Ensemble to host the first "Admiring the Hush Arbor" event in Northwest Florida. This program involved an evening of learning, appreciation, and remembrance of African-American culture, history, and archaeology through music, dance, poetry, and stories. In addition, a temporary memorial created to honor the enslaved population who once lived

on the site remained on display at Arcadia Mill throughout African-American History Month.

K-2 Archaeology Story Time

Throughout the year DARC continued to offer and refine the Archaeology Story Time program targeted for grades K-2. These popular programs teach our youngest members of the public the concept of archaeology based on a structure designed for their specific age level. To date, eight different Story Time programs touch on a variety of archaeological themes. This year, DARC partnered with staff in the North

Central office to create a series of lesson plans that are now available for other regional offices to use statewide.

Exhibits

Temporary museum exhibits this year included "The Elmina Wreck," "Shipwrecked!," and "Time at the Place." "The Elmina Wreck" exhibit featured research conducted by UWF professor Dr. Greg Cook on a Dutch vessel that sank off the coast of Ghana in 1647. Artifacts displayed from the wreck were on loan from the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board. "Shipwrecked!" was a pop-up display created in

collaboration with UWF Department of History professor Dr. John Jensen's undergraduate honors class as part of their final course project. DARC staff provided classroom instruction, guidelines, and support for the exhibit and hosted an evening reception. "Time at the Place" examined recent archaeological work based on FPAN intern Katherine Sims' thesis project investigating a slave cabin at Arcadia Mill in Milton, Florida. The exhibit materials will go on permanent display at the Arcadia Mill Homestead museum in 2019.

Gulf Coast Science Festival

DARC manager Mike Thomin served on the Gulf Coast Science Festival Advisory Committee to plan the very first science festival along Florida's Gulf Coast. FPAN participated in this two-day festival that featured a variety of science and technology-related activities, all with the goal of inspiring curiosity, experimentation, and creative problem solving by both adults and children.

Game of Drones

Following in the footsteps of the East Central Region, DARC and the Northwest Region staff purchased a drone. The DJI Mavic Pro model is a small yet powerful drone that is ideal for traveling to remote locations. It will be used to capture footage for videos, take images for photogrammetry, and monitor sites for the HMS Florida program.

Top:

DARC Manager Mike Thomin uses a drone to help monitor sites for the HMS Florida program.

Bottom:

February 2018 "Admiring the Hush Arbor" event at Arcadia Mill Archaeological Site in Milton, Florida.



ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

FPAN aids local governments in identifying, managing, preserving, and sharing their cultural resources.



Left: City of Milton staff record a marker during a CRPT. Right: North Central Region staff conduct a GOPHR mini-workshop during FAS.

Governmental Opportunities for Preserving Heritage Resources (GOPHR)

North Central Region staff planned and presented several [GOPHR workshops](#) to various civic organizations and local governments. This program was developed by Tristan Harrenstein and is now being delivered in regions statewide with topics ranging from heritage tourism to the National Register of Historic Places. Staff also presented on this program at the American Planning Association Florida Chapter conference and the Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS).

Responding to Cemetery Needs and Human Burial Requests for Assistance

East Central Region staff responded to several DHR requests for assistance with issues related to abandoned cemeteries and unmarked human burials. As staff teach in the Cemetery Resource

Protection Training (CRPT) workshops, Chapter 872, also known as Florida's Unmarked Burial Law, makes it illegal to willfully or knowingly disturb human remains or associated features above the ground. Violations of 872 are often urgent and require a site visit to observe potential disturbance to a site. FPAN does not enforce any laws, but we do provide education and when requested assist in gathering archaeological documentation. While details relating to potential 872 related events are sensitive and details confidential, it is important work the public is largely unaware of that requires increased coordination with local government and communication with the public. In February 2018, East Central Region staff worked closely with Dr. Kathryn Miyar (BAR Conservation and Collections Supervisor), a county permitting office, and the landowner to help resolve complicated issues that arose when private landowner

encountered human remains disturbed by previous owners.

In Northwest Florida, the City of Milton and the UWF Archaeology Institute reached out to FPAN staff to help conduct a CRPT workshop in the wake of severe damage from vandalism at the Milton Historic Cemetery in late 2017. By hosting a CRPT workshop, City of Milton resource managers hoped to create some positive press related to the cemetery and enhance community engagement at the site. An overwhelming success, workshop attendees included local community members, law enforcement, and City stakeholders. Sarah Miller of the Northeast Region assisted Northwest staff in facilitating the workshop.

Project Assistance

In July 2017, staff from the Southeast Region had the privilege of assisting University of Florida archaeologist Nate Lawres with

fieldwork in Palm Beach County. FPAN staff worked alongside students from University of Florida as well as Palm Beach County Archaeologist Chris Davenport and county interns to document the site. Additionally, staff began working with Miami Dade County Archaeologist Jeff Ransom and the Deering Estate on a Phase II evaluation of the property, which demonstrates evidence of continuous occupation from the early Archaic period through the mid-20th century.

Alliance for Collier's Coastal Resilience (ACCR)

The Southwest Region was thrilled to be a partner organization for the Alliance for Collier's Coastal Resilience, led by University of Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University. In May 2018, representatives from different ACCR partners worked to develop a web-based interactive decision-support tool

for Adaptation of Coastal Urban and Natural Ecosystems (ACUNE) and met to discuss the status of the project. This tool will be critical in assessing the resilience of different resources, including archaeological sites and other heritage landmarks.

QUICK FACTS:

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Florida cities and counties participate in the Certified Local Governments (CLGs) program

Hurricane Impact Assessments

Staff from the Northeast Region worked with various agencies and municipalities to assess impacts from Hurricane Irma at sites throughout the Region. Efforts included coordinating with the GTM

Research Reserve for continued monitoring of Shell Bluff Landing, visiting cemeteries throughout St. Johns County, reporting downed trees at Mt. Royal to BAR, and offering support to New Smyrna Beach in the removal of debris at the Old Stone Wharf. In total, staff and volunteers visited 41 sites in September 2017 and continued to check on more through October.

Florida Preservation Atlas

West Central Region staff continue to work alongside DHR to provide up-to-date information for Florida's Certified Local Government (CLG) program on the [Florida Preservation Atlas](#). The Atlas is an inventory and information source of Florida CLGs and Florida Main Street Programs.



Staff from the GTM Research Reserve assess damage to Shell Bluff Landing.

ASSISTANCE TO FLORIDA DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES.

FPAN and the Florida Division of Historical Resources (DHR) work closely in mutual support of ongoing programs and publications.



Central Region staff work with DHR to assist with site visits in areas under threat.

Shipwreck Recording

The Northeast Region worked closely with the St. Augustine Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program, at the request of the Bureau of Archaeological Research (BAR), to record a shipwreck in Ponte Vedra Beach. Staff aided with crowd control and media coverage, as the site drew thousands of visitors, and with basic documentation and sampling. Additionally, staff was able to create a [3D model](#) using photogrammetry to share with the public online and on social media.

Heritage Awareness Diving Seminar (HADS)

FPAN staff from the Coordinating Center, Northwest, and Southeast

Regions traveled to the Florida Keys in June 2018 to conduct two [HADS programs](#) in partnership with BAR and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Conducted at the Key West Art and Historical Society and at the History of Diving Museum in Islamorada, Florida, FPAN trained SCUBA instructors and educators on how to integrate submerged cultural resources protection messages into their training programs.

Little Salt Spring Conference

In February 2017, the Southeast Region partnered with the West Central Region and the University of Miami (UM) for a conference dedicated to one of Florida's most inspiring archaeological sites, Little Salt Spring, which dates to over 10,000 years ago. Experts

including Dr. Jessi Halligan from Florida State University, Dr. Jason O'Donoghue from the Florida Division of Historical Resources and Dr. Mike Waters of Texas A&M University spoke about the critical role of Florida's archaeological springs sites in illuminating the stories of North America's earliest occupation at this event generously hosted by UM and put together by Dr. Traci Ardren.

Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) Training

The Archaeological Resource Management training program, developed by BAR, is an ongoing requirement for State of Florida land managers. West Central and Central Region staff assisted State

Top:

Southeast and Southwest Region staff assess Pompano Mound.

Bottom:

Speakers during a panel at the Little Salt Spring Conference.

archaeologists at various ARM trainings throughout the state and facilitated the integration of FPAN's HMS Florida program into portions of the training.

Site Visits and Evaluations

In August 2017, Southwest Region staff and volunteers joined Melissa Price, Senior Archaeologist for BAR, to evaluate a historical site in Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. DHR is responsible for preserving and promoting Florida's historical, archaeological, and folk cultural resources. Part of this mission involves assessing and re-evaluating sites documented on public lands. The survey involved using a metal detector and gradiometer in an attempt to relocate the site.

Storm events and reports of looting led Central Region staff to respond to multiple site check requests in the Big Bend region from State archaeologists. Many of these requests were performed under guidelines provided by Florida Statute 872, Florida's Unmarked Human Remains law. FPAN's ability to respond rapidly, sometimes the very next day, to instances of exposed archaeological remains allows BAR staff to have timely information needed for their decision-making process.





A National Heritage Area (NHA) feasibility study and planning meeting among stakeholders at the FPAN Coordinating Center.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA HERITAGE TOURISM.

Dr. Sorna Khakzad works as a post-doctoral researcher to assess heritage tourism in Northwest Florida.

Considering the variety of available cultural and natural resources, the uniqueness of many of these resources, and their significance in shaping a cohesive cultural-natural landscape, Sorna's research suggests that the Florida Panhandle would be an excellent candidate for the National Park Service's National Heritage Area (NHA) program. NHAs are places where historic, cultural, and natural resources combine to form cohesive, nationally important landscapes. NHA entities collaborate with communities to determine how to make heritage relevant to local interests and needs. Sorna will continue her work on the [NHA feasibility study and planning](#) with the UWF Reubin Askew Institute for Multidisciplinary Studies in the next year.



Sorna and DARC's Mike Thomin visit the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center.

The Heritage Tourism assessment and research that began in 2016 by Dr. Sorna Khakzad neared conclusion at the end of the 2017/18 year. The project focused on Northwest Florida, with more than 70 cultural entities visited, and a total of 58 entities, including museums, state and national parks, cultural centers, and historical societies assessed. The study concluded that Florida Panhandle cultural attractions are in need of a more collaborative effort among different entities and communities.

FPAN PROGRAM ASSESSMENT.

Dr. Laura Clark works as a post-doctoral researcher to better assess the success of FPAN's outreach and training programs.



During this year, Dr. Laura Clark successfully completed her assessment of many of FPAN's public outreach and training programs. During the duration of Laura's research with FPAN, she assessed over 20 programs and produced an executive summary that covered the extent of her evaluations.

Laura's research showed that many FPAN program attendees come for the exceptional information and knowledge that FPAN archaeologists possess. While information is critical, she also found that learning environment is an essential component for success. Program participants' comments continually note the incredible impact of visiting archaeological sites on their perceptions of cultural heritage in Florida.



Top:

Laura poses with UWF graduate students Tyler Smith and Keilani Jordan, assistants with data collection and analysis for her post-doctoral research.

Bottom:

Young visitors to the FPAN Coordinating Center participate in Archaeology Story Time, a program developed as a result of Laura's research.



DIGITAL INSIGHTS.

FPAN has a broad digital presence that engages visitors and encourages them to discover ways they can get involved with local history and archaeology.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network website continues to be one of most important tools for reaching audiences and engaging them with more information about Florida history and archaeology. As website analytics continue to improve, FPAN learns more about these audiences and how to provide them with a better, more effective digital presence.

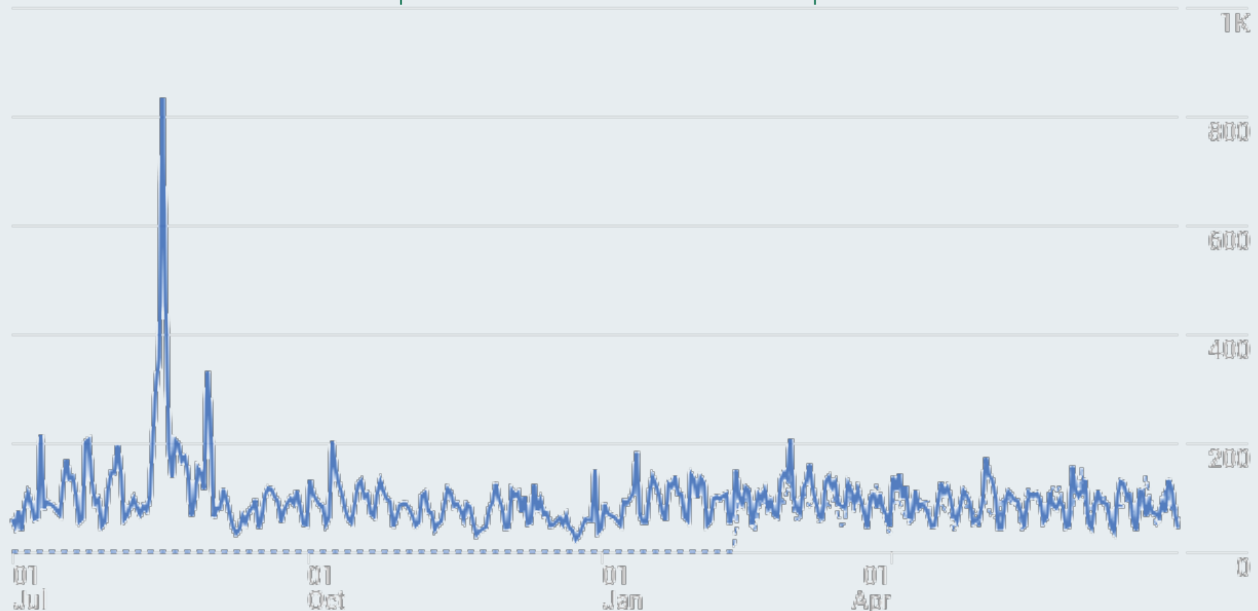
In general, traffic to the FPAN website and its various pages increases each year. While the “Workshops”

and “Projects” pages are well-visited, the high number of visits to the “HMS Florida” and “Tidally United” pages is indicative of the hard work of FPAN staff to promote the HMS Florida program around the state. FPAN also continues to see several trends in how and when users are visiting our website. A little more than one-quarter of visits are from mobile devices (i.e., cellphones and tablets), while most users still tend to access the website via desktop computers.

How many users accessed the FPAN website during the 2017/2018 year?

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28K
↑236.5%

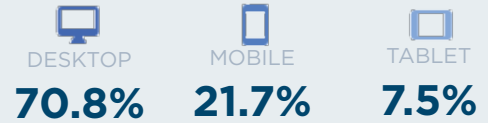
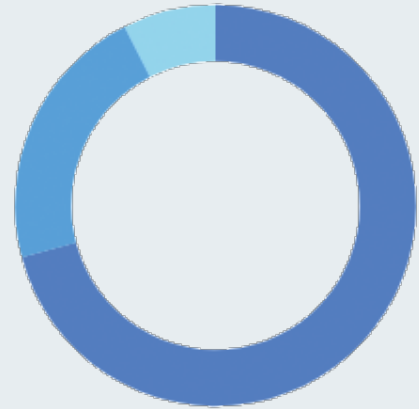
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39K
↑206.5%



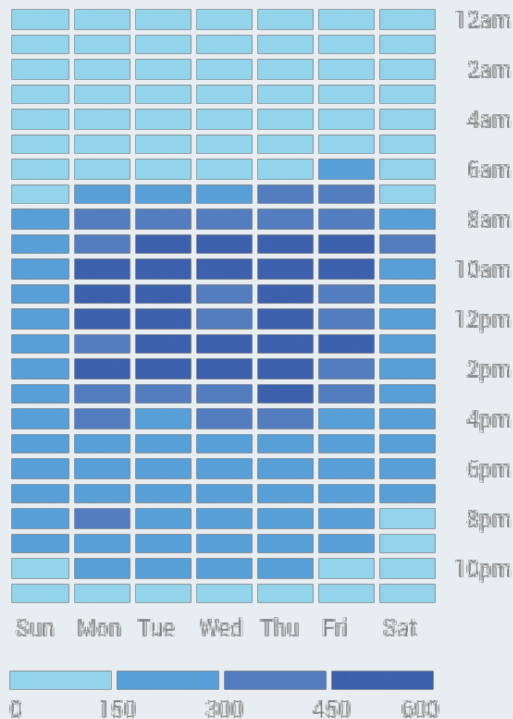
Which pages are users accessing on the FPAN website (2017/2018)?

PAGE	PAGEVIEWS
Home	13,788
/regions	3,225
/wrc	2,752
/projects/HMSflorida	2,668
/nwrc	2,515
/nerc	2,290
/workshops	2,081
/civilwar/monuments/...h-county-courthouse	2,005
/projects/tidally	1,917
/projects	1,569

How are users accessing the FPAN website (2017/2018)?



When do users access the FPAN website (2017/2018)?



STAFF DEVELOPMENTS.



FPAN staff at the annual staff meeting in February 2018.

COORDINATING CENTER

Bernita Bryant joined the Coordinating Center as new Office Manager.

William Lees co-authored an article entitled "The Future of American Archaeology: Engage the Voting Public or Kiss your Research Goodbye!" with Terry H. Klein, Lynne Goldstein, Deborah Gangloff, Krysta Ryzewski, Bonnie W. Styles, and Alice P. Wright in Advances in Archaeological Practice, 6:1, 2018.

Della Scott-Ireton authored two book chapters: "Pensacola's Public Participation: Outreach and Engagement" in Florida's Lost Galleon, edited by Roger Smith (2018); "Museums in the Sea and Time Capsule Trails: Public Outreach and Partnerships to Preserve Florida's Maritime Heritage" in Submerged History: Underwater Archaeology in Florida, edited by Roger Smith (2018).

DESTINATION ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER

Mike Thomin served his second term as President of the Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage Board of Directors. He was also nominated and confirmed to the St. Michael's Cemetery Foundation of Pensacola, Inc. Board of Directors. Mike also served on the Gulf Coast Science Festival Advisory Committee.

Jess Hendrix, Janene Johnston, and Zach Harris left their positions as graduate student museum assistants. DARC welcomes Brianna Patterson and Virginia Conway, UWF graduate students, as new museum assistants.

NORTHWEST REGION

Nicole Grinnan authored an article entitled "The Sailing Vessels of Pensacola's Red Snapper Fishing Industry: toward an understanding of construction trends" in the International



Journal of Nautical Archaeology, 47:1, 2018. She was also selected to run as Board Member for the Society for Historical Archaeology.

Public Archaeology Assistant Brianna Patterson ended her three-year tenure with the Northwest Region. New Public Archaeology Assistant Rachel Hines joined the Northwest Region for the next three years as a graduate student at the University of West Florida.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Barbara Clark continues to work towards her Master of Science in Administration at UWF. She also continues to serve as Secretary to the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation.

Barbara Clark and Tristan Harrenstein attended two webinars: one on repairing, cleaning, and maintaining historic

cemetery ironworks by the National Park Service's National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and another on interpretation presented by Sam Ham and hosted by the National Association for Interpretation.

NORTHEAST REGION

Sarah Miller participated in the "Learning from Loss" project in Scotland with William Lees. The project gathered researchers from across the U.S. and Scotland to consider issues of climate change as they relate to heritage preservation and public education.

EAST CENTRAL REGION

Kevin Gidusko resigned his position as East Central Public Archaeology Coordinator. The East Central Region welcomed Emily "Emma" Dietrich as his replacement in June 2017.

CENTRAL REGION

Nigel Rudolph was elected to the Board of the Florida Anthropological Society.

WEST CENTRAL REGION

Jeff Moates co-chaired the 2018 FAS Annual Meeting and Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Rebecca O'Sullivan was re-elected Second Vice President to the Board of the Florida Anthropological Society.

SOUTHEAST REGION

In August 2017, the Southeast Region hosted the Tidally United Conference, which was co-hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. The conference was held at the Native Learning Center in Hollywood, Florida. The conference was a joint effort between FPAN, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki, and FIU's Global Indigenous Forum.

SOUTHWEST REGION

Rachael Kangas became an AAUS accredited diver, allowing her to partner on scientific dives with groups like the Division of Historical Resources Bureau of Archaeological Research, NOAA, and NPS.

Sara Ayers-Rigsby led a round table luncheon focused on sea level rise and heritage at the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) annual conference. Rachael Kangas and Sara Ayers-Rigsby presented papers at the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, as well as at the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) in Washington, D.C.

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