



Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference 2023 Conference Workshops Thursday, March 9, and Sunday, March 12, 2023

Cost for each workshop is \$25.00. Payment must be made at the time of registration. You must register by February 15, 2023 and be registered to attend the 2023 conference. Enrollment will be capped at 12 people and will be held at the Ocean City Fontaine Blue Resort (Conference hotel). Contact Erin Cagney (ecagney@newsouthassoc.com) with registration questions.

Workshops are sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference.

To Register: You must be registered for the conference and logged in to your [MAAC website](#) account.

Thursday Workshops

Workshop 1: Soil Basics for Archaeology

Instructors: Daniel Wagner (Geo-Sci Consultants LLC) and Joseph E. Clemens (WSP USA, Inc.)

Date/Time: Thurs., March 9, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Soils are the matrix within which nearly all buried archaeological materials are contained. Characterizing the fundamental properties of a soil can therefore provide contextual clarity for important site factors such as suitability for occupation, relative timeframe, and potential for artifact movement. Similarly, the intimate relationships between soils and landforms have much to say about site histories, especially in the stratified sequences of alluvial landscapes, some Coastal Plain sediments, or other transported deposits. This workshop is intended to provide instruction for basic techniques in the field description of soil profiles, with a primary focus on soil textural classes and proper usage of Munsell color charts. Standard USDA soil nomenclature will also be addressed with respect to the archaeological implications that arise from designations of horizon and soil parent material types.

Contact Dan Wagner with questions (danwagner.soil@gmail.com).

Workshop 2: “NRHP Evaluation Criteria for Archeological Resources”: Learning the Basics of Preparing DOEs for Archeological Sites

Instructor: Jason Theuer (National Park Service)

Date/Time: Thurs., March 9, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

NHPA 106/110 and NRHP related activities can represent the primary focus of many professional archeologists' day-to-day work, yet for many, the specifics of NHRP eligibility criteria and the process for preparing DOEs are not taught in graduate programs and are learned on-the-job. This workshop is a "crash-course" in preparing NRHP determinations of eligibility for archaeological resource. This session is an interactive discussion designed to expose participants to the characteristics, evaluation criteria, and level of investigation required for NRHP determinations of eligibility. Discussions will attempt to bridge the divide between the broader discipline of archeological sciences and specific NRHP requirements to qualify for inclusion on the National Register. National Register Bulletin #36 – Guidelines for Evaluating and Registering Archeological Properties

Contact Jason Theuer with questions (Jason_Theuer@nps.gov).

Sunday Workshop

Workshop 3: Artifact Photography

Instructor: Colleen Betti (UNC Chapel Hill)

Time: Sun., March 12, 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Photographs of artifacts are one of the main ways we present our work and engage with the public. Not only do artifact photos create an important record as part of the cataloging process, but as social media and public engagement continues to play a large role, eye catching and well composed artifact photos can be crucial to attracting the attention of the public. While it can be tempting to snap quick photos with a smartphone, knowing how to create well composed photographs and how to edit the resulting product can enhance photos of any artifact. This workshop will provide instruction on artifact photography and photo editing. We will be using photoshop, but no prior experience with photoshop is necessary and you can participate even if you do not have photoshop on your computer.

Contact Colleen Betti with questions (cmbetti@live.unc.edu).