

Southeast Region
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First Quarter Highlight: Addressing the Archaeological Heritage of All Florida Communities: Public Lab with Diving with a Purpose



Photo 1: Emily Jane Murray (FPAN NE) and Malachi Fenn (FPAN SE) work with DWP on photogrammetry basics

Throughout 2023, Mal Fenn worked with [FAU's EHS](#) division to create a public lab at the regional office on FAU's campus. Shortly after the lab met health and safety requirements, Fenn coordinated with FPAN NE Public Archaeology Coordinator, Emily Jane Murray, to host a

photogrammetry workshop for [Diving with a Purpose](#). Over the course of the one-day workshop, participants learned the procedure of photographing objects for 3D modeling, as well as the basics of photogrammetry software like Agisoft. The public lab is now open on FAU's Davie campus.

Second Quarter Highlight: Preserving Historic Cemeteries: Cleanup at Miami City Cemetery



Photo 2: Archaeologists from AHC, TRC, and others who participated in cemetery cleanup

In October, FPAN staff and volunteers cleaned headstones with D2 and removed trash to help preserve the historic cemetery. Archaeologists working in downtown Miami for firms like the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, TRC, and others, volunteered their time on a Sunday to participate in a cemetery cleanup at the Miami City Cemetery. The first recorded burial in this cemetery occurred in 1897. The cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Third Quarter Highlight: Addressing the Archaeological Heritage of All Florida Communities: Archaeobootcamp at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area



Photo 3: Archaeobootcamp Program Participants and Staff

In March, FPAN SE staff completed their 6th annual Archaeobootcamp at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum in Jupiter, Florida. This program is an alternative spring break geared towards exposing university students to different aspects of careers in archaeology. The program is funded by award from the Bureau of Land Management—Eastern States. FPAN staff from all

over the state attended the program, including Executive Director Dr. Mary Furlong-Minkoff. Participants came from all over Florida and Georgia, and learned archaeological techniques including excavation, transect mapping, photogrammetry, ground penetrating radar (GPR), and terrestrial laser scanning. The program also included a public event and Careers in Archaeology Public Panel.

Future Fourth Quarter Highlight: Climate Change Summit with Deering Estate and the French Consulate

FPAN is currently working with the Deering Estate and the French Consulate in Miami on a symposium highlighting climate change and the Caribbean. The objective of this symposium is to facilitate an exchange of ideas and practices among French and American researchers, academics, and cultural resource managers regarding the challenges posed by climate change to coastal archaeological sites. With a focus on the Atlantic Coastal areas of Western France, Florida, and the Caribbean basin, where diverse teams operate under different legal frameworks, we seek to foster international discussions, share experiences, and strengthen community collaboration. The symposium will be held at the Deering Estate June 14th and 15th, 2024.

Other Highlights

- Ayers-Rigsby published research on climate change work (co-authored by West Central and Central Director Rachael Kangas and others) in [Historical Archaeology](#)
- Ayers-Rigsby and Fenn's Community Conversations on Heritage at Risk workshop was featured in the [Palm Beach Post](#)
- Ayers-Rigsby elected to serve as President Elect for the Register of Professional Archaeologists
- Fenn led International Archaeology Day talk on the Matecumbe
- Ayers-Rigsby completed the AAUS Scientific Dive Program at FAU
- Ayers-Rigsby and Fenn presented research at FPAN's Tidally United Summit in December
- Ayers-Rigsby presented on FPAN's work for students in the fall and spring semesters
- Fenn and FPAN South Lab volunteers completed a cataloguing project for the Deering Estate
- Ayers-Rigsby, Fenn, and Piotrowski completed 5 archaeology merit badges, kayak tours, and the archaeological field school at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area as part of the award agreement with the Bureau of Land Management