

Application Form

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

invites you to participate in its

44th Annual Archaeological Field School

Summer II (June 27-August 16, 2019)



Western Michigan University's field school is certified by the Register for Professional Archaeologists.

In 2015 the program received two student scholarships on behalf of the Society for American Archaeology because they best met the Society's criteria, particularly with regard to their "community service learning" philosophy and curriculum.

Description of the Program: You are invited to participate in the 44th annual WMU archaeological field school. The program will continue archaeological investigations of Fort St. Joseph, a mission-garrison-trading post complex established by the French in 1691 and occupied for nearly a century in Niles, MI. Since our initial discovery of the site, we have conducted systematic excavations to demonstrate the presence of undisturbed archaeological remains. Recent work has led to the recovery of significant colonial-era artifacts, features, and faunal remains that provide insight into 18th-century life. We invite you to become a part of our archaeological team as we explore an important multi-ethnic fur-trading site and interpret our findings to the public.

Students will receive instruction in research design and the importance of archaeology in the examination of the fur trade and colonialism in the western Great Lakes. Training will include standard techniques of site survey and excavation, as well as the processing, cataloging, and analysis of artifacts and feature data. The field school is a community service-learning project in which students get to work closely with members of the Fort St. Joseph Museum, Support the Fort, the City of Niles, and other community groups who share an interest in the preservation and interpretation of the site. During the field school, we will reside in Niles to increase this interaction and further develop partnerships with the community. Students will also have the opportunity to become involved with our award-winning archaeology summer camp program and other outreach activities including radio broadcasting, attending local events, and assisting with small group lectures. Public outreach culminates in our annual archaeology open house scheduled for August 3-4 in which we invite the public to visit the site and learn about archaeology and 18th century life. Throughout the program, students will reflect on their experience and enhance their learning through journal writing and community engagement events like dinners and special lectures.

Consult the following publications to learn more about the program:

Berliner, K., and M. S. Nassaney

2015 The Role of the Public in Public Archaeology: Ten Years of Outreach and Collaboration at Fort St. Joseph. *Journal of Community Archaeology & Heritage* 2(1): 3-21.

Loveland, Erika K., and Michael S. Nassaney

2017 *Sheltering New France*. Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project Booklet Series No. 3. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Nassaney, M. S.

2009 The Reform of Archaeological Pedagogy and Practice through Community Service Learning. In *Archaeology and Community Service Learning*, edited by M. S. Nassaney and M. A. Levine, pp. 3-35. Society for Historical Archaeology and the University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

2012 Decolonizing Archaeological Theory at Fort St. Joseph, An Eighteenth-Century Multi-Ethnic Community in the Western Great Lakes Region. *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* 37(1):5-24.

2015 *The Archaeology of the North American Fur Trade*. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

Registration Information: Admission to the field school is limited and by consent of the instructor. Credits are earned by enrolling in Anthropology 4900 (6 hours of undergraduate credit). Applicable tuition and fees are published in the schedule of classes, with the addition of a \$500 field school fee to cover travel, some meals, housing, and all equipment and supplies issued to participants for their use. Additional costs include course readings and communal dining fees.

Departmental Scholarships Available: All field school applicants will, with the completion of this application, be considered for one of several departmental scholarships that support work that leads to a better understanding of Native Americans in southwest Michigan. One of these awards is provided by the Paul and Dorothy Reese Armintrout Endowed Anthropology Fund, created by Verne and Paula Trinoskey. This award honors Ms. Trinoskey's parents, Paul and Dorothy Reese Armintrout who were descended from pioneer families of southwest Michigan and had a passionate interest in Native American cultures, past and present. Paul and Dorothy Reese Armintrout were avid amateur archaeologists and members of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society who assisted with archaeological field work at sites in Allegan County. The other is the William M. Cremin Scholarship in Archaeology. Contact Kayleen O'Donnell kayleen.odonnell@wmich.edu for information about other scholarship opportunities.

**Complete all sections of the following application and submit by
Friday, March 15, 2019 for consideration.**

Application for WMU Archaeological Field School (ANTH 4900, 6 credit hours), Summer II Session (June 27-August 16, 2019)

Name _____ Student ID No. _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____
 _____ Email _____

Colleges/Universities Attended:

Major /Minor _____ Current Overall GPA _____

Year in school _____ Expected graduation date: _____

Courses taken in anthropology and related fields (e.g., history, geography, geology, sociology).

Describe any prior field, laboratory, and related experience (e.g., internships).

Other relevant experience or skills (e.g., working with archives, work outdoors, carpentry, cooking, camping).

Please provide the names and contact information of two academic references.

1. Name/title _____ email: _____

2. Name/title _____ email: _____

On the reverse side of this form (or on a separate sheet), briefly state your reasons for applying to the field school.

Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcript and proof of health care insurance.

Successful applicants will be notified of their admission by March 22, 2019. To obtain further information or to submit a completed application form, contact: Dr. Michael Nassaney, Professor of Anthropology, 1014 Moore Hall, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5306. Phone: (269)387-3981; e-mail: nassaney@wmich.edu