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*39 YEARS OF PROMOTING FLORIDA'S RICH HERITAGE*

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***THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017, 7:00 PM***

WEEDON ISLAND PRESERVE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY CENTER  
1800 WEEDON DR. NE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33702



***Zachary Gilmore, Ph.D.***  
*Rollins College*

## **Florida's Container Revolution: The Historical Consequences of Late Archaic Pottery Adoption**

Traditional accounts suggest that the adoption of pottery technology in Florida approximately 4,700 years ago came with few, if any, discernible impacts on the hunter-gatherer societies involved. Recent research, however, has revealed a number of important cultural transformations that coincided with pottery's appearance, including shifts in settlement, exchange, monument construction, and mortuary traditions. New data from the Silver Glen shell mound complex in the middle St. Johns Valley indicate that the earliest pottery vessels played a significant role in ritual feasting events and long distance exchange networks, which integrated people and communities across peninsular Florida. In this way, the new technology helped to challenge preexisting political structures and usher in truly revolutionary change across the region.

*These programs are free and open to the public. Please register at least 24 hours prior to this event by visiting <https://goo.gl/ckaAKQ>. You can also call 727-453-6500 to register.*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - CGCAS FIELDTRIP



Mark your calendar- Saturday, February 3rd we will be organizing a fieldtrip to a few historic sites in Manatee County, just to our south. First stop will be Gamble Plantation Historic State Park (3708 Patten Avenue, Ellenton, FL 34222). This antebellum mansion was home to Major Robert Gamble and headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation. It is the only surviving plantation house in South Florida. It is also the site of recent archaeological investigations by one of our recent speakers – Dr. Diane Wallman. We will get a guided tour of the mansion and tour the grounds of the park.



For lunch, we will hop on over to a restaurant with a lot of “Old Florida” charm – The Linger Lodge (7205 85th Street Ct E, Bradenton, Florida 34202). From their website “An unusual atmosphere is what makes us unique. Frank Gamsky, the original owner and an amateur taxidermist, filled the walls, ceilings and display

cases with local creatures and critters. Preserved snakes, coyotes, alligators and more, keep you company while you enjoy our down-home, southern cooking. Take time to browse the many mounted fish and the strangest of animals, the Blub-Billed Orthlock or the Turkey Rattler. Enjoy the beautiful Braden River on our outdoor decks!” You can find out more on their website: <http://www.lingerlodgeresort.com/restaurant.asp>



Our final stop will be a different sort of mansion, Solomon’s Castle (4533 Solomon Rd, Ona, FL 33865 – there is an entrance fee of \$12.50). This great example of Florida’s weird side has a different sort of history: “The sculptor Howard Solomon started building the castle in 1974 out of aluminum printing plates thrown out by the local newspaper. Years later, the ever-evolving, gleaming three-story-high castle covers 12,000 sq. feet, including the courtyard filled with sculptures made from discarded automotive parts and a 60-foot replica of a 16th century Portuguese galleon that serves as the Moat restaurant.”

If you are interested in exploring these historic roadside attractions with us please contact Becky at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu) for more information. Hope you can make it out for this fun day!

### MAC PERRY PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

In honor of the memory of longtime Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) member Mac Perry’s dedication to bringing archaeological knowledge to the public,

CGCAS is starting a student paper competition. Just as Mac did with his book *Indian Mounds You Can Visit*, CGCAS hopes to promote the dissemination of archaeological research and findings to the general public in an engaging manner through this student paper competition.

The goal of this competition is to encourage students of archaeology, whether at the **undergraduate** or **graduate** level, to present their research in a way that is interesting and accessible to the general public. Students should try to present their archaeological research in a way that is inspiring, accessible, and interesting, without sacrificing the scholarly content or findings of their work. Papers will be judged on how well they represent this goal. Papers should be 8-10 pages and should be submitted along with a PowerPoint presentation (other presentation formats such as Prezi are also acceptable) to go along with the paper.

First prize for this competition is \$100 while second place is \$50. The first and second place winners of the paper competition will be expected to present their work at the March meeting and lecture series of the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society. The inaugural Mac Perry Student Paper Presentation will be held on Thursday March 16, 2017 at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center in St Petersburg. Both winners must present their papers to the general membership in order to receive their prize.

Paper title, abstract, and contact information for the student (including name, email, university enrolled in, and level of education) should be submitted to Becky O'Sullivan at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu) before January 22nd, 2018. Other relevant deadlines are below. For more information please contact Becky O'Sullivan at [rosulliv@usf.edu](mailto:rosulliv@usf.edu).

### **Important Info and Deadlines:**

**Who can submit a paper?** Undergraduate or Graduate level students in Anthropology, Archaeology, History, or related fields. Papers related to research in Florida or the Southeast are preferred.

**Deadline to Submit Abstract:** January 22nd, 2018

### **Deadline to Submit Paper and**

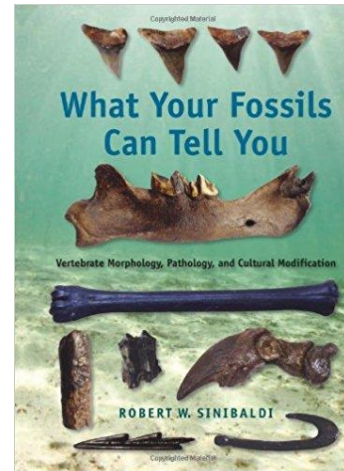
**Powerpoint:** February 5th, 2018

**Winners Announced:** February 22, 2018

**Winning Papers Presented:** March 15, 2018

## UPCOMING SPRING CGCAS LECTURES

### **Vertebrate Fossils and Cultural Modification** *Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 7-8pm*



### ***Robert Sinibaldi, Ph.D., Paleontologist and Author***

The cultural modification of bones, antlers, and teeth by Paleoindians and those Native Americans that followed could constitute a book unto itself. As a rule of thumb many use the 10,000 year mark as a limit for what is fossilized and what is considered sub-fossil. Therefore in North America there is a short geological window where culturally modified items of bone, antler, and teeth could also be fossilized. Many of the items that will be presented might be considered sub-fossil – however, they could/should still represent culturally what could have existed during the Paleoindian time period.

### **The Discovery and Investigation of Don Tristan de Luna y Arellano's Colony and Fleet (1559-1561)**

*Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 7-8pm*

### ***John R. Bratten, Ph.D., University of West Florida***

In 1559, a Spanish fleet sailed into Pensacola Bay, Florida, to found a colony. What would have been a self-sustaining and permanent colony in the present-day United States was destroyed almost as



soon as it began when a powerful hurricane struck, sinking most of the ships and much of the colonists' food supplies. In 1992, one of the ships of the lost fleet was discovered, a second was found in 2006, and a third in 2016. In 2015, the UWF archaeology program announced the finding of the Luna settlement land site. The investigation of the ships (dubbed Emanuel Point I, II, and III) and the settlement site by the University of West Florida's Archaeology Program is revealing fascinating information about early Spanish colonization, seafaring, ship construction, and material culture. This is a multi-component project incorporating both terrestrial, underwater archaeology, and documents research as part of its overall research design, while incorporating a curriculum and training program for both undergraduate and graduate students.



**WINNER, Mac Perry Public Archaeology Student Paper Competition**  
*Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 7-8pm*

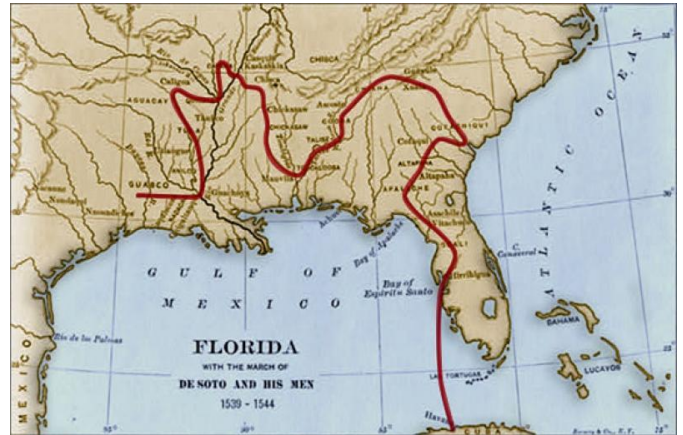
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**De Soto Slept Here, Not There: The Archaeology of Early Contact and Missions Sites in Northern Central Florida and the Making and Exposure of an Archaeological Hoax**

*Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 7-8pm*

***Willet A. Boyer, III, Ph.D., Aucilla Research Institute***



The Marion County region of northern central Florida was the location of three of the Timucuan chiefdoms - Ocale, Potano and Acuera - referred to in accounts of the Hernando de Soto entrada, as well as several seventeenth-century mission sites. Claims were made in the popular press in 2012 that the so-called "White Ranch Site", 8MR3538, in this region represented the early contact and mission-era site of Potano. Long-term research at the Hutto/Martin Site (8MR3447) and the Richardson Site (8AL100) has confirmed that these sites represent genuine early contact and mission sites, while archaeological study at the purported "White Ranch Site" revealed no precontact, early contact, or mission-era site ever existed there. The results of study at these and other sites will be presented, and avenues for future long-term research in this region discussed.

**DUES ARE DUE**

Thank you for all that you do to make this group possible (and thank you for your continued support!) Your dollars go toward bringing top archaeological researchers from throughout Florida and the Southeast to speak in our area. CGCAS wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

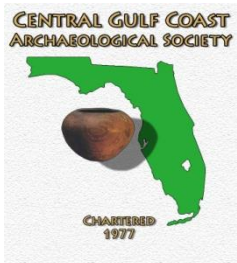
Dues can be paid in a variety of convenient ways: they can be paid directly to Heather or Kassie at our monthly meetings, they can be mailed to Heather at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780,

or they can be paid online at our website through Paypal at [www.cgcas.org](http://www.cgcas.org). Again, your dues are what make our monthly speaker series possible, thank you for your continued support of CGCAS!

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## THE SOCIETY

The Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) is an association of amateur and professional archaeologists and concerned citizens dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. CGCAS is a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) and is a state chartered non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the cultural past of Florida and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage.

Amateurs, professionals and concerned citizens are welcomed as members. Membership is yearly and all dues are payable in January. Contact Cheryl Shaughnessy at P.O. Box 1563 Pinellas Park, FL 33780

	Dues
Individual	\$25.00
Student	\$12.00
Family	\$30.00

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