



CENTRAL GULF COAST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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UPCOMING ZOOM LECTURE

Spring '22

Lecture Series

Thursday, April 21st, 7 PM

Black Cemeteries Matter: Erasure of historic Black Cemeteries in Polk County, FL

Juliana Waters



In the past several years, the Tampa Bay area has experienced a reckoning with regard to the intentional erasure, destruction, and abandonment of historic African American cemeteries such as Zion Cemetery in Tampa or St. Matthews Baptist Church Cemetery in Clearwater. Scholars, journalists, community members, archaeologists, and others have contributed to a growing movement that aims to identify and document these sacred sites in an effort to prevent further destruction. In this vein, this project aimed to identify and record cemeteries in Polk County, examine the processes leading to the erasure of historic Black cemeteries, the history surrounding erasure on a county scale, and to provide a framework for researching and documenting historic Black cemeteries in the Jim Crow South. Prior to this project, only four historic Black cemeteries were documented in the Florida Master Site File for Polk County,

which records cultural resources and sites throughout Florida. The resulting efforts of this project produced documentation for an additional 60 historic cemeteries, 13 of which are historic African American cemeteries. Identification was completed through extensive archival research, property records, pedestrian survey, and community outreach. Of the 13 newly documented burial grounds, three were determined to be unmarked and five were determined to have been erased or destroyed between the late 19th and mid-20th centuries resulting in their erasure from the modern landscape. My research suggests that the destruction of these sites is connected to industrial development throughout the county and these instances of erasure are representative of larger structural inequalities present throughout the Jim Crow South.

Past Lectures | Available on YouTube

Feb '22
Holland



Jan '22
Guengerich

Dec '21
Southard



About | Juliana Waters

Juliana Waters (she/her) is a CRM archaeologist and master's student in the Department of Applied Anthropology at the University of South Florida. Her research focuses on documenting Historic Black cemeteries in Polk County and exploring the socio-economic and political factors that have contributed to their erasure from the modern landscape.

Did You Miss It?

That's Ok!, The CGCAS Facebook page will be posting the recording of the lecture soon!

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PAST (MARCH) ZOOM LECTURE

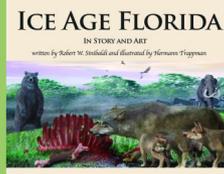
Florida's Ice Age was vastly different from what the North experienced. *Ice Age Florida: In Story and Art* investigates the fascinating fossil record and prehistory of the Gulf Coast compared to what most envision when the term Ice Age comes up. The book opens with the logistics of the last ice age, then proceeds through the stories of over 25 animals, beginning with *Titanis walleri* at the beginning of the Ice Age and ending with Florida's First Paleo-Peoples as the Ice Age comes to a close. Accompanying the dialog is the incredible illustrations and artwork of Hermann Trappman.



Robert Sinibaldi (author)



Hermann Trappman (illustrator)



Check out Robert Sinibaldi's (illustrations by Hermann Trappman) new book *Ice Age Florida: In Story and Art* available in both hard copy and e-book at the below link(s).

EBOOK

HARD BACK

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2022 Proposed Board Slate

At the March 2022 board meeting, the board established the proposed slate for 2022-2023. A ballot will be sent to CGCAS members next month. Because there were two open positions and two members interested in joining, the ballot will be to affirm the proposed slate.

President Jaime Rogers
Vice President Bob Austin
Treasurer Kassie Kemp
Secretary Marcie Connors

Directors Alan Bailey
Colin Lambert
Frederick Pirone
Kelsey Kreiser
*Rachael Kangas***
*Lauren Levy***

Rachael and Lauren are taking the spots of Michael Mann and Heather Draskovich. Mike has served as director and on the archival committee since joining the board in 2016. Heather has served as treasurer since joining the board in 2017.

We are incredibly grateful for their service on the board and for all that they have done to improve CGCAS!

Rachael Kangas

I earned my M.A. from UCF in 2015 and have been working for FPAN in various capacities and regions ever since. I am currently the Public Archaeology Coordinator for FPAN's West Central Region based out of USF in Tampa, after almost 6 years in our Southwest Region based in Fort Myers. I have done field work in Belize, Bolivia, and Florida and currently focus on specifically on Florida archaeology. I am also a scientific diver certified by the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) and have done fieldwork and outreach at underwater archaeological sites. I think public outreach and education is vital to the continuation of archaeology as a relevant scientific field and am excited to further this goal by supporting the fantastic programming and work of CGCAS.

Lauren Levy

I am currently the Unit HR Administrator for the Division of Student Success at the USF St. Petersburg campus. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor's degree in anthropology in 2018 where I did bioarchaeological research in Peru and Belize including a thesis for my degree titled *A Paleopathological Analysis of Skeletal Remains from the Salinar and Gallinazo Phases in the Moche Valley (Peru)*. I am interested in being on the board of the Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society to help contribute to, and educate the public on, the important archaeological work happening in our community. While I no longer work in archaeology, my passion for the subject has stayed with me. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, kayaking in our beautiful bay waters, and exploring some of our amazing local nature parks.

UPCOMING EVENT

REGISTER HERE

Saturday, March 26th @ 10 AM - 2 PM

Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center

1800 Weedon Drive Northeast
St. Petersburg, FL 33702



Examine ancient artifacts and discover the rich history of Tampa Bay at our celebration of Florida Archaeology Month at the Weedon Island Preserve!

The Alliance for Weedon Island Archaeological Research and Education (AWIARE) and the Central Florida Gulf Coast Archaeological Society (CGCAS) will be on-site with a diverse showcase of pre-Columbian artifacts from the Tampa Bay region and archaeological experts will be on-hand to illustrate the use of these tools and their importance to native populations.

There will also be a special guided hike to an active archaeological dig-site on the Preserve. Spots on this hike are limited so advance registration is required. Register for the [Archaeology Day Hike & Site Visit](#) today! Local fossil collectors are encouraged to bring in artifacts such as arrow heads, lithics, and pottery sherds for identification during Archaeology Day. No dollar value will be assigned or discussed, but educational information will be generously shared.

Explore the artifacts and talk with the archaeologists at your leisure anytime between 10am to 2pm. Also, check out the 1,100 year old dugout canoe on display in the Center and visit our free museum exhibit "Connecting People and Place" that tells the story of Weedon Island and its earliest inhabitants.

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Annual Picnic at *Phillipe Park* on 06/12! More Details Soon!



Upcoming: FAS 74TH ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

May 6th - 8th of 2022

REGISTER NOW

Final Membership Renewal

Thank you for all that you do to make this group possible (and thank you for your continued support!) **March is the last month for renewal dues, so if you wish to remain an ongoing member, be sure to have your annual dues in by the end of the month!** Your dollars go towards bringing top archaeological researchers from throughout Florida and the Southeast to speak in our area. CGCAS would not be possible without your continued support.

Due to COVID-19, dues can be paid either by mailing them to CGCAS directly @ **1500 Weedon Dr. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702** or conveniently online through our PayPal portal. Again, your dues are what make our monthly speaker series possible. **Thank you for your continued support of CGCAS!**



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Upcoming Field Trips / April 2022

Marco Island Historical Museum

Saturday, April 23rd @ 12:30 PM

Hours: 9 AM — 4 PM / Tour Cost: \$15

Koreshan State Park

Sunday, April 24th @ 10 AM

Hours: 8 AM — Sunset / Admission Cost: \$5/car

CGCAS is planning (2) two upcoming field trips for this spring which include both the **Marco Island Historical Museum** and **Koreshan State Park**. If you are interested in attending either event, click the below link to register through Google Forms. CGCAS membership is required to participate.

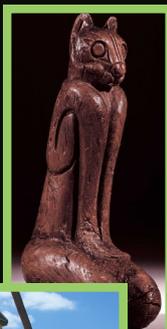
CGCAS has chosen to stay in Fort Myers @ the Days Inn Wyndham Resort, You are welcome to choose your own accommodations but if you wish to stay at the same hotel, book your room here: <https://tinyurl.com/2k3f7u5r>.

Days Inn Wyndham

18051 Tamiami Trail S. Fort Myers, FL 33908

More information on the entirety of the field trip can be found at the below link.

REGISTER HERE



Central Gulf Coast Archaeological Society Board

The Society

We are a non-profit organization consisting of members from all walks of life, who are dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Florida's great cultural heritage. Many of our members have professional association with archaeology, but we also have avocational and hobbyist members who enjoy learning the history of the peoples who preceded us here in Florida and to study the artifacts they left behind.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Florida's cultural past and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage. CGCAS conducts field trips to archaeological and historical sites, assists professional archaeologists in surveys and excavations, performs laboratory analysis, and prepares reports of its findings. A monthly newsletter keeps members up to date on the Society's activities.

Dues:

Individual: \$25
Student: \$12
Family: \$30

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