STANDARDS FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS

In an effort to improve the quality of the historic preservation program nationwide, the National Parks Service (NPS) has established standards for all professionals working within the program. States are now required to ensure that all work done as part of the preservation program is performed, supervised, or verified by individuals who meet the 36 CFR 61 qualifications. To this end, New York State is in the process of determining which consulting archaeologists working in New York State meet the qualifications. In order for us to make this determination, we are asking each consulting archaeologist to provide us with sufficient documentation so that the NPS can verify that the qualifications are met.

To assist you with this effort we have provided a form which outlines the requirements for an archaeologist. Please fill out the form and attach your current resume and return it to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 1, Albany, New York 12238-0001. Following our review of this information, we will be preparing a list of consultants who meet the NPS qualifications.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Fullem at (518) 474-3176.

David S. Gillespie
Director
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN SATISFACTION OF 36 CFR61 STANDARDS

Standard 1 - a graduate degree in anthropology, or closely related field.

Standard 2 - at least one year of full-time professional experience or equivalent specialized training in archaeological research, administration or management.

Standard 3 - at least four months of supervised field and analytic experience in general North American archaeology.

Standard 4 - demonstrated ability to carry out research to completion.

Standard 5 - a professional in prehistoric archaeology shall have at least one year of full-time professional experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of the prehistoric period.

Standard 6 - a professional in historic archaeology shall have at least one year full-time experience at a supervisory level in the study of archaeological resources of historic period.

NOTE: A year of full-time professional experience need not consist of a continuous year of full-time work but may be made up of discontinuous periods of full-time or part-time work adding up to the equivalent of a year of full-time experience.
Dr. Bert Salwen, an eminent presence in the archaeological communities of Long Island, New York City, and southern New England, died suddenly of a heart attack on December 25, 1988, in New York City.

Dr. Salwen's career as an anthropological archaeologist began in the late 1950's following an earlier career in civil engineering. He entered Columbia University, receiving a Ph.D. in Anthropology in 1965. His first interest was the prehistory of coastal New York and southern New England. He directed excavations at Fort Shantok, Shantok Cove, Croton Point, Muskeeta Cove, Smoking Point, Goodrich, Fort Ninigret, and numerous others.

Dr. Salwen was truly "a renaissance archaeologist." He was a well respected academician, a leader in the development of excavation standards and professional ethics in field archaeology and in cultural resource management, a pre-eminent force in establishing Historical Archaeology as an independent discipline, and an active participant and leader in professional associations on local, state and national levels.

From 1966 until his death Dr. Salwen was a professor at New York University, where he established the Ph.D. Program in Historical Archaeology. From 1976 on he served as a consultant in cultural resource management to private and government agencies. He served also as a consultant on archaeological matters to New York City departments, Westchester County, the New York State Historical Preservation Office, and the United States Department of the Interior. He was an interested and helpful adviser to avocational, professional archaeologists working in coastal New York, the mid-Atlantic, and southern New York. Dr. Salwen provided advice and encouragement to the editors of the SCAA publications and to the boards of the Suffolk County Archaeological Association and the New York State Archaeological Association Metropolitan Chapter.

He served as an active board member of PANYC (Professional Archaeologists of New York City), the New York Archaeological Council, and the Society for Historical Archaeology. He was a founding member of the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology. In the last few years Dr. Salwen returned to excavate at prehistoric sites on Long Island and he was planning research on regional ceramic sequences.

Professor Salwen was an esteemed teacher, demanding boss, concerned mentor, and challenging colleague. But, foremost, "Bert" was the consummate field archaeologist. To work with him in the field was to experience some of the intense drive, the extensive knowledge, and the pleasure in the research which characterized his approach to archaeology.

His family, friends, students, and colleagues will miss him.

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The Bert Salwen Fellowship in Archaeological Studies has been established. Contributions in his memory may be sent to New York University, Department of Anthropology, 25 Waverly Place, New York, NY 10003.

"It is the job of anthropological archaeologists to interpret the regular repeated patterns of sociocultural behavior that leave impressions in time and space no matter when and where they occur. If archaeologists don't do it, someone else will and we will miss all the fun." (Salwen, p. 162, "Archaeology in Megalopolis," in Charles L. Redman, ed., Research and Theory in Current Archaeology, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1973).
The SUNY-Stony Brook (Anthropology Department) Archaeology Field School will be held for the second year at the Terry-Mulford house in Orient. The program will run from June 26 to August 4, with two 3-week sections, and will include training in excavation, site survey methods, mapping, laboratory techniques, geology, and archaeological method and theory.

The Terry-Mulford house was constructed before 1672 and has functioned mainly as a farmstead. The date and purpose of its initial construction is the major subject of investigation. An exceptional array of artifacts from all periods of occupation has been found.

No previous experience is required; applicants must be 18 or older, be in good health, and able to participate in vigorous physical labor. For information, contact--

Dr. Randolph Donahue, or
Frank Turano, Field School Director
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SUNY-Stony Brook
Stony Brook, NY 11794
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RESEARCH

Foundation of Northeast Archaeology
Dean Snow, ed. - $27.60
The Archaeology of New England
Dean Snow - $31.96
Domestic Pottery of the Northeastern United States, 1625-1850
Sarah Peabody Turnbaugh - $17.60
Paleoethnobotany: A Handbook of Procedures
Deborah M. Pearsall - $59.95
Fish Remains in Archaeology, and Paleo-environmental Studies
Richard W. Casteel - $66.00
Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherers: the Emergence of Cultural Complexity
T. D. Price and J. A. Brown, eds. - $39.95
Past and Present in Hunter Gatherer Studies
Carmel Schrire, ed. - $24.95
The Individual in Prehistory: Studies of Variability in Style in Prehistoric Technologies
J. N. Hill and J. Gunn, eds. - $23.60
Social Archaeology: Beyond Subsistence and Dating
Charles Redman, ed. - $29.50

All prices are in paperback and on sale until June 30, 1989, from Academic Press, 1250 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101.

Last year, the excavation for and construction of a house on Sugar Loaf Hill (one site of the late Archaic period Orient Burn Complex on Long Island), Southampton Town, illustrated once again a need for dramatic improvement on Long Island in management of cultural resources during the planning process. Considering that only one of Long Island's Towns evaluates historic and prehistoric archaeological resources before impact, this improvement should not be difficult. As the only town on Long Island with an archaeologist (part-time), Brookhaven Town is to be commended for a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, all of Long Island's cultural resources are not concentrated in Town.

In 1988, the addition of an archaeologist to the Huntington Town Planning Department was in a preliminary budget, but this proposed position was dropped at the last minute. There is an urgent need for an archaeologist on the Huntington planning staff. Several proposed actions, such as development of farm lands and of a parcel of land near Fort Salonga, need to be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist.

Clearly, the highly regrettable incident of Sugar Loaf Hill would have been averted if a qualified archaeologist were reviewing development plans. Avoidance of the sensitive area would have been possible or an alternative plan could have been implemented. Sadly, for every highly visible and well known "Sugar Loaf Hill," there are hundreds or thousands of sites far less visible, and undocumented on Long Island. Many of these sites are destroyed by bulldozer each year without an archaeological evaluation. Our cultural heritage - and we - are the losers.
CONFERENCES

The Society for American Archaeology, 54th Annual Meeting at the Atlanta Hilton, Atlanta, Georgia, April 5-9, 1989. For further information contact Kenneth Kvamme, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

Massachusetts Archaeological Society 50th Anniversary Program, April 15-16, 1989 at Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts. For more information write to Robbins Museum of Archaeology, 42 Union Street, Attleboro, MA, 02703.

The Archaeological Society of Connecticut, semi-annual meeting at the American Indian Archaeological Institute, Saturday, April 22, 1989, on "Native Americans, Archaeologists, and the last 1000 Years." For information call or write the AIAI, P.O. Box 260, Washington, CT 06793.


SCAA Board Meeting will be held this Spring in the Anthropology Department, 5th floor, Social & Behavioral Sciences Building, SUNY-Stony Brook campus. Meetings begin at 8:00 PM and are open to the public. Meetings are scheduled for MONDAY evenings, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12 (Annual Meeting).

Membership Application

Membership in SCAA includes three Newsletters per year and a 20% reduction in workshop and publication costs. All contributions are tax-deductible.

STUDENT (up to age 18) $10    INDIVIDUAL $20    FAMILY $30
SUSTAINING $50    CONTRIBUTING $100    PATRON $200    PATRON $400

NAME ___________________________ DATE ____________
ADDRESS ___________________________ ZIP ____________
PHONE NUMBER ( ) ____________ OCCUPATION ____________

Please send your check and application to:
Suffolk County Archaeological Association
P.O. Drawer AR, Stony Brook, NY 11790

NATIVE LIFE AND ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM AT HOYT FARM PARK

The Fall Season of SCAA's educational program at Hoyt Farm Park was completely booked; in fact, a few groups had to be rolled over to the Spring season as the December weather chilled. Schools as far away as Springs and Sagaponack in East Hampton and Great Neck in Nassau County come to our mid-September to early December full-day sessions.

The Spring Season will start mid-April and run through the third week of June, and is largely booked.

LAB AND MUSEUM TO RUN FIELD SCHOOL FOR BOCES II SUMMER GIFTED PROGRAM

Again this July, the Long Island Culture History Lab & Museum staff will provide a month-long Archaeological Field School for the BOCES II Summer Gifted & Talented Institute. Museum Archaeology Director Penny Schmitt will be program director, assisted by staff members, for about 20 middle school students drawn from throughout Town. The schedule includes field trips and above-ground archaeology activities as well as an extensive testing program at Hoyt Farm Park. The research goal is to determine the changing use of this site by the Native Americans, the Wicks family, and the Hoyt family.