Central Florida Anthropological Society
Florida Anthropological Society
Chapter Report
1st Quarter – February through April 2020

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Meetings Held During Quarter:

- February 17, 2020 –Featured Speaker: Ms. Tracy Lovingood, University of South Florida – Topic: "Overturning the Turnbull Settlement of New Smyrna Beach: Artifact Analysis of the Old Stone Wharf"

- March 18, 2020 – No Meeting Held – Meeting Cancelled due to Covid-19 Health Pandemic (Scheduled Featured Speaker, Dr. Lee Newsom, rescheduled to October 19, 2020)

- April 20, 2020 – No Meeting Held – Meeting Cancelled due to Covid-19 Health Pandemic (Scheduled Featured Speaker, Ms. Shana Boyer, rescheduled to December 21, 2020)

Quarter Highlights:

- At the February 2020 FAS Board of Directors meeting, CFAS accepted the offer to host the 2021 Florida Anthropological Society in Orlando. CFAS President, Deborah Bauer, accepted the position as the FAS 2021 Conference Chair. Conference venues will be focused on Sanford/Lake Mary area in Seminole County.

- 2019-2020 Slate of Officers re-elected for a one-year term of service by vote of acclimation on February 17, 2020. CFAS Treasurer position remains currently unfilled.
- CFAS relaunched the recording and broadcast of its famed Guest Lecture Speaker Series beginning in February 2020. It was livestreamed via Facebook Live. An edited version was also made available on the CFAS YouTube Channel. See URL below to access Lovingood presentation. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNY09qB2Txc
- CFAS continues to publish its monthly newsletter around the 15th of each month. Newsletters can be downloaded on the CFAS website.
- CFAS has managed to attract good press attention through various local outlets, particularly *The Sanford Herald* and other local newspapers.
- CFAS officers Deborah Bauer and Susan Harrington co-wrote a piece on the history and significance of Florida Archaeology Month. It was published by *The Sanford Herald* in the March 14, 2020 edition.



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Florida Archaeology Month is celebrated in March

Special to the Herald

March 1, 2020 marks the beginning of a month-long celebration dedicated to the commemoration of celebrating archaeology in the state of Florida. Florida Archaeology Month is sponsored by the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), the Florida Anthropological Society, the Florida Archaeological Council, and the Florida Division of Historical Resources. Each year has a theme dedicated to highlighting an important trend or current topic that serves as a crucial part of the state's diverse anthropological heritage. The theme for 2020 is "African American Cemeteries in Florida."

Each year, a poster is designed to highlight the chosen theme. This year's theme incorporates symbols sacred to peoples like the Akan of West Africa. According to the Florida Archaeological Month website, "Florida's African American Cemeteries are sacred spaces where families can memorialize their loved ones, but also places full of history to inspire and engage younger generations." The two-sided full color posters are free and available to the public from FPAN centers, such as the East Central Office in Sanford, and at local chapters of the Florida Anthropological Society, such as the Central Florida Anthropological Society (CFAS) in Orlando. CFAS will have the posters on hand to distribute at the monthly meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7pm in the 1st floor Community Room of the Winter Park Public Library located at 460 E New England Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789. Guests are invited to stay for the free Guest Lecture Series presentation by Ms. Shana Boyer of the University of South Florida. In honor of Florida Archaeology Month, Ms. Boyer will be speaking on her work on the antebellum site of the Gamble Plantation in Ellenton, Florida. The doors open at approximately 6:30pm and our meeting and presentation begins promptly at 7:00pm. The meeting is free and open to the public.

As the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) notes, "Every March, statewide programs and events celebrating Florida Archaeology Month are designed to encourage Floridians and visitors to learn more about the archaeology and history of the state, and to preserve these important parts of Florida's rich cultural heritage…FAS chapters, archaeologists, heritage professionals, museums, historical societies, and interested members of the public come together to promote and celebrate Florida's archaeological sites and knowledge about the past through events, workshops, lectures, and public archaeology days."

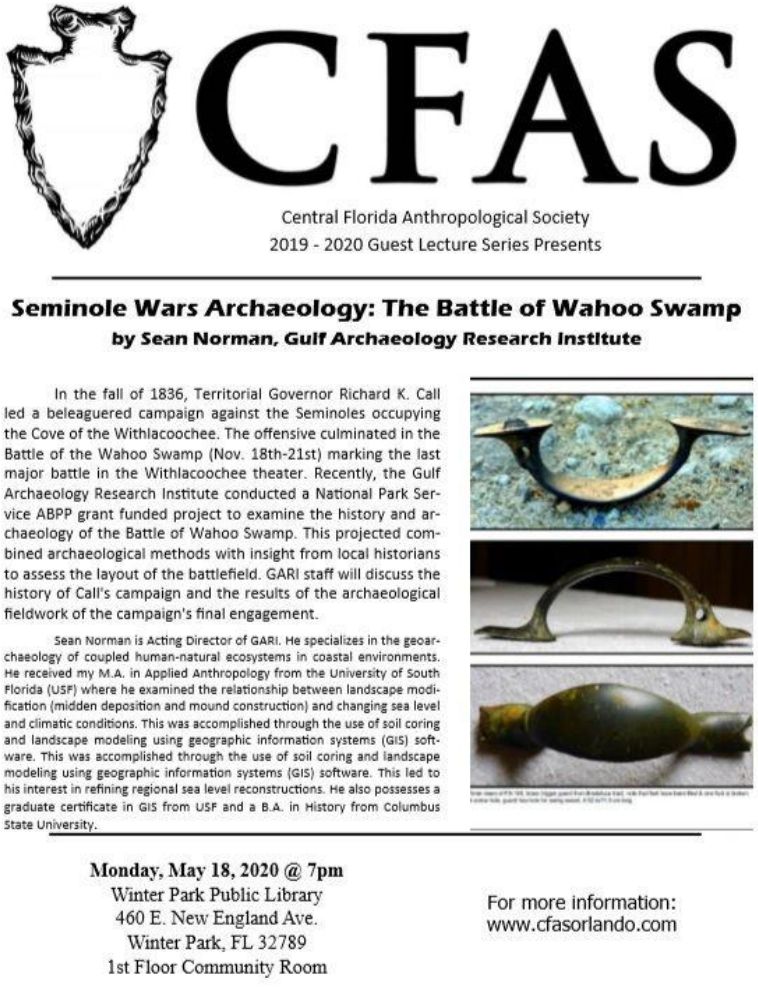
Florida Archaeology Month will be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary in the next couple of years. It originally began in the early 1990s as Florida Archaeology Week. The Division of Historic Preservation for the State of Florida sponsored the first celebration. Each year, a new topic has been honored with the popular FAM Posters. Other organizations throughout the state are hosting dozens of other events on topics related to Florida Archaeology. For example, Archaeology Day at the Florida Capitol was held on March 4th. Other events can be found by visiting the FAM website at https://fpan.us/FAM/.

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Upcoming Events/Announcements:***

****Please note that these two events are tentatively scheduled and subject to change/postponement as affected by the covid-19 global health pandemic. Please consult the CFAS website and/or Facebook page for the latest information and/or any scheduling changes. Thank you.*****

- CFAS May 2020 Guest Lecture Series Speaker: Mr. Sean Norman of GARI - Title: "Seminole Wars Archaeology: The Battle of Wahoo Swamp"



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2019 - 2020 Guest Lecture Series Presents

Seminole Wars Archaeology: The Battle of Wahoo Swamp

by Sean Norman, Gulf Archaeology Research Institute

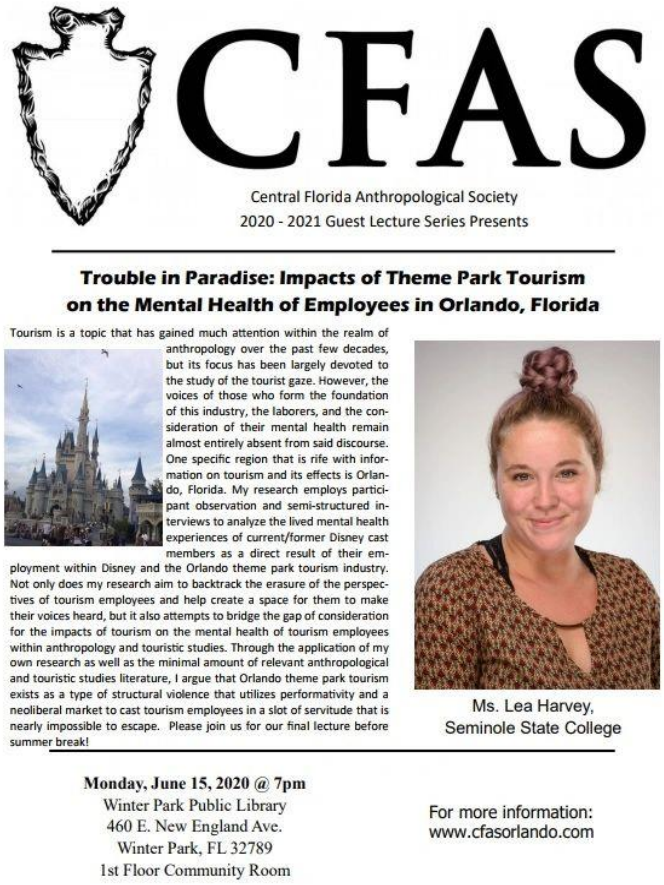
In the fall of 1836, Territorial Governor Richard K. Call led a beleaguered campaign against the Seminoles occupying the Cove of the Withlacoochee. The offensive culminated in the Battle of the Wahoo Swamp (Nov. 18th-21st) marking the last major battle in the Withlacoochee theater. Recently, the Gulf Archaeology Research Institute conducted a National Park Service ABPP grant funded project to examine the history and archaeology of the Battle of Wahoo Swamp. This projected combined archaeological methods with insight from local historians to assess the layout of the battlefield. GARI staff will discuss the history of Call's campaign and the results of the archaeological fieldwork of the campaign's final engagement.

Sean Norman is Acting Director of GARI. He specializes in the geoarchaeology of coupled human-natural ecosystems in coastal environments. He received my M.A. in Applied Anthropology from the University of South Florida (USF) where he examined the relationship between landscape modification (midden deposition and mound construction) and changing sea level and climatic conditions. This was accomplished through the use of soil coring and landscape modeling using geographic information systems (GIS) software. This was accomplished through the use of soil coring and landscape modeling using geographic information systems (GIS) software. This led to his interest in refining regional sea level reconstructions. He also possesses a graduate certificate in GIS from USF and a B.A. in History from Columbus State University.

Monday, May 18, 2020 @ 7pm
Winter Park Public Library
460 E. New England Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789
1st Floor Community Room

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- CFAS June 2020 Guest Lecture Series Speaker: Ms. Lea Harvey of Seminole State College- Title: "Trouble in Paradise: Impacts of Theme Park Tourism on the Mental Health of Employees in Orlando, Florida"



Respectfully submitted,
CFAS President,
Deborah L. Bauer
April 30, 2020