Archaeology of the Bond House

ANTH 470-91 (CALL #11176)
ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS
6 CREDITS, MAY 17 TO JUNE 10, 2010

This summer, the anthropology department will address the **archaeology of the Bond House** through its Ar- chaeological Field Methods class. The Bond House is lo- cated just across Normal Avenue on the campus of Montclair State University. The house is listed in the State and National Regis- ters of Historic Places and was constructed in 1872. It was one of the prominent houses that formed Speer- town, an early Dutch com- munity in the area of pre- sent-day Upper Montclair.

**SCHEDULE**

The class will meet Monday through Friday, 8AM – 4PM, including a break for lunch, for 4 weeks (May 17-June 10).

**SKILLS YOU WILL ACQUIRE**

Archaeological methods that students will learn include: establishing and re- cording a **site grid**, excavating and documenting shovel test pits and larger square **excavation units**, taking **soil samples**, **mapping**, **artifact and sample inventorying**, soil color and textural identification, basic **artifact processing and curation**, and overall field and laboratory logistics.

**COLLEGE CREDITS**

Students enroll in ANTH 470 for 6 **undergraduate credits**.

Prerequisite for the class: ANTH 100 (Cultural Anthropology), ANTH 101 (Physical Anthropology), or ANTH 103 (Prehistoric Archaeology) OR permission of the instructor.

**COSTS**

- The field school fee is $150.00
- Tuition and university fees for six **in-state** undergraduate credits are approximately $1925.00.
- Tuition and university fees for six **out-of-state** undergraduate credits are approximately $3035.00.
- Transportation to campus and room and board are the student’s responsibility.
OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE

Students will obtain direct hands-on experience in project design, background research, field work, and laboratory processing. Prior to conducting field work, the class will visit the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the New Jersey State Museum, both located in Trenton. SHPO and State Museum staff will provide students with orientations into how archaeological and architectural site files are organized and maintained in their respective institutions. At that time, the class will record all previously documented archaeological sites in the vicinity of the Bond House. We will then visit the New Jersey State Library and examine in particular all available historic maps for Upper Montclair and surrounding communities. Other repositories of background data to be visited include the Montclair Historical Society and the county courthouse. Background research will provide us with a historical and social context for the 19th and 20th-century occupations of the Bond House. What was the social and economic makeup of the household residents through time and how are these potentially reflected in the associated archaeological deposits?

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