

Program
38th Annual Meeting
Louisiana Archaeological Society



Baton Rouge Radisson Hotel
February 24-26, 2012



**The sculpture *Red Stick* by sculptor Frank Hayden at the Riverfront Plaza in
downtown Baton Rouge**

Notes and News

The LAS silent auction is laid out on tables in the Tiger II Room. Each item has a bid sheet with it. Please put your name and bid at the top of the sheet; subsequent bidders list your name below. The minimum bid is \$5.00, and the minimum bid increment is \$2.00. If you have any questions about the auction or an item in the auction, please see Chip McGimsey.

LAS publications, including all copies of *Louisiana Archaeology* still in print and the book *Archaeology of Louisiana*, edited by Dr. Mark Rees and published by Louisiana State University Press, will be for sale at tables near the Silent Auction in the Tiger II room. Ordering *Archaeology of Louisiana* from the LAS conference will entitle the buyer to a 20% discount.

GENERAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 24

- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy meeting in Tiger Den Meeting Room.
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm LAS Executive Committee meeting in Tiger Den Meeting Room.
- 5:00 - 8:00 pm Registration in Lobby of BR Radisson outside Tiger I Conference Room.
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm Reception in Tiger II Conference Room with a continuous showing of the archaeology video "Secret of the Ouachita" by Phat River Studios.

Saturday, February 25

- 8:00 am – Noon Registration in Lobby of BR Radisson outside Tiger I Conference Room.
- 8:30 am – Noon Presentations in Tiger I Conference Room.
- Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 - 4:30 pm Presentations in Tiger I Conference Room.
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm LAS Business meeting in Tiger I Conference Room.
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm Banquet in Tiger I Conference Room. Keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Waters of Texas A and M University - *In Search of the First Americans*.

Sunday, February 26

Two tours will be available to all attendees on February 26, 2012. Schedules may change due to weather or other considerations.

Tour One - Louisiana State University Campus. Attendees will visit three locations on the campus of Louisiana State University: the LSU Campus Mounds site (16EBR6), the Indian Room in Howe-Russell Geoscience Complex, and the exhibit "Dressed for Eternity" in the Human Ecology Building. *Meet at the Baton Rouge Radisson Hotel lobby at 9 am.* Additional information is in this program on page 11.

Tour Two - Port Hudson State Historic Site. Visit the Port Hudson SHS, Highway 61, ca. 15 miles north of the Baton Rouge Radisson. This SHS preserves portions of the longest military siege in the American Civil War, lasting from May 22 to July 9, 1863. Weather permitting, attendees may view the location of the charge of the Louisiana Native Guard against Confederate positions on May 27, 1863. Ashworth and Fraering's article in the 2005 issue of *Louisiana Archaeology* described the archaeology of this portion of the battlefield. *Meet at the Baton Rouge Radisson hotel lobby at 11:30.* Additional information is in this program on page 11.

Schedule of Paper Presentations, February 25, 2012

Saturday morning

- 8:30 Welcoming remarks, announcements, & “rules of engagement” for the 2012 LAS Annual Meeting.**
- 8:40 *The State of Louisiana Archaeology.*** Dr. Charles “Chip” McGimsey, State Archaeologist.
- 9:00 *Recent Investigations at the Rosedown Plantation (16WF156) Conservatory in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.*** Dr. Rob Mann, Southeast Regional Archaeologist, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
- 9:20 *The Bayou Castine Site (16ST48): New Information on the Tchefuncte-Marksville Transition.*** Dr. Malcolm Shuman, Dr. Carl Kuttruff, Harry Brignac Jr, Phil Taylor & Taylor Gabour, SURA, Inc. Baton Rouge.
- 9:40 *Drake’s Salt Works Exploration.*** Velicia R. Bergstrom, Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) Heritage Program Manager and Daniel A. Cain, KNF Zone Archaeologist, Pineville.
- 10:00 to 10:20 BREAK**
- 10:20 *Oysters and Catfish: Resource Exploitation at Rollins Shell Ring, Ft. George Island, Florida.*** Julie Doucet, Dr. Rebecca Saunders, Dept of Geography and Anthropology and Museum of Natural Science and Melissa Fries, Dept. of Renewable Natural Resources, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
- 10:40 *Portage to Prairie Landing Village: A Coles Creek-Plaquemine Mound Site and Chitimacha Sacred Place.*** Dr. Mark A. Rees, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
- 11:00 *Unusual Fauna Harvested by People at the Portage Site (16SM5): A Comparison with Other Coastal Coles Creek Sites.*** Jim Delahoussaye, Butte Larose.
- 11:20 *Excavations at the Colton Junior High School Site (16OR562), New Orleans, Louisiana.*** James Eberwine and Dena Struchtemeyer, R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates, New Orleans.
- 11:40 *Cultural Tourism, Archaeology, and Louisiana’s Efforts to Place the Poverty Point Site on the UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites.*** Louisiana Lt. Governor, Jay Dardenne.



Louisiana’s Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne will address the annual meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society (LAS) on Feb. 25, 2012. Mr. Dardenne’s career as member of the Louisiana Legislature, as Secretary of State, and now as Lt. Governor makes him eminently qualified to promote cultural tourism within our state. As Lt. Governor, he oversees the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, which in turn includes the Divisions of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Mr. Dardenne is an ardent supporter of efforts to have the Poverty Point site placed on the list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Sites. He will update the LAS meeting attendees on these efforts during his address.

12:00 to 1:30 Lunch- Several fine restaurants are near the BR Radisson, as well as in the hotel.

Saturday afternoon

1:30 *Dressed for Eternity.* Dr. Jenna Tedrick Kuttruff, School of Human Ecology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

1:50 *The Brooks Site (16SL135): Painted Pottery and Recycled Points.* James Fogleman, Morrow.

2:10 *Vegetative Signatures and Archaeological Evidence for 19th and 20th Century Sites in West-Central Louisiana.* Dr. Charles Allen, Senior Research Associate, Colorado State University and Brad Laffitte, Fort Polk Staff Archaeologist, Leesville.

2:30 *The Bellevue Mound (16BO4) and Middle Woodland Period Occupations in Northwest Louisiana.* Jeffrey S. Girard, Northwest Regional Archaeologist, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches.

2:50 - 3:10 Break

3:10 *Data-Recovery Excavations at the Plaisance (16IV165) and Arcadia (16IV171) Sugarhouse Sites, Iberville Parish, Louisiana.* Joanne Ryan, Coastal Environments, Inc. Baton Rouge.

3:30 *Reassessment of Mound and Midden Sites on the Southeastern Shore of Lake Borgne: Investigations at Bayou St. Malo (16SB47) and Site 16SB153, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.* Jessica A. Kowalski, Richard A. Weinstein, and Anne-Marie Maher Blank, Coastal Environments, Inc. Baton Rouge.

3:50 *The Work of the Attorney General's Office in Cemetery and Archaeology Matters, 2010-2011.* Ryan M. Seidemann, Chief, Lands and Natural Resources, Louisiana Department of Justice. Baton Rouge.

4:10 *Explorations at the Toncrey Site (16PL7): Rising Expectations in a Subsiding Site.* Dr. Rebecca Saunders and Rebecca Brown, Museum of Natural Science, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Keynote Speaker at LAS Banquet, Dr. Michael Waters 7 pm, February 25, 2012

Dr. Michael Waters is a Professor and Director of the Center for the Study of the First Americans at Texas A and M University. Dr. Waters specializes in Geoarchaeology (the application of the geosciences to archaeological research), Late Quaternary geology, and Paleoindian archaeology and the landscape setting of prehistoric agricultural communities. His address *In Search of the First Americans* will focus on the need to create a new model for the peopling of the Americas. Genetic and archaeological evidence shows that people were in the Americas about 15,000 years ago. Based on evidence from the Debra L. Friedkin site, Texas; Manis site, Washington; and other sites in North America; these early people had biface, blade, bladelet, and osseous (bone) technologies. New evidence shows that Clovis originated south of the continental ice sheets around 13,000 years ago. The Gault site and the Hogeye Clovis cache site, both in Texas, are providing new insights into Clovis origins.

