Have you ever wanted to be part of an archaeological excavation? Take this course, learn to excavate, earn six hours of college credit AND fulfill your experiential education requirement along with a requirement for the UNC Major in Archaeology. UNC's 2015 summer field school in archaeology will excavate the late pre-contact Wall site outside of Hillsborough, North Carolina (just north of Chapel Hill). This excavation is part of ongoing archaeological research to obtain significant evidence about Native Americans in the Carolina Piedmont immediately before and during the period of contact with Europeans.

The Wall site represents a Native American fortified town that was occupied during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries by ancestors of the Shukori and Eno tribes who were local to the Chapel Hill area. Extensive excavations of the site in 1940-1941, 1983-1984, and in 2001-2002 revealed several circular alignments of postholes were houses once stood, evidence for multiple defensive walls, called stockades, surrounding the village, and dense deposits of refuse within a thick midden at the northern edge of the site. The 2015 field school excavations will add to this growing body of archaeological evidence about the Wall site and, in particular, will investigate an area along the northern edge of the village where, in 2002, unexpected evidence was found for a seventeenth-century, early historic-period occupation.

Inquiries about the 2015 Archaeological Field School are welcomed, and should be made to Dr. Stephen Davis, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, 108 Alumni Building, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3120 (telephone 919-962-3845; email rpsdavis@unc.edu).

Because enrollment is limited, students must apply in advance and obtain permission to register. Application forms can be downloaded and also are available from the Research Laboratories of Archaeology at the address just given. UNC applicants must arrange for a brief interview; non-UNC applicants should submit at least one letter of reference. In order to be guaranteed full consideration, potential students should apply no later than April 1, 2015.

Visiting students may obtain additional information from the Summer School, 134 E. Franklin St., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3340 (telephone 919-966-4364).