

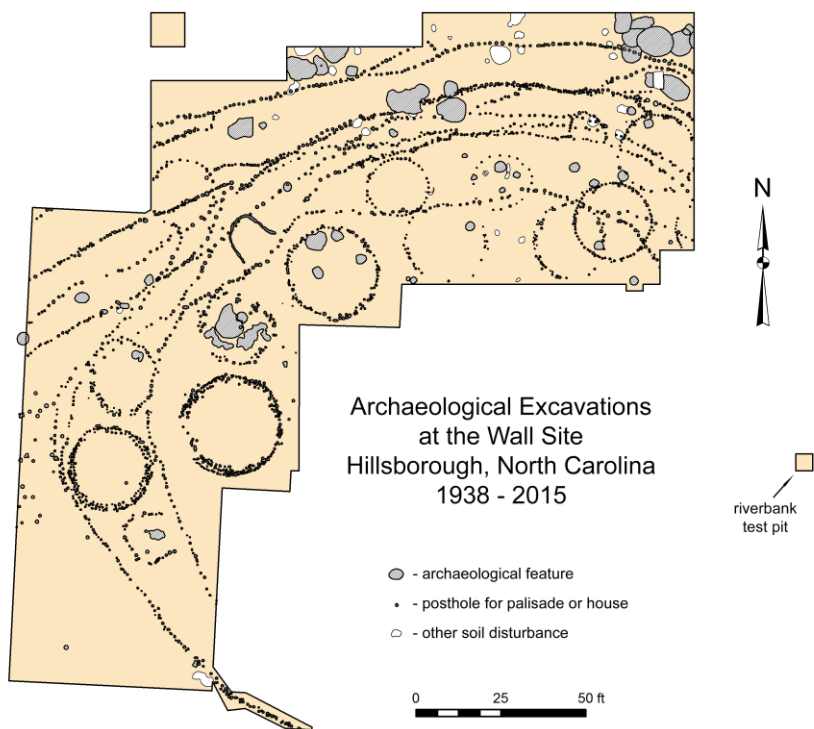
# UNC ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL AT HILLSBOROUGH

ANTH 451, MAY 11–JUNE 13, 2016

(<http://rla.unc.edu/Teaching/Fieldschool2016>)



Have you ever wanted to participate in an archaeological excavation? This course will give you the opportunity to do just that while earning **six credit hours** and fulfilling the **experiential education requirement**. It also will fulfill one of your requirements for the UNC Major in Archaeology. UNC's 2016 summer field school in North American archaeology will excavate the late pre-contact Wall site outside of Hillsborough in Orange County, 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. It promises to be an exciting project.



## The Site

The Wall site represents a fortified town that was occupied during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries by ancestors of the Shakori and Eno Indian tribes who were local to the Chapel Hill area. The site was first investigated in 1938, and at the time was thought to represent an Occaneechi town visited by English explorer John Lawson in 1701. Extensive excavations were conducted in 1940-1941, 1983-1984, 2001-2002, and 2015. These revealed several circular alignments of postholes where houses once stood, evidence for multiple defensive walls (called palisades or stockades) surrounding the village, and dense deposits of refuse within a thick midden at the northern edge of the site. The 2015 excavations also revealed the presence of an even thicker midden containing discarded artifacts and well-preserved food remains along the site's southern edge. Students in the 2016 field school will explore this newly discovered artifact deposit and also sample previously unexcavated domestic areas within the village.

## The Field School and Its Staff

Students in the 2016 UNC Archaeological Field School will recover artifacts and reveal traces of houses and other features that document the Native American occupation of the Wall site on the eve of European colonization of North America.

Field school students will learn the basic techniques of archaeological excavation, as well as mapping, surveying, photography (including 3D photography), and artifact identification. Some classroom and laboratory instruction will be given, but most of the students' time will be spent actually excavating.

The course will be taught by Dr. Stephen Davis, with additional instruction from graduate assistants and other staff of the Research Laboratories of Archaeology.



## Enrollment

The 2016 Summer Archaeological Field School is open to undergraduate students and anyone with a college degree. Participants must enroll in Anthropology 451 for 6 credit hours. There are no formal prerequisites, but potential students must fill out a brief application. Enrollment will be limited to about 12 students. Applicants will be informed as to whether they have been accepted into the course by April 1.

## Costs

The following tuition and fees apply for undergraduates: \$1,410.00 for North Carolina residents (\$235 per credit hour); \$3,720.00 for out-of-state residents (\$620 per credit hour). (These estimates may change slightly by the time of registration.)

## Schedule

The 2016 Field School will meet weekdays on site from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. We will leave campus each morning at 7:30 am and return before 5:00 pm.

## Inquiries and Applications

Inquiries about the 2016 Archaeological Field School are welcomed, and should be made to Dr. Stephen Davis, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, 101 Alumni Building, UNC ([rpsdavis@unc.edu](mailto:rpsdavis@unc.edu)).

Because enrollment is limited, students must apply in advance and arrange for a brief interview. In order to be guaranteed full consideration, potential students should apply no later than March 25, 2016.