Archaeology at Boston University

Believing that archaeology should be a unified, inclusive, and holistic discipline, James R. Wiseman (Classics) took the first step towards the creation of the Department of Archaeology in 1974 with the founding of the *Journal of Field Archaeology*, which continues today at BU as a leading international journal. This was followed by the establishment of an interdisciplinary **Archaeological Studies Program** in 1979 developed with the late Creighton Gabel (Anthropology) and Fred Kleiner (Art History) that presented archaeological research as an interdisciplinary activity drawing upon the social sciences, the natural sciences, and the humanities. This program offered the B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in Archaeological Studies and was the model for today's Department of Archaeology, the establishment of which was approved by the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School in 1982. The James R. Wiseman Chair in Classical Archaeology was endowed in 2006 to honor Wiseman's vision and leadership.

Over the years, different units within the Archaeology Department helped to promote archaeology at Boston University. From 1980 to 2009 the Center for Archaeological Studies sponsored faculty research, publications, and public outreach, while the Office of Public Archaeology conducted archaeological investigations from 1981 until 1995 under contract with federal, state, and local authorities as well as private corporations. For nearly 30 years the Center published an illustrated newsletter, Context, and sponsored the Context and Human Society Distinguished Lecture. Today the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Distinguished Lecture in Archaeology in honor of Professor Norman Hammond, made possible through a generous endowment, continues the mission to promote archaeology at Boston University and to the public at large.

In 1983 the Archaeological Institute of America, the largest and oldest archaeological organization in North America, moved to Boston University, followed by the *American Journal of Archaeology*; and in 1985 the Department helped to create the Center for Remote Sensing to provide facilities for interdisciplinary research. Since 1996 Boston University has hosted the offices of the American Schools of Oriental Research and their affiliates, and in 1999 the International Center for East Asian Archaeology and Cultural History was established with support from the Henry Luce Foundation.

Our facilities include a Geographic Information System computer lab and research and teaching laboratories as well as three scientific laboratories (Environmental Archaeology, Zooarchaeology, and Microstratigraphy) for faculty and student research. Collections of archaeological books, journals, maps, and photos are available in the **Stone Science Library**, and the **Gabel Museum of Archaeology** houses artifacts used in teaching, research, and public outreach, such as presentations in local public schools.

Research and teaching remain at the heart of the Department of Archaeology's mission. Faculty and students conduct research across the globe. Teaching takes place in the classroom, but also in the field and less formally in student organizations such as the Boston University Undergraduate Archaeology Society and the Graduate Students Organization.

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Department of Archaeology



Convocation Ceremony

Saturday, May 14, 2016 9:00 a.m.

Photonics Center 8 St. Mary's Street, Room 206

Convocation Program

- V Opening Comments and Introductions Professor Curtis Runnels, Chair
- **V** Presentation of Awards
- abla Presentation of Diplomas
- V Individual and Group Photographs
 Michael Hamilton, Photographer
- abla Reception



Doctor of Philosophy

Demetrios James Brellas Harris Stephen Greenberg Veronica Adelle Joseph

Alexander Donald Keim

Brandon Richard Olson

Master of Arts

Kimberly A. Berry

Benjamin Thomas Felker

Daniel Plekhov

Alicia Hart Sawyer

Courtney Soule

Bachelor of Arts

Kristian Boschetto

Sarah D'Arienzo

Jaidee Lenore Easley

Rachel Madison Gill

Ellen Christine Jordan

Jennifer L. Lenkewich

Christine Mikeska †

magna cum laude College Prize for Excellence Honors, Independent Work for Distinction

Rebecca Newman

Perihan Tur

Emily J. Ubik Archaeology Trowel Award