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## New College Public Archaeology Lab

#### NCPAL Programs for 2019-21 The Pandemic Years

Public Archaeology during a Pandemic



Creating Protocols for Lab Research





Archaeological Excavations for Angola



Interdisciplinary Research into Climate Change on the Florida Gulf Coast





Community Outreach,

via Media

Social and Traditional

New College Admissions featured NCPAL in its UVisit virtual tour





#### Accomplishments from the pandemic years of operations (2019-2021)

- Survived
- Director Baram led excavations and lab analysis for Recovering History by the Manatee Mineral Spring
- With Natural Science colleagues began a new interdisciplinary community -based collaboration on rising sea levels
- Created a wide array of new videos and websites

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### **About NCPAL: Preserving Regional Heritage**

Founded in 2010, NCPAL is committed to facilitating education, outreach, and the study of archaeology within a broader anthropological and interdisciplinary context. As both a physical space and intellectual project curated by New College students and faculty, NCPAL is dedicated to the ethical advancement of knowledge about past human cultures and societies in order to engage with social issues of the present. Utilizing the rich resources of the Sarasota-Manatee region's diverse communities, NCPAL produces and disseminates valuable knowledge of our shared cultural heritage. The pandemic restricted access to the Public Archaeology Lab but we implemented protocols to successfully complete the analysis of the finds from the January 2020 excavations. Video recordings as well as media stories provided avenues for sharing the process of research and the findings.

Providing New College undergraduates with access to the full range of archaeological research—from planning to excavations to analysis to exhibits and reports—is the goal for the program and facility. Limited due to the pandemic, the sustained research opens up avenues for future years, in courses and for independent undergraduate research



Although a significant chapter of the research on Angola is done, there is more to do. With exhibits and more analysis of the materials. And a new research initiative began in 2020: collaborating with faculty from Natural Sciences for *Interdisciplinary Research on Climate Change on the Gulf Coast*, using insights from the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Heritage Environmental Resource Office (HERO) to address the challenges to material and biological heritage on the coasts of Sarasota and Manatee counties. A January 2021 ISP and follow up projects are starting the community-based research program



## Visual Access to Research

#### Videos/Documentaries

| Date                  | Organization                                   | Title  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| February<br>2020      | Reflections<br>of Manatee                      | Recovering History by the Manatee Mineral Spring<br>https://reflectionsofmanatee.org/  |
| September<br>15, 2020 | Florida<br>Public<br>Archaeology<br>Network    | Florida Public Archaeology Network "The Underground Railroad is Here:<br>Commemorating Angola" https://youtu.be/tsroyYmVHXU  |
| August<br>2020        | New College<br>Public<br>Archaeology<br>Lab    | Concise History for Angola on the Manatee River. For First Year Seminar at<br>New College of Florida<br>https://www.loom.com/share/e875e7632ec24666a668975599bd78a8              |
| August<br>2020        | New College<br>Public<br>Archaeology<br>Lab    | Archaeology of Freedom - Overview of Angola Research Program. For First<br>Year Seminar at New College of Florida<br>https://www.loom.com/share/e814693baffd42ceb0d4a3f133f58f5d |
| January 9,<br>2021    | New College<br>Public<br>Archaeology<br>Lab    | Archaeology of Freedom for Society for Historical Archaeology Public Day 2021 https://youtu.be/o0N5wdZgbY8   |
| March 1,<br>2021      | Florida<br>Public<br>Archaeology<br>Network    | Archaeology Arcade (Episode 18) Tragedy and Survival Virtual Landscape<br>https://youtu.be/QXK4abkoHrE   |
| March 20,<br>2021     | Manatee<br>County<br>Educational<br>Television | Finding Angola: Manatee County's First Black Community. For the Sarasota<br>Native American Film Festival https://youtu.be/k-h1GK8Ru6w   |
| June 9,<br>2021       | ABC 7  | Discovering the Suncoast: Manatee Mineral Spring<br>https://www.mysuncoast.com/video/2021/06/09/discovering-suncoast-<br>manatee-mineral-springs-suncoast-view/                  |



Virtual presentations in classes, documentaries for public audiences, and social media posts were the solution to the pandemic restrictions. They offer continuing opportunities for undergraduates to learn new skills and create portfolios of their efforts

## Excavating and Confirming Angola

# the early 19th-century maroon community on the Manatee River



New College proposed funding for what is now NCPAL back in 2006 with explicit mention of Looking for Angola. Ten years after the facility opened, NCPAL hosted the materials from large-scale excavations that include Angola. The circle is complete



## An Active Lab



The analysis of the recovered belongings made for an active scientific lab during 2020-21. There is much more to do with the materials, for undergraduates interested in engaging this Black heritage in an anti-racist archaeology



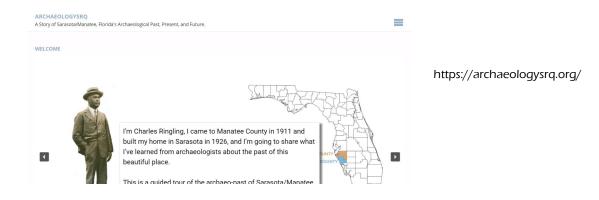
## Civic Engagement: For the Public and With Community Members

## **Museum Exhibits**



An Angola exhibit is curated at the Amelia Curry House of Reflections of Manatee and internships are available to showcase the representations. In Winter 2021/22, there will be an exhibit at the Community Gallery of the Ringling Museum of Art. All are welcome to contribute to the exhibit planning and museum programming

A New Resource for the Archaeology of Sarasota/Manatee funded by Florida Humanities





The theme for the 2021 Florida Archaeology Month is Community-based Archaeology, which included our efforts since for ten years, NCPAL has engaged undergraduates with a wide range of community organizations, provided training in a host of archaeological and heritage skills, successfully contributing to preserving regional heritage at the Galilee Cemetery (2010-12), Phillippi Estate Park (2014-16), College Hall Documentation (2015-18), Wright-Bush House Restoration (2018), and Manatee Mineral Spring (2008-2021+), and outreach programs bringing scholars as well as community members and schoolchildren to the New College campus. For image-filled annual newsletters on each year's accomplishments, please see https://www.ncf.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/division-of-

social-sciences/anthropology/public-archaeology-lab-pal/



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