Highlights:

- Explore local heritage using innovative research techniques
- Take part in an exploration of Labor Heritage and Public Archaeology
- Learn archaeological field and lab techniques
- Opportunity to mentor local high school students
- Earn required university credits towards graduation (Scholarship in Practice, Anthropological Field Methods)
- Spend your summer working outside!

Eckley, PA is located in Northeast Pennsylvania on the outskirts of Hazleton. It is just east of I-81, approximately 3.5 hours from Washington DC and New York City and one hour from Philadelphia.

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May 31, 2016 - July 8, 2016
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ANTH496, Section 0103
THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF LABOR HERITAGE IN A COAL MINING COMPANY TOWN

PROJECT OVERVIEW

We are excited to announce the return of the Anthracite Heritage Project archaeological field school for summer 2016! We will be working at Eckley Miner’s Village, a coal company patch town in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

In the summer of 2016, the Department of Anthropology at the University of Maryland will conduct its seventh season of an archaeological project exploring life in company coal mining towns with excavations at Eckley Miner’s Village, a living history museum near Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The project focuses on the lives of the coal miners and their families through archaeology, oral histories, and archival research. Students will have the opportunity to literally “dig up history” as we excavate 19th-century workers’ houses in the bucolic mountainous anthracite coal region.

Previous years’ excavations have taken place at the site of the 1897 Lattimer Massacre as well as the coal patchtows of Lattimer Mines and Pardeesville, Pennsylvania. These excavations have explored the lives of Italian and Eastern European immigrants as they worked to overcome prejudice and discrimination at the turn of the 20th century. Additionally, research into women’s roles in the community are a focus of our excavations. Students interested in archaeology, American history, immigration, women’s studies, material culture, or company towns are strongly encouraged to apply!

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

The class will include fieldwork, lab work, and short reading assignments and discussion regarding site specific context as well as the theory and methods of archaeology. There are no prerequisites or text-books for the class. Students are able to register for 3 weeks for 3 credits (ANTH688Y Section X133 or X153) or 6 weeks for 6 credits (ANTH496 Section 0103); we strongly encourage students to register for 6 credits.

LOGISTICS

The field school will meet daily in the field for approximately eight hours a day. Transportation to and from the site will be provided from the field house. Students are also welcome to commute to the site if they live in the Greater Hazleton area.

REGISTER

Current UMD students: Go to Testudo and register for classes as you normally would. Register for session Summer I 2016. Non-UMD students: You will first need to apply to UMD by visiting www.new.oes.umd.edu/summerwinter. Once you have been accepted, you will receive a login and password. Visit http://www.testudo.umd.edu/dropadd/index.html to register (session is Summer I 2016).

Follow our blog for updates on the field school and details about the research:
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to have time to practice the skills they’ve learned. All students, regardless of residency status, are eligible for in-state tuition rates.