

NIAHD NEWS

Announcements and Updates for NIAHD Staff, Students, Families, and Friends



Welcome to NIAHD's Newsletter!

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The Bray-Digges House

On 25 February, 2021, William & Mary and Colonial Williamsburg announced the identification of the structure used for the Bray School for enslaved and free Black children between 1760 and 1765 [W&M [story link](#)]. Known as the Bray-Digges House, visitors can see the eighteenth-century portion of the building is part of the structure located at 524 Prince George Street. Additional research is needed before the Bray-Digges House can be relocated to Colonial Williamsburg, and students in Carl Lounsbury's Early American Architecture class will help begin the process of documenting, drawing, and recording details of the eighteenth-century portion of the building.



Dr. Susan Kern, Executive Director of Historic Campus and Adjunct Associate Professor of History, lectures students in Dr. Carl Lounsbury's Architectural Field School class at the Bray-Digges House.

NIAHD Updates

In January, the partnership between Colonial Williamsburg and NIAHD became stronger when Ron Hurst, Vice President of Museums, Preservation and Historic Resources and Chief Curator, and Beth Kelly, Vice President for Education, Research, and Historical Interpretation appointed two CW liaisons to work with NIAHD.

We are excited to work with Stephen Seals, Manager of New Program Development and a Nation Builder, and Jack Gary, Director of Archaeology, to identify opportunities for W&M students and students in the Pre-College Program to gain hands-on experience in Public History at Colonial Williamsburg.

Stephen Seals is the author of "Getting to Know James," an essay diving into Stephen's knowledge and experience portraying Revolutionary spy James Armistead Lafayette: <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/living-history/getting-know-james/>

Jack Gary and the projects underway by CW's Archaeology Department were featured in the Winter 2021 digital edition of *Trend & Tradition* magazine: <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/trend-tradition-magazine/winter-2021/breaking-new-ground/>

Giving to NIAHD
The generous support that NIAHD receives from alumni, families, and friends is essential. Gifts help us to operate the Pre-College Program in American History and the Program in Material Culture & Public History, and to provide financial assistance to students with demonstrated need in both programs. Please consider donating to NIAHD through [William & Mary Giving](#). Type in and select code 2981. Thank you for your gift!

Collegiate Spotlight

W&M students in the **Program in Material Culture & Public History** take NIAHD's Field School in Public History, including an **Internship** as required for the NIAHD Certificate.

NIAHD is proud to spotlight the recent internship work done by our students!

Spring 2021

- Caitlin Snook** with the Bray Associates Transcription Project at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Hannah Sanner** with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Department of Collections
- Caitlin Blomo, Megan Bull, & Grant Wong** with the Fairfield Foundation
- Zoe Beardsley & Isabella Chiraini** with The Lemon Project at W&M
- Harry Zhang** with the Manassas National Battlefield Park
- Cady Hammer & Nathan Moore** with the Office of Historic Alexandria
- Mae Tilley** as a Research Assistant to Dr. Carl Lounsbury

Summer 2021

NIAHD developed a new partnership with Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Battlefield Park, and **Zoe Beardsley** was selected to be our first Summer intern!

Pre-College Program 2021

As the host of the Pre-College Program in American History, NIAHD has decided to shift **History 211: Race and Freedom in Williamsburg, 1699-2021** from in-person to a virtual format for Summer 2021. We hope that in making this decision we can aid public health efforts aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19, and to make this the last summer with restrictions on social and academic interactions.

History 211 & History 212 will be offered during:
First Session - June 20 to July 10, 2021
Second Session - July 11 to July 31, 2021





Course Details:

- ◆ Virtual, live/synchronous
→ Virtual Site Visits will be 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST
→ Seminar Discussions will be 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM EST
→ It is possible that some site visits will be shorter, and some seminar discussion will be less than 90 minutes.
- ◆ 3 transferable college credits
- ◆ \$2,200 for all interested students

Because both classes will be online this summer, NIAHD is extending the application deadline to **June 18**. Financial Assistance will continue to be offered based on demonstrated need.

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- Dr. Robyn Schroeder** is the Assistant Director of NIAHD.
- Dr. James P. Whittenburg** is NIAHD's Chief of Instruction.
- Dr. Carl Lounsbury** is Adjunct Associate Professor of History.
- Dr. Sarah E. McCartney** is our Visiting Assistant Professor, and a NIAHD Collegiate Alumna.
- Maggie Henson** is the Program & Administrative Coordinator, and editor of the Newsletter.