

NIAHD NEWS

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

Undergraduate Field School Write-Up

During the Spring 2021 semester, students in Carl Lounsbury's Early American Architecture class documented, drew, and recorded architectural details of the Bray-Digges House. The completed write-up—"Dudley Digges House aka Bray School and Brown Hall Annex: Room-by-Room Inventory of the Building Fabric"—features work completed by Caitlin Blomo, Marissa Condie, Adam Pleasants, Claudia Santa Anna, Caitlin Snook, Mae Tilley, and Maria Torregrosa. Find their report about the many stories that the Bray-Digges House can tell on NIAHD's website:

[The Bray-Digges House.](#)



HIST 410.01, Early American Architecture Students. Seated in front: Caitlin Snook, Adam Pleasants. Standing: Marissa Condie, Caitlin Blomo, Mae Tilley, Claudia Santa Anna, and Maria Torregrosa.

Welcome to NIAHD's Newsletter!

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Collegiate Spotlight

Zoe Beardsley is our first Summer intern at [Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Battlefield Park](#). Below is a short blog about her time at the park:

"After spending a little over a month at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, it's safe to say I know a lot more about the Civil War now than I did at the beginning of May! My internship at the Park started with roughly two weeks of training as my fellow interns and I learned about the National Park Service, met members of the park's staff, went on tours of each battlefield and historic site in the Park (there are six), and had a crash course about historical interpretation. This training was really helpful because it prepared us for any situation we might face on the job, while also giving us a great base of knowledge about the places we would be working.

I work at the Fredericksburg Battlefield and Chatham Manor and my daily interactions with visitors have been really positive. I've given a few walking tours, answered lots of different questions, and helped people become interested in the sites they're visiting. Most of the information I know is thanks to training, as well as some supplemental reading I've been doing on the side. Overall, my internship has gotten off to a great start and I'm really looking forward the coming weeks."

Zoe Beardsley at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Battlefield Park.



Students in [History 211—Race and Freedom in Williamsburg, 1699-2021](#) used Williamsburg as a laboratory to investigate the origins of the interconnections between race and freedom as well as the ways in which this interconnection continues to shape life in 21st-Century America.

Students in [History 212—Founders and Foundings](#) analyzed founders who, through their position in government or leadership in social movements, had significant impacts on American civil rights and forms of government. In addition to thinking critically about the nature of founders' contributions, students also examined ways in which founders have been remembered.

Thank you to our Session 1 Instructors (for History 211: Dr. Sarah McCartney and Marie Pellissier; for History 212: Frances Bell and Emily Sneff), and our Session 2 Instructors (for History 212: Dr. Mark Guerci, Dr. Kristina Poznan, and Dr. Amy Stallings). And a huge thank you to our virtual guests who shared their expertise and historical insights with our students from all over the United States, from Virginia to Pennsylvania, and all the way to Oklahoma! This summer would not have been a success without each and every one of you!

NIAHD plans to announce details for Summer 2022 later this Fall Semester.

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!

Pre-College Program: A Virtual 2021

NIAHD completed Session 1 of virtual Pre-College classes on July 9, and Session 2 on July 30!

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