

History

The LAMAR Institute Story / Major Milestones.

1981-Humble Beginnings

LAMAR Institute conceived on top of Mound A, Scull Shoals Mound Group, Greene County, Georgia by Mark Williams, Gary Shapiro, and Chester DePratter; SEAC, 1st Issue of [L](#)
[AMAR Briefs](#)

compiled by Gary Shapiro; Assisted in founding of Northeast Georgia Chapter, Society for Georgia Archaeology;

Conducted Teacher's Workshop as a Continuing Education Course at UGA.

1982

Incorporated on November 17th in the State of Georgia by Mark Williams;

Founding Board of Directors were Chester DePratter, Gary Shapiro, Mark Williams, and Jacqueline Saindon;

Mark Williams elected as President.

1983

[Scull Shoals](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA and USDA Forest Service;

Conducted Teacher's Workshop as a Continuing Education Course at UGA.

1984

Articles of Amendment filed on February 1st as part of Federal 501(c)(3) tax exempt status acquisition;

[Little River](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA with the aid of a Wenner Gren Grant ;

Lower Cherokee Town of Tamassee excavation project in cooperation with USC/SCIAA;

Chester DePratter leaves the LAMAR Institute Board for a teaching position in South Carolina;

Marvin Smith and Dean Wood joined the Board of Directors;

Conducted Teacher's Workshop as a Continuing Education Course at UGA;

San Luis Resistivity project, Tallahassee, Florida.

1985

2nd [Scul Shoals](#) and 1st [Shinholser](#) excavation projects in cooperation with UGA and USDA Forest Service ;
Conducted Teacher's Workshop as a Continuing Education Course at UGA;

1986

South Appalachian Mississippian Symposium (aka [LAMAR conference](#)), Macon, Georgia, in cooperation with National Park Service (NPS)

;
[Shoulderbone Mounds](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;

1987

2nd [Little River](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;
2nd [Shinholser](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;
Daniel T. Elliott added as Research Associate;
Fortson Mound reconnaissance project;
New Ebenezer Initiative begins with New Ebenezer survey project;
Oconee Valley of the Chiefs video project with grant from Oglethorpe Power Company and WPGA-TV Atlanta.

1988

[King Bee](#) excavation project, in cooperation with USDA Forest Service;
[Bullards Landing](#) excavation project, in cooperation with Mercer University;
[Wildcat Creek](#) survey and excavation project, in cooperation with UGA;
Gary Shapiro dies at age of 34.

1989

Museum exhibit of contemporary Native American artwork entitled, [Native Americans as Creative Adaptors](#) ,
in cooperation with UGA State Botanical Gardens and Madison-Morgan Cultural Center and funded in part by a grant from the Georgia Humanities Council and The National Endowment for the Humanities, The Georgia Council for the Arts, and The Institute for Museum Services ;
[Mount Pleasant](#) excavation project, privately funded;
[New Ebenezer](#) excavation project, privately funded;
[Yarbrough Cave](#) excavation project, privately funded;
[Lost City](#) survey project, Chatham and Effingham Counties, Georgia, funded by a Historic Resources Survey grant from NPS and GDNR ;
[Bethany Cemetery](#) delineation project in cooperation with Historic Effingham Society and Georgia Salzburger Society;
[Browns' Mount](#) excavation project in cooperation with Mercer University and Macon Museum ;
2nd [Bullards Landing](#) excavation project in cooperation with Mercer University;

1990

2nd [Mount Pleasant Excavation](#) project;
2nd [Ebenezer](#) excavation project;
2nd [Bethany cemetery](#) delineation project in cooperation with Historic Effingham Society and Georgia Salzburger Society;
3rd Bullard's Landing excavation project in cooperation with Mercer University;
Smithsonian Institution Research on undocumented archaeological sites in Georgia, including Clark Hill Reservoir sites and Roland Steiner collection;
Publication of *Lamar Archaeology* (Williams and Shapiro) by University of Alabama Press;
Production of [Ramblings with Kelly](#) report;
Publication of [fictional diary](#) of Rupert Schrempff, Locksmith and Blacksmith at Ebenezer, Georgia;
Production of excavation [report](#) on Punk Rockshelter under contract with Georgia Power Company.

1991

Rita F. Elliott added as Research Associate;
2nd [Brown's Mount](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;
[Fortson Mound](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;
[Copeland site](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA and USDA Forest Service;
[Liberty Church Clearcut](#) Survey project in cooperation with UGA;
[Compartment 132 and 148](#) Survey project in cooperation with UGA and USDA Forest Service

1992

[Jamestown](#) Survey project in cooperation with Diachronic Research Foundation, Inc.;
Participated in 260th Purysburg Anniversary Celebration (Jasper County, South Carolina);
[Dig It!](#) Children's Archaeology Workshop in cooperation with Emory University;
[West Effingham Survey](#) project in cooperation with Historic Effingham Society;
Archaeofest (Athens, Georgia) cosponsored with UGA, State Botanical Gardens;
Conducted Teacher's Workshop entitled, "The Archaeology of Georgia: A 12,000 Year Human Ecological Experience" in cooperation with UGA;
Editorship of special edition of The Society for Georgia Archaeology's Early Georgia Vol. 20, No.1, entitled, "Used Archaeology: Practical Classroom Ideas for Teachers, by Teachers" in cooperation with SGA;
Production of [Stubbs mound](#) excavation report;
Production of [Hitchiti dictionary](#) ;
New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with Georgia Salzburger Society and Elderhostel, Inc. (two sessions)

1993

[Vernonburg Survey](#) , Excavation, and National Register Nomination project (Chatham County, Georgia) in cooperation with Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR);
Vernonburg Savannah Country Day School Field trip;
[Dig It!](#) Excavation and Children's Archaeology Workshop in cooperation with Emory University;
Teacher's Workshop in cooperation with Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University;

Children's Archaeology Workshops, Springfield Elementary School, Springfield, Georgia;
Ellijay Middle School Archaeology Workshop, Ellijay, Georgia;
Swift Creek Conference, Macon, Georgia in cooperation with NPS;
[Dry Creek/Long Cane creek](#) survey project (Abbeville County, South Carolina);
Continued New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with Georgia Salzburger Society and Elderhostel, Inc.;
Teacher's Archaeology Workshop at 1993 Georgia Studies Symposium entitled, "Georgia's Prehistoric Native American Population" (Cartersville, Georgia) in cooperation with Carl Vincent Institute of Government and Georgia Humanities Council;
Old Evans' Place reconnaissance project (Burke County, Georgia) in cooperation with Southeastern Archeological Society and Augusta Archaeological Society;
David A. McKivergan, Jr. and Tad Britt added as Research Associates;
Rita F. Elliott promoted to Education Coordinator;
Production of LAMAR Briefs terminated with Issue Number 22.

1994

Supported the 1st Georgia Archaeology Awareness Week with lectures, open house at two archaeology consulting firms, and public library displays in Athens, Hartwell and Royston;
Roland Steiner Georgia artifact collection short-term study grant funded by Smithsonian Institution;
Archaeofest II (Athens, Georgia) cosponsored with UGA, State Botanical Gardens;
Ellijay Middle School Archaeology Workshop (Ellijay, Georgia);
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Sarah Smith Elementary School (Atlanta, Georgia);
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Morris Brandon Elementary School (Atlanta, Georgia);
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Warren T. Jackson Elementary School (Atlanta, Georgia);
Teacher's Workshop in cooperation with Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University;
Symposium on Teaching Archaeology for teachers entitled, "Making Use of Archaeology in Georgia Studies: A Hands On Approach" at the Georgia Council for the Social Studies conference in Atlanta cosponsored by SGA;
Continued New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with New Ebenezer Retreat Center and Elderhostel, Inc.;
USDA Forest Service Passport in Time/LAMAR Institute Teacher's Workshop and excavations at a rock shelter in northeastern Georgia;
Survey and Testing of [Sawyer Site](#), Laurens County, Georgia with UGA;
Paul A. Webb added as Research Associate.

1995

Cooperated with the Diachronic Research Foundation's John De La Howe excavation project (McCormick County, Georgia);
[Tate Mound](#) (Elbert County, Georgia) mapping and excavation project in cooperation with UGA;
Clark Hill River Basin Survey [report](#) published in cooperation with USC/SCIAA Savannah River Archaeological Research Project and Southeastern Archeological Services, Inc.;
Archaeology Visiting School Children Workshop Development and Docent Training, Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University;
Ellijay Middle School Archaeology Workshop (Ellijay, Georgia);

Teacher's Workshop in cooperation with Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University;
Archaeofest, Athens, Georgia in cooperation with UGA, State Botanical Gardens;
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Nesbit Elementary School (Atlanta, Georgia);
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Norton Elementary School (Snellville, Georgia);
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Tritt Elementary School (Marietta, Georgia);
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Brownie Troop 526 (Athens, Georgia);
Participated in Site File Workshop at UGA Sponsored by NPS;
Transcription of Isabel Patterson and Arthur R. Kelly [correspondence](#) ;
[Oconee Old Town](#) excavation project (Baldwin County, Georgia) in cooperation with UGA;
Supported the 2nd Georgia Archaeology Awareness Week with several professional lectures;
New Ebenezer [Parsonage Relocation Project](#) in cooperation with Georgia Salzburger Society;
Continued New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with Georgia New Ebenezer
Retreat Center and Elderhostel, Inc.;
Jerry Lilly and Thomas Pluckhahn added as Research Associates;
[Lewis Mound](#) excavation project (Bryan County, Georgia) in cooperation U.S. Department of
Defense and U.S. Army;
Established an early World Wide Web presence with the aid of UGA, Skidaway Oceanographic
Institute, and Mike Matthewson.

1996

Organizers and major sponsor of the 3rd Georgia Archaeology Week in cooperation with SGA
and others;
Sponsored Children's Archaeology Pavilion, funded by Walmart;
Sponsored lecture by Gregory Waselkov on William Bartram, funded by Georgia Humanities
Council Grant;
Sponsored week-long public archaeology events at New Ebenezer, Georgia;
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Cedar Shoals High School (Athens, Georgia);
Children's Archaeology Workshop, Tritt Elementary School (Marietta, Georgia);
Presentation at Ocmulgee Teacher's Workshop, (Macon, Georgia);
Teacher's Workshop, Aiken, South Carolina in cooperation with USC/SCIAA SRARP;
Continued New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with New Ebenezer Retreat Center
and Elderhostel, Inc.
[Lamar site](#) excavation project (Bibb County, Georgia) in cooperation with NPS and UGA;
[Fort Argyle](#) excavation project in cooperation with U.S. Department of Defense and U.S.
Army;
Production of Interview with Arthur Randolph Kelly [report](#) ;
Reprinting of Robert Wauchope's *Archaeological Survey of Northern Georgia* in cooperation
with the Society for American Archaeology and others.

1997

Survey and Testing, [Hartley-Posey Site](#) , Taylor County Georgia with UGA;
Survey and Testing, [Kenimer Site](#) , White County, Georgia with UGA;
Survey Carolina-Walker clearcut Morgan County, Georgia with UGA and Georgia Pacific
Corporation;
Supported the 4th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Week with Children's Workshop entitled,
"Indians, Art, and Archaeology for Children" and Adult Workshop entitled, *Indians of the*

Southeastern United States

(Royston, Georgia) in cooperation with Madison County Library;

Teacher's Workshop in cooperation with Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University;

Continued New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with New Ebenezer Retreat Center and Elderhostel, Inc.;

Old Governor's Mansion Teacher's Workshop (Milledgeville, Georgia) in cooperation with Georgia College;

Maureen S. Meyers added as Research Associate.

1998

Kolomoki excavation project in cooperation with UGA and Georgia Department of Natural Resources;

Assisted in Community Open House Program, Annual Meeting of Society for Historical Archaeology (Atlanta, Georgia);

Supported the 5th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Week with a financial donation and several professional lectures;

Presentation at the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Heritage Education Teacher's Workshop (Washington, Georgia);

Presentation in Georgia DNR Workshop, "Learning About Archaeology with Georgia's Historic Sites and Parks" (Brasstown Valley Resort, Georgia);

Old Governor's Mansion Teacher's Workshop (Milledgeville, Georgia) in cooperation with Georgia College;

Completed Ebenezer Greenway survey project in cooperation with Effingham County government;

Continued New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with Georgia Southern University and Elderhostel, Inc.;

3rd [Little River](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;

Publication of *A World Engraved, Archaeology of the Swift Creek Culture* (Williams and Elliott) by University of Alabama Press

1999

4th [Little River](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;

Continued New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with Georgia Southern University and Elderhostel, Inc.;

Cosponsor of the 6th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Week with SGA and others;

Roland Steiner Georgia artifact collection study, Field Museum, (Chicago, Illinois);

Participated in Stallings Island Stabilization project with the University of Florida and the Archaeological Conservancy;

Vacation Bible School Archaeology Class, New Ebenezer Retreat Center, New Ebenezer, Georgia'

Transferred LAMAR Institute web page from Skidaway Marine Institute to new host server.

2000

Implemented the Bettye Broyles Data Repatriation Project (Chattanooga, Tennessee);

Cosponsor of 7th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Week with SGA and others;

Presentation in Old Governor's Mansion Teacher's Workshop (Milledgeville, Georgia) at

Georgia College;
Georgia Forts Initiative officially launched;
5th [Little River](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;
Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers sponsored by NPS;
Vernonburg designated a National Register District by the Keeper of the Register in June, 2000;
4th [Little River](#) excavation project in cooperation with UGA;
New Ebenezer Excavation project in cooperation with Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Labor Day, 2000;
Daniel T. Elliott elected as President.

2001

Completed the Bettye Broyles Repatriation Project;
Cosponsor of 8th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Week with SGA and others;
6th Little River excavation project, in cooperation with UGA;
Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers sponsored by NPS;
LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Initiative for study of Revolutionary War Headquarters at New Ebenezer, Georgia;
Designed and constructed museum exhibit for the Georgia Salzburger Museum entitled, *Earthly Possessions: Archaeology of New Ebenezer*;
Conducted Teacher's Workshop (entitled, Teaching with Archaeology) for Weber County School District, Ogden, Utah;
Conducted Archaeology Workshop at H. Guy Childs Elementary School, Ogden, Utah;
Launched revamped LAMAR Institute web page with more than 45 reports online.

2002

Completed fieldwork and laboratory analysis of the New Ebenezer Revolutionary War Headquarters Grant Project;
Completed museum exhibit entitled, *Earthly Possessions: The Archaeology of New Ebenezer*, for the Georgia Salzburger Society Museum, New Ebenezer, Georgia;
Completed [report](#) on Point Peter and St. Marys River Forts;
University of Georgia Department of Anthropology Field School [led by Mark Williams] [Bullard Bottom](#), Putnam County, Georgia;
Completed fieldwork for the Jerusalem Lutheran Church Expansion Archaeological Salvage;
Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2002, sponsored by NPS;
Cosponsor of 9th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month with SGA and others.

2003

Completed [report](#) of the New Ebenezer Revolutionary War Headquarters Grant Project;
LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program, for study of Sunbury Battlefield, Liberty County, Georgia;

LAMAR Institute awarded historic resources survey grant from Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources for study of Sunbury, Liberty County, Georgia;

LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program, for study of Fort Mt. Venture Massacre, Wayne County, Georgia;

LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from Plum Creek Foundation, for study of Fort Mt. Venture Massacre, Wayne County, Georgia;

University of Georgia Department of Anthropology Field School [led by Mark Williams] revisits [King Bee Site](#)

, Putnam County, Georgia,

[Bullard Bottom](#)

, Putnam County, Georgia and

[Cedar Creek Mound](#),

Jones County;

Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2003. sponsored by NPS;

Old Governor's Mansion Archaeology Workshop (Milledgeville, Georgia) in cooperation with Georgia College;

Designed and constructed *Johannes Kronberger* interpretive display for the Great Hall at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center, Ebenezer, Georgia.

Conducted survey, limited testing and [report](#) of Bostwick tract in Hudsons Ferry locale, Screven County, Georgia.

Conducted reconnaissance survey and [report](#) of Clapp Factory Cemetery, Muscogee County, Georgia.

2004

Completed fieldwork on Sunbury and Sunbury Battlefield studies, sponsored by ABPP, NPS and HPD, GNDR;

Completed fieldwork on Fort Mt. Venture Massacre study, sponsored by ABPP, NPS and Plum Creek Foundation;

Conducted topographic mapping, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey, and report at [Woo dbine Mound](#)

, Camden County, Georgia, in cooperation with Valdosta State University field school (Carolyn Rock, instructor);

University of Georgia Department of Anthropology Field School [led by Mark Williams] [Bullard Bottom](#)

, Putnam County, and

[Nacoochee Mound](#)

, White County, Georgia;

Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2004. sponsored by NPS;

Old Governor's Mansion Archaeology Workshop (Milledgeville, Georgia) in cooperation with Georgia College;

Conducted archaeological reconnaissance of tabby house, Delegal Fort vicinity, St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia;

Conducted archaeological survey and [report](#) at Glen Mary plantation, Hancock County, Georgia;
Launched revamped LAMAR Institute [web page](#) ;
Completed survey and [report](#) on Estatoe Site, Stephens County, Georgia;
Completed [report](#) on the Zack and Leah Site, Putnam County, Georgia;
Completed [report](#) on Southwest Georgia Survey for HPD, GDNR;
LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from HPD, GDNR for Flint River Basin Archaeological Survey project.

2005

Completed [reports](#) on Sunbury and Sunbury Battlefield studies, sponsored by ABPP, NPS and HPD, GNDNR;
Completed [reports](#) on Fort Mt. Venture Massacre study, sponsored by ABPP, NPS and Plum Creek Foundation;
Completed fieldwork on the North End Plantation, Ossabaw Island, Chatham County, Georgia. Sponsored by Save America's Treasures, NPS, The Ossabaw Island Foundation, and the HPD, GDNR;
Conducted archaeological reconnaissance and Ground Penetrating Radar Survey at Greenwood Plantation, Thomas County, Georgia; sponsored by the HPD, GDNR, the LAMAR Institute, and the Nature Conservancy. The results were presented in a Symposium, which was part of the Georgia Trust's Spring meeting;
President Elliott received the *Preservation Achievement Award* from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources;
Began field excavation at Fort Hawkins (9Bi21), Macon, Georgia. Sponsored by the Fort Hawkins Commission, The Society for Georgia Archaeology, the LAMAR Institute, and the City of Macon;
Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2005. sponsored by [NPS](#) ;
Assisted Coastal Heritage Society in discovery of Spring Hill Redoubt, Savannah, Georgia [[C HS News!](#)];
LAMAR Institute address moved to Savannah, Georgia with offices in Rincon, Georgia.
Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2005. sponsored by NPS.

2006

Completed additional fieldwork at Tabby Number 2 on the North End Plantation, Ossabaw Island, Chatham County, Georgia. Sponsored by Save America's Treasures, National Park Service, The Ossabaw Island Foundation, and the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources;
Completed the [Flint River Basin Archaeological Survey](#) Project for Georgia Department of Natural Resources ;
Completed field excavations at Fort Hawkins (9Bi21), Macon, Georgia. Sponsored by the Fort Hawkins Commission, The Society for Georgia Archaeology, the LAMAR Institute, and the City of Macon;
Completed [report](#) on 2005 survey and test excavations at North End Plantation, Ossabaw

Island, Georgia;

Completed [report](#) and [website](#) for the [Flint River Basin Archaeological Survey](#)

Completed [monograph](#) summarizing past archaeological and historical research at Crowfield and Broomhall Plantation, South Carolina;

Completed reconnaissance and report on unidentified [Tracy D](#) on Ossabaw Island;

Completed survey and report on [Fort Hill Site](#) , Dougherty County, Georgia;

Completed GPR Survey and shovel test survey adjacent to [St. Simons Lighthouse](#) , St. Simons Island, Georgia;

Completed GPR Survey, topographic mapping and grave recordation on [Gould-Bethel Cemetery](#) , Chatham County, Georgia;

Completed GPR Survey on portions of Chocolate Plantation, Sapelo Island, Georgia;

Completed GPR Survey on portions of Button Gwinnett plantation, St. Catherines Island, Georgia;

Completed GPR Survey on portions of [Fort St. Andrews](#) , Cumberland Island, Georgia;

Completed GPR Survey on portions of [Bullhead Bluff Cemetery](#) , Camden County, Georgia;

Participated in NPS Remote Sensing Workshop, Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, Georgia;

Old Governor's Mansion Archaeology Workshop (Milledgeville, Georgia) in cooperation with Georgia College;

Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2006. sponsored by NPS;

Co-sponsor of 13th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month with SGA and others.

2007

Completed fieldwork at the [Nash Farm Battlefield](#) in Henry County, Georgia for Henry County;

Completed report on 2005 and 2006 excavations at [Fort Hawkins](#) (9Bi21), Macon, Georgia. Sponsored by the Fort Hawkins Commission, The Society for Georgia Archaeology, the LAMAR Institute, and the City of Macon;

Completed report on 2006 excavations at the [North End Plantation](#) , Ossabaw Island, Chatham County, Georgia. Sponsored by Save America's Treasures, National Park Service, The Ossabaw Island Foundation, and the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources;

Participated in the 1st annual Archaeofest, hosted by the Coastal Heritage Society, Battlefield Park, Savannah, Georgia;

Completed fieldwork, [Freetown Cemetery and Freetown](#), Grand Bahama Island;

Rita Folse Elliott, Education Outreach Coordinator for The LAMAR Institute, receives the coveted Joseph Ralston Caldwell Award from the Society for Georgia Archaeology;

Contributor to South Carolina Archaeology Month [Poster](#) ;

Co-sponsor of 14th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month with [SGA](#) and others; the theme was Georgia's frontier defenses;

Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2007. sponsored by NPS;

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Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue Proclaims May as Georgia Archaeology Month.

2008

Completed survey fieldwork at [Kettle Creek](#) battlefield, Wilkes County, Georgia. Sponsored by Preserve America, National Park Service, City of Washington, Georgia and others;

Completed GPR Survey, [Theus Plantation](#) , Beaufort County, South Carolina;

Participated in the 2nd annual Archaeofest, hosted by the Coastal Heritage Society, Battlefield Park, Savannah, Georgia;

Sponsored excavation (1 Week) in "Savannah Under Fire" Project, Coastal Heritage Society, Savannah, Georgia;

Presentations at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2008. sponsored by NPS;

Completed fieldwork at 9CH155, [South End Plantation](#) , Ossabaw Island, Chatham County, Georgia. Sponsored by Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Council on American Indian Concerns;

Led GPR Workshop and Fieldwork in Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands;

Thomas H. Gresham, Secretary-Treasurer for The LAMAR Institute, receives the coveted Joseph Ralston Caldwell Award from the Society for Georgia Archaeology;

Co-sponsor of 15th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month with SGA and others.

2009

Researchers Dan Battle, Dan Elliott, and Rita Elliott volunteered on NPS excavations at Fort St. Andrews, Cumberland Island, Georgia.

Co-sponsor of [16th Georgia Archaeology Awareness Month](#) with SGA and others.



Numerous research reports completed and uploaded on the LAMAR Institute's website, including:

[Beaulieu Plantation](#) , [Railroad Ward](#) , [Newell Creek](#) , Ossabaw Island, [Fort Jackson](#) , and [Tybee Island](#)
, Chatham County, Georgia;
[Greenwood Plantation](#)
, Thomas County, Georgia; a
[Tabby ruin](#)
on St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia;
[Fort Hawkins](#)
, Bibb County, Georgia;
[Kettle Creek battlefield](#)
, Wilkes County, Georgia; the
[Shinholser Site](#)

, Baldwin County, Georgia;
[Estatoe Towns](#)
, Stephens County, Georgia;
[Madison Steam Mill](#)
, Morgan County, Georgia;
[Cold Springs](#)
Mound and Village, Greene County, Georgia;
[Okfuskenena](#)
, Troup County, Georgia;
[Theus Plantation](#)
, and
[Dr. White Cemetery](#)
, St. Helena Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina;
[Fort Prince George](#)
and
[Jameson Cemetery](#)
, Pickens County, South Carolina;
[Battery Brooke](#)
, Chesterfield County, Virginia, and an annotated bibliography on
[St. Simons Island](#)
archaeology.

Three of the LAMAR Institute's Research Associates, Daphne Owens, Tracy Dean, and Dan Elliott, were dispatched to Louisiana to work under contract on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Historic Preservation. Dan returned to Georgia in October.

Presentations by Rita Elliott at Fort Frederica Historical Archaeology Education Workshop for Teachers, July, 2009. sponsored by NPS;

Rita Elliott participated in the 275th Anniversary Event at New Ebenezer, Labor Day 2009 with a Display on Silk and the Silk Industry.

2010

Completed fieldwork at the Mount Pleasant village (9EF169), Effingham County, Georgia.

Completed GPR survey for Coastal Heritage Society's "Savannah Under Fire" Revolutionary War battlefield survey.

Numerous research reports completed and uploaded on the LAMAR Institute's website, including the [Copeland Site](#) , Greene County, Georgia; a presentation on the [battlefield landscapes](#) of Ebenezer and Sunbury, Georgia; the search and discovery of [Redoubt Number 6](#) at Ebenezer, Georgia; and resurrections of obscure and very early historical descriptions of [Lampedocia](#) , Camden County, Georgia and aboriginal sites in central Georgia described by Dr. [Nicholas Childers](#) . The Year 2010 saw the completion of several ground penetrating radar survey projects in Georgia, including [Lovers Lane](#) vicinity, Richmond County, [Smith House](#) in Lowndes County, [Camp Lawton Prison](#) in Jenkins County, [Fort Perry](#) in Macon County, [Behavior Cemetery](#) in McIntosh County, [Bonaventure Cemetery](#) in Chatham County, and [Fort Frederica Commons](#) in Glynn County.

Rita Folse Elliott received Governor's Award in Humanities medal from Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue on May 11.

LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program for study of Monteith Swamp Civil War battlefield in Chatham and Effingham counties, Georgia.

2011

Completed study for National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program and St. Bernard Parish Government on [the Battles of New Orleans](#).

Completed fieldwork on two Civil War battlefields in Georgia, Monteith Swamp, Chatham and Effingham counties, Georgia and Dug Gap, Whitfield County, Georgia.

Completed GPR survey on a portion of Palachacolas Town, Hampton County, South Carolina.

Completed excavation of south and west wall at Fort Hawkins, Bibb County, Georgia.

Co-Sponsor of 2011 Georgia Archaeology Month.

2012

Co-Sponsor of 2012 Georgia Archaeology Month.

Completed excavation in the vicinity of the northwestern blockhouse, Fort Hawkins, Bibb County, Georgia.

Completed reports on excavations at the [Sugar Creek Site](#) , Morgan County, Georgia; Civil War survey at three locations in northwestern Georgia; GPR survey report on [Palachacolas Town](#) , South Carolina.

Completed report on excavations at [Old Fort Jackson](#) , Savannah, Georgia.

LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program for study of Carr's Fort Revolutionary War battlefield in Wilkes County, Georgia.

2013

Co-Sponsor of 2013 Georgia Archaeology Month.

Completed excavation reports on the [Lindsey Site](#) , [Margaret Ann Bell Site](#) , [the Lucky Last Site](#) , [Monteith Swamp Battlefield](#) and [Fort Hawkins](#) in Georgia

Completed reports on the [Eleanor Torrey West Collection](#) ; [Robert Wauchope AMNH ceramic type collection](#) ; and [Gordon Willey's 1936 Fort Hawkins excavation.](#)

Completed fieldwork on Carr's Fort Battlefield project, Wilkes County, Georgia.

LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from Plum Creek Foundation for international study of historic records pertaining to Georgia in the American Revolution.

LAMAR Institute research team traveled to Great Britain and Michigan in search of documentary evidence of Georgia's role in the American Revolution.

LAMAR Institute staff supervised reconstruction of a sample portion of the southwestern palisade wall at historic Fort Hawkins.

LAMAR Institute researchers began fieldwork on the Brier Creek Battlefield Survey.

2014

Co-sponsor of 2014 Georgia Archaeology Month.

Completed fieldwork for Isaiah Davenport House Museum, Savannah, Georgia.

Completed fieldwork at Brier Creek battlefield.

Completed report on [two aboriginal rock art sites](#) in Georgia and North Carolina.

Funded two radiocarbon date assays from two Late Archaic sites in coastal Georgia.

Completed GPR fieldwork and reporting of [Ground Penetrating Radar Survey at Sibley Mill in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia](#).

Completed reports on GPR survey at [Lagniappe plantation](#), Talbot County, Georgia; a cemetery at the [Boyd Property](#), and at the

[Scarlett's Mound](#),

Chatham County, Georgia;

[Fort Hollingsworth](#)

, Banks County, Georgia;

[Fort Mathews](#),

Oconee County, Georgia, and at

[Fort Hawkins](#)

, Georgia.

Completed report on archaeology at the [Georgia State Railroad Museum](#) , Savannah, Georgia.

Completed [Carr's Fort Battlefield project](#) for the National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program.

LAMAR Institute awarded research grant from National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program for study of Purysburg Revolutionary War battlefield in Jasper County, South Carolina

Sponsored Archaeology Appreciation Field Study for November 2014 Meeting, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Savannah, Georgia.

2015

Completed report for [Isaiah Davenport House Museum, Savannah, Georgia.](#) Click [here](#) to read a nice letter from the Davenport House folks!

Completed fieldwork at Purysburg battlefield.

Completed report on second GPR survey of [Additional Ground Penetrating Radar Survey at Sibley Mill in Augusta, Georgia.](#)

Completed resource guide to [John R. Swanton's](#) Creek and Seminole Ceremonial Ground/Square Ground maps from Oklahoma.

Co-sponsor of 2015 Georgia Archaeology Month.

Received an Award For Excellence in Education & Interpretation by the Coastal Museums Association for archaeological excavations at the Isaiah Davenport House Museum.

2016

Co-sponsor of 2016 Georgia Archaeology Month.

Completed [Purysburg Battlefield survey](#) report.

Completed report on the [Martello Tower](#) at Tybee Island, Georgia.

Completed report on excavations in [Laurel Grove North Cemetery](#) , Savannah.

Completed survey and report on GPR survey of [Union Grove Cemetery](#), Effingham County, Georgia.

Completed report on [Roland Steiner](#) and Early Anthropology in Georgia.

2017

Co-sponsor of 2017 Georgia Archaeology Month.

Conducted and completed report on [Get the Lead Out workshop](#) on elemental analysis of lead round ball ammunition, Savannah, Georgia.

Completed report on elemental analysis of lead ammunition from [Kettle Creek battlefield](#).

Completed report on elemental analysis of cast iron ammunition that killed [Pulaski](#) , plus additional samples.

Completed report on a GPR survey of a portion of the [Frederica Commons](#).

Completed report on archaeology of [Savannah's Railroad Ward](#).

Completed GPR survey of [Wadsworth Cemetery](#) in Lamar County, Georgia.

2018

Co-sponsor of 2018 Georgia Archaeology Month.

Completed report on the [Lick Skillet Road Upland Survey](#) , Greene County, Georgia.

Completed report on [Tyger Village](#), Union County, South Carolina.

Completed report that transcribed the [Journal of James Seagrove](#) , Creek Indian Agent.

Completed a survey for Golder Associates in Dawson County, Georgia.

Completed elemental analysis of lead ammunition from [Arbuckle's Fort](#) , West Virginia.

2019

Completed fieldwork on Long Island, New York ABPP Battlefield Survey.

Completed archaeological testing for Golder Associates on three prehistoric sites on the Etowah River in Dawson County, Georgia.

Completed data recovery excavations at the Mattei Site (38BU1765) in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

2020

Completed reporting on a GPR survey of a University of Georgia building built atop a [historic spring](#) in Athens, Georgia.

Completed reporting on data recovery excavations at the [Mattei site \(38BU1765\)](#) in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

Completed excavation and reporting at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. [images/PDFs/publication_227_v1.pdf](#) [images/PDFs/publication_227_v2.pdf](#)

Completed reporting on National Park Service, ABPP conflict archeology study of three Revolutionary War battlefields, documented in [The Struggle for Long Island](#) on Long Island, New York.

Completed a pXRF study of 18th century cast iron projectiles from Georgia and South Carolina. See: [images/PDFs/publication_224.pdf](#)

2021

Completed two pXRF studies of early historic metal artifacts from Florida and Leipzig, Germany. See: [images/PDFs/publication_228.pdf](#) [images/PDFs/publication_229.pdf](#)

2022

Completed reporting for the National Park Service, ABPP on the July 1864 Ruff's Mill Battlefield in Cobb County, Georgia. See: [images/PDFs/publication_230.pdf](#) [images/PDFs/publication_230 appendices.pdf](#)

Completed reporting on the GPR survey and mapping of the Richmond Missionary Baptist Church cemetery in Chatham County, Georgia. See: [images/PDFs/publication_231.pdf](#)

Completed reporting on the GPR survey and mapping of the Union United Methodist Church cemetery in Bulloch County, Georgia. See: http://thelamarinstitute.org/images/PDFs/publication_234.pdf

Completed reporting on the survey, mapping and test excavation of the Rocky Bottom Piled-Stone Complex (38PN126), Pickens County, South Carolina. See: http://thelamarinstitute.org/images/PDFs/publication_233_reducedsize.pdf

Completed reporting on the survey for Fort Heard/Fort Washington and Discovery of Washington Town and Gulleytown in Wilkes County, Georgia. See: http://thelamarinstitute.org/images/PDFs/publication_232.pdf

Completed a pXRF study of brick, mortar and soil samples from Building X, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Report submitted as an appendix for a larger report to the National Park Service by New South Associates, Inc.

2023

Completed reporting on test excavations for the Historic Savannah Foundation's "Kennedy Pharmacy" grounds in historic Savannah, Georgia. See: http://thelamarinstitute.org/images/PDFs/publication_235.pdf