

SIUE Biological Anthropology Field School

The Department of Anthropology at **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)** will conduct a six week forensic and mortuary archaeology field school from **May 13 – June 21** under the direction of **Dr. Corey Ragsdale**. Depending on the weather, the field school typically consists of approximately five and a half weeks in the field, as well as a few days in the Anthropology Lab at SIUE.

This course will offer instruction in the location, mapping, and excavation of burials and mortuary features. The field school will take place on SIUE campus, Little Creek Nature Center in Florissant, MO, and Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville, IL. Field activities range from grave mapping, to grave feature excavation, to the excavation of skeletal remains (plastic) in bioarchaeological and forensic contexts. Students will also participate in artifact and skeletal processing and identification in the laboratory setting. Students will take on various leadership and instructional roles throughout the course of the field school, and learn to work in a collaborative, scientific environment. Additional, related trips may be planned to supplement instruction.

Program Registration:

Participants for this field school will be selected after review of submitted applications. Enrollment is ordinarily limited to ten (10) students. Application forms are available from the SIUE Department of Anthropology website or from Dr. Corey Ragsdale. Review of submitted applications will begin **March 31**.

SIUE Credit, Tuition, & Fees:

Three (3) or six (6) credit hours of ANTH 474 will be offered. SIUE students seeking the BS in anthropology are required to take 6 credits of field school. If space permits, applications from students interested in taking just 3 credits of ANTH 474 will be considered, but the applicant should contact Dr. Corey Ragsdale if interested in this option. In the case of the 3 credit option, the field school dates will be June 3-June 21. SIUE tuition & fees are posted at <http://www.siu.edu/paying-for-college/>. In addition, please note that field school students must also pay a \$75 anthropology course fee for ANTH 474.

Students are responsible for arranging their own housing, meals, and transportation.

For additional information contact:

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APPLICATION- SIUE FORENSIC AND MORTUARY ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Completed applications and liability waivers should be given to Dr. Corey Ragsdale in Peck 0403A or mailed to
Department of Anthropology, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL. 62026-1451.

Name: _____ date of birth _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (____) _____
Daytime Evening

E-mail: _____ Student ID # _____

Student (currently enrolled in degree program) ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate

Academic major(s)/program: _____
(List relevant/related courses by name)

Which of the following are you applying for?

- ☐ ANTH 474 Archaeology Field School (3 credit hrs)
☐ ANTH 474 Archaeology Field School (6 credit hrs)

Emergency Contact: (relationship to you) _____

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Reference: (List professor or one person for whom you have worked other than family members)

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Please list previous course work or field experience in archaeology: _____

Please describe your reasons for participating in the SIUE field school. **Please indicate your major *and* BA or BS.**

Do you have any medical conditions or special needs that I should know about? (check any)

- ☐ respiratory problems ☐ asthma ☐ heart condition ☐ high blood pressure ☐ diabetes ☐ allergies ☐ IBS/IBD
☐ eyesight problems ☐ heat/humidity susceptibility ☐ depression/medications ☐ daily medications

Please explain any conditions I should know about:

Anything else you want me to know?

RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, & COVENANT NOT TO SUE AGREEMENT

(BINDING LEGAL DOCUMENT -- READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING)

I hereby acknowledge that my participation in ANTH 474, a voluntary educational field course sponsored and administered by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Department of Anthropology at various archaeological sites/excavations, including but not limited to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, from May 13, 2019, to June 21, 2019, hereinafter the Field Course, involves an inherent risk of and exposure to property damage and bodily or personal injury to myself or to others. Dangers related to such Field Course may include but are not limited to: hypothermia, broken bones, strains, sprains, cuts, abrasions, animal bites, insect stings, poison ivy, bruises, drowning, concussion, heart attack, heat exhaustion, injuries associated with travel, and death. I acknowledge and agree that I am aware that there are risks, hazards, and dangers inherent in the Field Course and in the training, preparation for, and travel to and from the Field Course; that it is my sole responsibility to participate only in those activities for which I have the prerequisite skills, qualifications, preparations, and training; that I have read and understand the conditions applicable to the Field Course; that the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, on behalf of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and its members individually, and its officers, agents, and employees, hereinafter Releasees, and that the Owners of any premises visited during the Field Course, and the Owners' employees, agents, and heirs, hereinafter Owners, do not warrant or guarantee in any respect the competency or mental or physical condition of any third party affiliated with the Field Course, including third-party teachers, leaders, instructors, volunteers, vehicle drivers, or individual participants in the Field Course; that Releasees and Owners make no warranty as to the condition, safety, or suitability of any equipment, vehicle, property, or premises for any purpose; and that I am solely responsible, through insurance or otherwise, for any hospital or other costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through my participation in the Field Course. I hereby assume any and all such risk. For the sole consideration of Releasees and Owners arranging for and allowing my participation in the Field Course, and in connection therewith, making available for my use certain equipment, facilities, grounds, or personnel of Releasees and Owners, I hereby waive liability, release, hold harmless, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge Releasees and Owners from any and all liability, claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, whether caused by the negligence or carelessness of the Releasees and/or Owners, or otherwise, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in the Field Course. I understand and agree that Releasees and Owners do not have medical personnel available at the locations of the Field Course; that Releasees are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment for me; that such action by Releasees shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement; and that Releasees assume no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment. I understand that acceptance of this signed *Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, & Covenant Not To Sue Agreement* by Releasees shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign immunity by Releasees; that it shall be effective during the entire period of my participation in the Field Course; that it binds me and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns; that it shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Illinois; and that if any of its terms or provisions are held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

I have read, understand, and have freely and voluntarily signed this *Release, Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, & Covenant Not To Sue Agreement*. I warrant that I am over the age of 18 years.

This the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature

Date

Signature of witness (Must be 18 years or older)