UConn Field School in Battlefield Archaeology

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The University of Connecticut and Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center will offer a field school in battlefield archeology at the site of the Pequot fortified village at Mystic. The village was attacked and burned by a force of 300 English and Native allies on May 26, 1637, resulting in the massacre of over 400 Pequot Men, women and children. The “Battle of Mystic Fort” is funded by a grant from the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program, and is part of a long-term effort to document the Battlefields of the Pequot War (1636-1638). Visit www.pequotwar.org for additional information about the project.

The 2010 UCONN field school will be based at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center with fieldwork taking place in nearby Mystic, Connecticut. The 6-week, 6-credit field school will include training in standard archaeological field survey and excavation, artifact conservation, cataloguing and analysis, and research and field methods specific to battlefield archaeology such as analysis of primary sources, use of military terrain models, metal detecting survey, and GPS/GIS applications. The field school provides a unique opportunity for students to work on a nationally significant collaborative research project alongside tribal members, archaeologists and military historians. In addition to the fieldwork, students will participate in training workshops in laboratory and research methods, attend guest lectures, complete assigned readings and maintain a daily field journal.

Course Number: ANTH 3090.10    Class # 1678

Fees and Registration: The cost of the 6-week, 6-credit field school is $1,895. Summer Session courses are paid on a per-credit basis @$300/credit hour, and include an enrollment fee of $45 (non-degree students pay a $65 enrollment fee). Registration is through the Office of the Registrar: www.summersession.uconn.edu. Non-degree students register through the Center for Continuing Studies: www.continuingstudies.uconn.edu. A lab fee of $50 is also required as a check made out to UCONN. Housing is available: visit http://www.reslife.uconn.edu/ for additional information.

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