Archaeology Annual Report Summary 2009-2010
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The outstanding success of the minor program in Archaeology at the College of Charleston is a foreshadowing of the impact an Archaeology Major will have on the lives of our students and our interactions with the community. The process of developing an Archaeology Major has begun with the initial planning document approved by the CHE and the steps in the process will occur in 2010-2011. We currently have 46 Archaeology Minor students who have majors in four schools and take Archaeology classes from all four schools and eight different departments. Throughout the school year and in the summer the students explore hands-on archaeology though numerous internships, independent studies and field schools, including at least 25% of our students who studied abroad this summer. The interdisciplinary structure of the program with a strong emphasis on hands-on work increases the success of our students who are doing well in the job market as field Archaeologists and in their pursuit of many different paths in graduate school including Historic Preservation, Roman Archaeology and Forensic Archaeology. Much of their success is due to a faculty who are dedicated to the field of archaeology and the success of our students. In the last year our faculty have published or submitted at least 11 papers, worked with more than 7 international schools and academic societies including some of the foremost schools in archaeology. The faculty also worked closely with local groups including the Charleston Museum, Charles Towne Landing, Drayton Hall, Fort Dorchester, Low Country Open Land Trust and the National Park Service. Archaeology faculty conducted archaeological expeditions with undergraduate students at Dixie plantation and around the lowcountry as well as involving students in hands-on research on their international projects, including one that resulted in an undergraduate student presentation at a national/international conference.

**Classes**
The interdisciplinary nature of the Archaeology minor is a fundamental part of its success and the success of its students. Eleven classes including one First Year Experience (a linked Classics 104 Intro to Classical Archaeology and ANTH 202 Archaeology) were offered in the Fall of 2009 as part of the Archaeology minor curriculum. In the Spring of 2010 twelve classes that counted towards the Archaeology minor curriculum were offered, including one new class (Classics 290 The Archaeology of Athens) and in May of 2010 a field Archaeology course at Dixie plantation was also offered with 18 students.
attending. The majority of the courses were full with many of them, including Archaeology, offering multiple sections.

Undergraduate Independent Studies, Internships and Research
Students and faculty participated in more than 27 hands-on Archaeological experiences from the Hunley to the Charleston Museum, worked on at least 2 Bachelor’s essays, and also participated in short digs at Dixie Plantation and Drayton Hall. Some of the work resulted in presentations at local and regional meetings. (see appendix for descriptions)

Student Success
At least 3 Archaeology minors will be continuing in graduate school in Archaeology related fields at some of the top schools around the world (unfortunately we are not always aware of who goes where, especially if they go on after they graduate). John Wall has been accepted at the University of Leicester to study Roman Archaeology, Kalen McNabb was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania to study Historic Preservation, and Perry Kilcourse was accepted to the University of Edinburg to study Forensic Anthropology (Archaeology). The current acceptance rate to graduate school for Archaeology minors majoring in Classics is %100, unfortunately in the other majors it has not been tracked. Students were also successful in obtaining awards

Field Experiences
In 2010 18 students attended the field school in Archaeology at Dixie Plantation, an intensive 4 week course that not only provided the students with an excellent hands-on archaeological experience, but also provided new information on one of the College of Charleston’s most unique assets. At least 20-25% of our minors also studied abroad this summer, going to field schools in Belize, Peru, France, England, Austria and more. We also had several students study at field locations in the United States from the Topper Site in South Carolina to the Coopers Ferry site in Idaho. Many of the students doing field work this summer were attending their second or third field experience which speaks to their interest, dedication, and likelihood of success in Archaeology. Of the students attending field school this summer 4 were awarded scholarships through the Anthropology program, 5 were awarded scholarships through the Archaeology program, 1 was awarded a study abroad scholarship supplemented by LCWA and 2 were awarded prestigious Honors College Scholarships.

Archaeology Club
The Archaeology club worked hard on scholastic endeavors bringing in two world class speakers in Archaeology with the assistance of the Archaeology Program and other departments on campus. Dr. Floyd McCoy, their first speaker from the University of Hawaii, is an internationally known Archaeologist/Geologist who works on the eruption of Thera and the end of the Minoan civilization. He has been featured on the BBC, Discovery Channel and awarded prestigious faculty appointments around the world. The second speaker Dr. Thomas Strasser was part of a team that was the first to show that early man, perhaps even Homo heidelbergensis, was seafaring to an island that 10’s of miles offshore. His work is so groundbreaking it was featured in many popular magazines and newspapers. The presence of two such amazing and well-known scholars
on the College of Charleston Campus is a testament to the interest and energy of our Archaeology students and to the respect the Archaeology program has generated even in such a short time.

**Faculty Activities**
Faculty in the Archaeology program had at least 11 formal publications in the field of Archaeology either accepted, pending, or in press, and at least 7 presentations including one undergraduate co-author. Faculty were also awarded more than $11,000 in grant monies, much of it in collaboration with undergraduate co-authors.

Several faculty have worked also worked on or supervised field excavations in the past year. Dr. Newhard, Classics, is an Assistant Director of the Avkat Archaeological Project”, which is a partnering of some of the best Archaeological schools in the United States and Great Britain; Trent University, Princeton University, Bryn Mawr, Brown University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Melbourne, University of Cincinnati, University of Sheffield, University of Birmingham. Dr. Jim Ward, Historic Preservation, has engaged in numerous smaller field researches in the Southeast including a GIS documentation and landscape narrative for nomination of Penderlea Homestead in NC as a Rural Historic District including presence of Amer Indian artifacts on site as well as general research into changing landscape character of Charleston area including GIS mapping of contours and anticipated effects of SLR. Dr. Maureen Hays, Anthropology, has been conducting field research at the College of Charleston owned Dixie Plantation with Dr. Scott Harris, Geology, and with several undergraduate students and associated and has a publication on their results in progress. Dr. Hays also ran the field school at Dixie Plantation this spring where 18 students were introduced to the rigors and delight of field work on this exciting historical asset of the College.

**Faculty Associations/International Associations**
The College of Charleston Archaeology faculty work closely with a number of institutions and local groups, many of the associations and working relationships are through overseas universities and institutions as Archaeology is one of the most internationally focused groups on campus. Institutional cooperation includes; Princeton University; Trent University, UK; University of Birmingham, UK; Ankara University, Turkey; Middle East Technical University, Turkey; University of Sheffield, UK; University of Tennessee; the Castanet Project, Dordogne, France; and Université Blaise Pascal, France. Faculty also worked with local groups including Charles Towne Landing, the Charleston Museum, Drayton Hall, the Low Country Land Trust and more.