

LOCAL INTEREST: The PAST Foundation is attending the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in Amelia Island, Florida. Networking with other archaeologists, attendees will submit and present research papers in a four-day symposium.

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SOCEITY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Amelia Island, Florida – Archaeologists from around the world will participate in the annual Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) conference. The conference will be held on January 6 – January 9, 2010, located on the Amelia Island Plantation, thirty miles from Jacksonville, Florida. Focusing on the theme *Coastal Connections: Integrating Terrestrial and Underwater Archaeology*, members will participate in presentations and workshops on cutting-edge research, techniques, methods, and theory.

Contributing to the theme, the PAST Foundation will co-chair the *Women in Archaeology* forum, creating a platform for women in archaeology to share stories and network. In preparation for the conference, PAST created a blog for archaeologists, modeled on the Library of Congress' *Story Court* as a place for women to tell their story (<http://womeninarchaeology.blogspot.com>). This year, PAST is a proud supporter of the Pedro Menendez de Aviles sponsorship. On display in the conference show room, PAST will feature new publications and upcoming field school opportunities as well as the 2009 podcasts created by Russell Hawkins, the PAST/Montana State University STEM documentary film intern. On Thursday evening, PAST will join Springer Publications for the launch of *Historical Archaeology in Yellowstone National Park* co-authored by the foundation's executive director, Annalies Corbin.

The PAST Foundation is a non-profit educational and research team that builds partnerships around compelling scientific and educational projects, making them accessible to students and the public through transdisciplinary program-based learning, experiential field schools, documentary film, and interactive websites. For further information on PAST, visit their website (<http://www.pastfoundation.org>). The public is also encouraged to become fans of their Facebook page and follow them on Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/pastfoundation>). Summer programs are designed to engage high school and collegiate students to explore authentic learning experiences that benefit the community. Current programs include Growing America, Natural and Cultural Landscapes, Forensics in the Classroom, Forensic Anthropology, Underwater Archaeology, Entomology, and Advance Materials.

The Society of Historical Archaeology promotes research and dissemination on historical archaeology. SHA provides identification, excavation, interpretation, and conservation of sites and materials on land and underwater.