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## **USA Archaeology Museum Newsletter - November 2022**

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**Happening Tonight @ 5:30 p.m.  
Free and open to the public!**

**Alabama Archaeology Society  
Southwest Chapter Meeting  
Tuesday, November 1st**

# Alabama Archaeological Society

## Southwest Chapter Meeting

"From Ohio to Alabama:  
The Journey of a Working Archaeologist"



Sean Coughlin  
USA Center for  
Archaeological Studies

Tuesday, Nov. 1  
5:30 pm

Where: USA Archaeology Museum  
6050 USA South Drive  
(251) 460-6106



At the age of 15 Sean Coughlin spent two weeks on a field school with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Since then, he has been active in archaeology, in some capacity, for close to 40 years. He continued to work with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History during high school and while getting a BA in Anthropology from Kent State University. He went immediately into graduate school at the University of Tennessee, where he specialized in Zooarchaeology, and rounded out his knowledge of Historical Archaeology. He received his MA at the University of Tennessee and then went on to work in the Cultural Resources Management industry. Because of past experiences he was often put on projects that were more unusual than others. He has worked all over the southeast and Midwestern US, as far west as Texas and Oklahoma and as far north as Wisconsin. His presentation will highlight his beginnings in archaeology and some of the more unique projects in which he has participated.

### Did you miss October's meeting?

The first presentation in this year's AAS Speaker Series in October was from Dr. Philip Carr. You can watch his presentation on the [University of South Alabama Archaeology Museum YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=618dda9a39fe089bd7f5d0da7&id=e928986837)

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### ***The I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeological Project: Realizing the Value of Archaeology through Collaborations.***

"Frequent traffic jams on the Interstate-10 Bayway over Mobile Bay has resulted in preparations for the construction of a massive new highway bridge spanning the Mobile River. After several stops and starts, intensive fieldwork is now well underway with investigations at 9 of the 15 archaeological sites in the bridge path, along with associated lab work, oral history interviews, archival research, and public outreach. The varied dates of site occupations, from thousands of years ago and into the 1960s when properties were acquired through eminent domain for highway construction, has generated our seeking value in this work beyond simply adding to our understanding of the past. Moving beyond recovering artifacts and National Register eligibility has led to key collaborations and considerations of the future of archaeology."

Philip J. Carr is an archaeologist specializing in the deep past of the Southeast United States. Dr. Carr received his B.A. degree from the University of Louisville in 1988 and M.A. (1991) and Ph.D. (1995) from the University of Tennessee in Anthropology. He enjoys teaching, especially AN 101 Introduction to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology, NAS 101 Introduction to Native American Studies, and working with students in the field and lab. His research interests include technological organization, stone tools, and archaeological theory. He serves as Director of the USA Center for Archaeological Studies and as the Chief Calvin McGhee Professor of Native American Studies.

### [The I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeological Project](#)

#### **in the Press:**

[Archaeologists Digging Up Artifacts Under I-10 Before New Bridge Breaks Ground](#)

## **Admission is Free!**

### **Contact Us:**

Museum Hours: Tuesdays - Fridays, 10 am - 4 pm.

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