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

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## October is Alabama Archaeology Month

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 20th

Alabama Department of Archives & History  
Food for Thought Lecture Series

### Discovering Mabila



# Alabama Department of Archives & History

## Food for Thought Lecture Series

### Discovering Mabila: Watch Party

The USA Archaeology is hosting a watch party on Thursday, October 20th at 12 pm of the Facebook livestream from ADAH on the big screen! Watch USA alum, Dr. Ashley Dumas, present her current research with us! Or watch from wherever you are at <https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaArchives>.

On October 18, 1540, at a native town called Mabila, indigenous chief Tascalusa and his warriors fiercely resisted a Spanish army led by Hernando de Soto. The outcome of the battle irrevocably altered the course of European colonization of North America. The exact location of this battle remains one of Alabama's most intriguing mysteries, but archaeologists can now claim with confidence that they are close to discovering the site. In this presentation, Dr. Ashley Dumas will recount the recent work by a multi-institutional team to locate Mabila and to better understand indigenous peoples' responses to the arrival of Europeans.

Dr. Dumas is an associate professor of anthropology at the University of West Alabama, where she also serves as the manager of the Fort Tombecbe archaeological site. She currently manages the Search for Mabila Project. Her primary research focuses on culture change in the late prehistory and colonial period in the Southeast. In 2021 the University of Alabama Press published her co-edited volume "Salt in Eastern North America and the Caribbean: History and Archaeology."

## Saturday, October 22nd

### Archaeology of Down the Bay:

#### The Old Water Street Site

USA Anthropology, Chelsea Cook

A Mobile Creole Cultural & Historical Preservation Society Lecture Series

10am-12 pm, Ben May Library, 701 Government Street

Mobile Creole Cultural and Historical  
Preservation Society

OCTOBER EVENTS

C R E O L E  
Heritage Month

**"DOWN THE BAY"**

- Oct. 8 at 10:00 a.m. — Bernheim Hall, Ben May Library  
Rachel Hines will present "Down the Bay" history and artifacts.
- Oct. 12 at 6:00 p.m. — Online  
LaFargue/Rabby Family Micro-Reunion
- Oct. 15 at 3:00 p.m. — Bernheim Hall, Ben May Library  
Premiere showing of "Creole Fire No. 1: A Living Legacy"
- Oct. 19 at 6:00 p.m. — Online  
Durette Family Micro-Reunion
- Oct. 22 at 10:00 a.m. — Bernheim Hall, Ben May Library  
Robert Runderson will present tips on beginning your genealogical  
research on a budget.
- Oct. 26 at 6:00 p.m. — Online  
LaLande Family Micro-Reunion
- Oct. 29 at 10:00 a.m. — Bernheim Hall, Ben May Library  
Chelsea Cook will take an in-depth look at the archeology from a  
tenement building on Royal Street.

**Saturday, October 22nd**

**A Very Batty  
Halloween at the  
Museum!**

Bat Facts, Dr. Jason Strickland, USA Biology at 11:30 am  
See the museum's new Bat Box installation!

Trick or Treats in the Native Plants Garden

## Pumpkin' Painting!

Sponsored by The Center for Archaeological Studies  
Popup Lab Tour featuring the I-10 Mobile River Bridge Project

Costumes Encouraged!



**Saturday, October 22nd, 2022**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**HALLOWEEN**  
**AT THE**  
**ARCHAEOLOGY**  
**MUSEUM**

**FREE Admission!**  
**Trick or Treat!**  
**FUN Activities!**  
**Costumes Encouraged!**

Bat Facts at 11:30 am  
Dr. Jason Strickland, USA Biology

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**Thursday, October 27th**

**"Deforestation, Fire, & the Fate of Amazonia"**



# DR. GABRIEL DE OLIVEIRA

*"Deforestation, Fire and the Fate of Amazonia"*

**THURSDAY, OCT. 27**  
**5:00 PM (CT)**  
**LIFE SCIENCES LECTURE HALL**  
*Adjacent to the Earth and Life Sciences Building*

Cookies and refreshments will be served.

**Dr. de Oliveira, assistant professor of geography at the University of South Alabama, has more than 12 years of field experience in the Amazon Rainforest and has traveled to most parts of the Brazilian, Bolivian and Peruvian Amazon.**

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## Saturday, October 29th

### Down the Bay Photo Sharing Day

10am-2 pm, James Seals Jr. Community Center, 540 Texas Street

# Down the Bay

## Photo Sharing Day

James Seals Jr. Recreation Center  
October 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



The Harlem Theater and Pope's Luncheonette  
Mobile Housing Board Collection, The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and  
Manuscript Library, University of South Alabama

- The McCall Library will share photos of Down the Bay from the Archives.
- Help identify photos and learn how you can contribute your memories to the archives.
- Light refreshments will be served.

### For more information:

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**Admission is Free!**

## Contact Us:

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