UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
2015 SUMMER FIELD SCHOOL IN
HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The UNO Department of Anthropology is pleased to offer a field school in historical archaeology during the Summer 2015 session. Archaeologist Dr. Ryan Gray will lead excavations at two urban historic sites in New Orleans. One of these, the Temple of the Innocent Blood, is a Spiritual church located in the modern Lower Ninth Ward, while the other is a small urban lot in the heart of the modern French Quarter. The field practicum will introduce students to basic archaeological field methods, including excavation, screening, mapping, characterization of soils, and preliminary artifact analysis. If you are an Anthropology major, a field school will provide you with the necessary experience to get a job doing contract archaeology in the field of cultural resource management (CRM) after graduation. However, the field school is open to majors, non-majors, and non-degree-seeking students alike, so if you’re just interested in archaeology, in history, or in New Orleans, the dig will provide a unique experience for the summer and a new perspective on the past.

The field school is listed in the catalog as a two course sequence to be taken for 6 credits: ANTH 3201 (during Summer Session A) and ANTH 4991/5991 (during Summer Session B). Students are encouraged to enroll in both courses but may also take only one of the above. The class will meet in the field on Monday-Friday, typically from 8 am to 3 or 3:30 pm. On rain days, class will meet on the UNO campus to learn basic laboratory techniques. Performance in the class is based upon participation in the field; students should be prepared for heat, humidity, dirt, and physically demanding— but rewarding— work.

Students who would like more information should contact Dr. Gray (drgray1@uno.edu) for more details.