Special Thanks

Hosts and Alumni Presenters:
Associate Professor Emeritus Carl Swanson, Ph.D.
Lynn Harris, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Wade Dudley, Ph.D., Teaching Professor
Jennifer Mckinnon, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Jim Spirek, M.A., State Underwater Archaeologist, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina
Phillip Reid, Ph.D.
Wendy Coble, M.A., Agency Disinterment Manager, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
Chelsea Freeland M.A., Nautical Archaeologist, R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
Kurt Knoerl, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, History, Armstrong State University & Director, The Museum of Underwater Archaeology
Anne Merriman, Ph.D., Co-founder, Maritime Heritage Minnesota
Christopher Olson, M.A., Co-founder, Maritime Heritage Minnesota
William Thiesen, Ph.D., Atlantic Area Historian, U.S. Coast Guard

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Chris Oakley, Ph.D., History Chair

More Anniversary Events:
Anniversary Celebration, 27 Oct, 5-7pm, Club Level, ECU Football Stadium
Maritime Studies Association Brunch, 28 Oct 10-1130am, 1601 E 5th Street
Dr. Rodgers Spooky Halloween, 28 Oct, 7-11pm, 2307 Sir Morris Court

East Carolina University
Department of History
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35th Anniversary

Alumni Conference
October 27th 2017
10am-3pm
Mendenhall Great Rooms 2 & 3

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Schedule

1000 Welcome by Associate Professor Emeritus Carl Swanson, Ph.D.

Morning introductions by Wade Dudley, Ph.D.

1015-1035 Chelsea Rachelle Freeland, M.A., (2012-2014) “Keeping Your Feet Dry: Research, Database, and Collections Management for Maritime Archaeology” Chelsea graduated in 2014 and has served as an archaeologist on government contracts for the last three years. She worked on everything from Stone Age terrestrial sites to material culture analysis for Vietnam War shipwrecks. Her most recent fieldwork was on a government-funded project to excavate an Iron Age II site in Dubai.

1035-1055 Phillip Reid, Ph.D., (1996-1998) “Walking the Walk: Reflections on doing Maritime History by a True Believer” I have been sailing and diving for 28 years, with formal training in both, as well as navigation and sea kayaking. I received my M.A. from ECU in 1998, then worked in the museum/historic site world, taught history as an adjunct, restored a sailboat and wrote magazine articles about it, and received my Ph.D. in maritime history from the Memorial University of Newfoundland this spring. My scholarly work has appeared in The Northern Mariner and is imminently forthcoming in The International Journal of Maritime History, The Mariners’ Mirror, and The Journal of Transport History.

1055-1115 T. Kurt Knoerl, Ph.D., (1987-1994) “A Maritime Career Spent Out In the Open: It’s All Bill Still’s Fault” Dr. Knoerl’s research interest focuses on British and Native American Great Lakes maritime cultural landscapes in the 18th century. He is founder and Director of the online Museum of Underwater Archaeology and an Assistant Professor of History at Armstrong State University in Savannah, Georgia where he teaches digital, maritime, and public history.

1115-1135 Salvatore Mercogliano, Ph.D., (1996-1997) “The Fourth Arm of Defense: A Project Twenty Years in the Making” A graduate of SUNY Maritime College, with a B.S. in Marine Transportation, he sailed for three years with the U.S. Navy’s Military Sealift Command, advancing his merchant marine license to 2nd Mate (Unlimited Tonnage), and then worked ashore for them for four years before entering the program at ECU. Went on to earn a Ph.D. in Military and Naval History from the University of Alabama. He has taught at Methodist College and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. His studies focus on the role of the merchant marine in national defense.

1135-1230 Lunch

Afternoon introductions by Lynn Harris, Ph.D.

1235-1255 Jim Spirek, M.A., (1989-1993) “Fury and Grandeur: A Career Shaped by Civil War and Naval actions” Jim is the State Underwater Archaeologist of South Carolina and has been employed at SCIAA since 1996. He is responsible for the study and management of the maritime archaeological legacy in the rivers and coastal waters in the state. Prior to working at SCIAA, Jim worked for the state of Florida inventorying shipwrecks in Pensacola Bay, Florida from 1992 to 1995.

1255-1315 William Thiesen, Ph.D., (1990-1993) “A Career and the U.S. Coast Guard” Bill Thiesen serves as Atlantic Area Historian for the U.S. Coast Guard. He received his doctorate from the University of Delaware’s Hagley Program in the History of Industrialization and Technology, with a specialization in maritime industries and technology. His publications include the books “Industrializing American Shipbuilding: The Transformation of Ship Design and Construction, 1820-1920” and “Cruise of the Dashing Wave: Rounding Cape Horn in 1860.”

1315-1335 Wendy Coble, M.A., (1993-1998) “Be Flexible!” Wendy is the Agency Disinterment Manager for the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. She has had the privilege to work within the government and commercial arenas for more than 20 years. She has worked as an independent contractor in a small woman-owned business winning many government contracts; worked for the U.S. Navy through the National Park Service; and works for the Department of Defense. Though her roles have varied, her education in history and underwater archaeology have provided the basis for maintaining a successful career in an ever-expanding job market.

1335-1355 Anne Merriman, Ph.D. & Christopher Olson, M.A., (1993-1996 & 1992-1997) “Maritime Heritage Minnesota: Who We Are And What We Do” Merriman and Olson founded Maritime Heritage Minnesota in 2005 to preserve, conserve, document, and, when necessary, excavate Minnesota’s finite nautical and maritime cultural resources within a not-for-profit paradigm where the health and safety of the artifact is paramount. Now in our 13th year, MHM conducts side and down imaging sonar surveys, wreck and maritime site assessments, identifications, and documentations, small craft documentation and 3D scanning, dugout canoe documentation and radiocarbon dating, and maritime manuscript digitization and transcription. With a small group of dedicated volunteers and Board of Trustees, MHM has re-established the discipline of Underwater Archaeology in Minnesota.

1355-1430 Jennifer McKinnon, Ph.D. Final Questions and Closing