Learn research skills right here in Albany and earn six credits!!!!

Instructor: Dr. Marilyn Masson, Anthropology; along with collaborators Matthew Kirk (PHD candidate, UAlbany) and Dr. Michael Lucas (NY State Museum)

Where: right in Albany!* Drive or take the city bus to class.

When: June 26-Aug 4, M-F, (Summer Session II, 6W)

Credits: six (AANT338)

Costs: tuition and hand tool kit (trowel, line level, clipboard, etc.)

What: we will investigate the lifeways of abolitionist era (pre-Civil War) African Americans at several historical (1800-1850) sites of major importance in Albany tied to community leaders, key figures in the Underground Railroad. Help us engage in community outreach with visitors and volunteers to the sites. Course lectures will expand your understanding of this part of Albany’s history.

Learn: to lay out units, excavate, screen, map, record, and photograph archaeological features in the field. Also learn to wash, label, identify, and inventory artifacts in the lab. These are useful and expected skills for entry-level work in the archaeology profession.

Requirements: you should be able to spend days outdoors in the summer, working onsite, and have a positive attitude!

Sign up! Contact Marilyn Masson (mmasson@albany.edu). Space is limited.

Fun fact: Did you know that Albany is one of the oldest, continuously occupied cities in the U.S., established by fur traders in 1614? That’s before Plymouth Rock!

*It is possible that limited work may also take place at out-of-town sites; we provide the transportation.