

Historical Archaeology Field School

June 10 to 28

With optional add-on June 30 to July 5

Located at

151 W. Main St., Trappe, PA 19426

**Led by Dr. Lydia Garver,
Consulting Archaeologist**

About the Program

Join us for the sixth annual Archaeology Field School at The Speaker's House, home of Frederick Muhlenberg. Built in 1763 by German immigrant John Schrack, the house was owned by the Muhlenberg family from 1781 to 1803. Other notable owners include Charles Albrecht, an early pianomaker; Dr. Lewis Royer; and Ursinus College, who used the house as a dormitory from 1924 to 1944. This complex history, along with the site's remarkable preservation, makes it an exciting place to conduct archaeological research. This year's field school will focus on the area surrounding the original kitchen wing, built in the 1760s, including the foundation of the bake oven. Students will also conduct shovel tests in an area where an authentic Pennsylvania German kitchen garden is planned.

The field school is an intensive three-week program that runs June 10–28 on a Tuesday through Saturday schedule from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Participants will receive training in excavation techniques, record keeping, artifact identification, processing, cataloging, and classification. Optional field trips and guest lectures will also be offered. No previous experience is necessary. The field school is open to anyone age 15 or over. A non-credit, optional add-on week is also being offered this year from June 30 to July 5 (with a break on July 4). This fourth week will focus on artifact processing, including cleaning, washing, sorting, labeling, cataloging, and storage preparation. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about historic preservation and assist with various hands-on restoration projects at The Speaker's House.



Credit and Fees

Three college credits are available to students who enroll in the field school through Montgomery County Community College (MCCC). For more information, tuition rates, and fees, visit www.SpeakersHouse.org/archaeology.

Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. Preference will be given to students taking the course for credit through MCCC, but additional spots may be available for those who do not enroll. If you would like to participate but do not want to take the course for credit through MCCC, please complete our online application form and we will notify you if space is available.

The participation fee for those not enrolled through MCCC is \$300, which covers all necessary tools, equipment, and supplies. There is no charge to participate only in the optional add-on week. All participants will receive a complimentary 2014 student membership in The Speaker's House.

Housing

Housing will be available at Ursinus College for out-of-town participants. If you are interested in housing, please notify us at info@speakershouse.org. The anticipated cost for a shared room is approximately \$110/week per person. Single rooms may be available for an additional rate but are not guaranteed.

For more information, visit www.SpeakersHouse.org/archaeology or email info@speakershouse.org