

Use of funds: I used the funds entirely towards the tuition of the field school, which totaled \$4104.

Report: The Amache Field School exposed me to both the foundations and newest innovations of archaeology and historical archaeology, including archaeological survey and excavation, ground-penetrating radar (GPR), archaeobotany, soil chemistry analysis, and archival research. But more importantly, I learned what research-based, public archaeology can mean to the communities that it serves. Amache, Colorado is the smallest of the 10 Japanese internment camps that operated during World War II on the order of President Franklin Roosevelt, who was motivated by public fears of Japanese espionage on the west coast after Pearl Harbor. Today, Amache's concrete barrack foundations are the vestiges of a shameful act in modern American history but I was amazed to find that it is a history many Americans are eager to understand. This field season, we surveyed and dug side-by-side with former Japanese-American internees and their loved ones. We spoke with site visitors who remembered their Japanese neighbors and friends being forced to leave their homes, businesses, and communities. In the process, we learned what Amache meant to people. For former internees and their descendants, it was a part of their past that their parents and grandparents had never discussed and that they wished to reclaim. For those who had no family connection to the site, it was an injustice that they believed should never occur again. The physical landscape and material culture of the camp offered former internees and other visitors a chance to remember, to articulate, and to heal. Amache is an unforgettable place for me now, and the Amache field school program is an unforgettable chapter in my career as an aspiring public historian and archaeologist.

Attached images:

- 1 - Surveying with my teammate, DU student Kevin Davis
- 2 - using handheld GPS to record the coordinates of an artifact. My partner in crime is Duncan, the husband of Anita Miyamoto, who was interned at Amache as a young child.
- 3 - the landscape of Amache
- 4 - Group shot with my excavation team!
- 5 - a very unforgettable day. A rattlesnake crawled into our excavation units, halting work for half an hour.