

LEARN Archaeology: Excavation Expedition



2018 Season (April – October)

Held at James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, Virginia

INTRODUCTION:

The LEARN Archaeology Program at Montpelier has a long history. Beginning with volunteer programs over 20 years ago, members of the public have come to James Madison's Montpelier to gain experience excavating at archaeological sites on the historic property.

Today the LEARN Archaeology Program includes four different expedition opportunities with an emphasis on building a network among our expedition participants.

Locate – Metal Detecting Expeditions

Excavate – Archaeology Excavation Expeditions

Analysis – Lab Analysis Expeditions

Reconstruct – Log Cabin Reconstruction Workshops

Network – Network of Participants & Staff to build a strong community

The Montpelier Archaeology Department runs 12-15 programs per year, pairing members of the public with professional archaeologists and preservationists to help locate, excavate, analyze, and reconstruct archaeological sites. The LEARN Archaeology designed for the teacher training is conducted in partnership with Archaeology in the Community.

This packet serves as your introduction to the Montpelier Foundation and the Expedition Program. It lays out the programmatic goals, introduces you to our staff, and discusses the Department's current research projects. It also included links to important background readings, resources about your accommodations, and other details about the property, surrounding area, required equipment, and travel directions.

Please read this packet in its entirety. There are links to additional readings in this text that we encourage you to read to familiarize yourself with the property and the excavations.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

Each program comes with a specific set of objectives and goals. Each program is designed to meet four objectives:

1. To learn how the archaeological record informs us about the past.
2. To learn basic archaeological skills and methodological concepts.
3. To develop a network of archaeological heritage and preservation advocates.
4. To develop a network of supporters for the Montpelier Foundation.

To meet these objectives, and to ensure you have a valuable and enjoyable experience at Montpelier, you will learn the following during your Excavation program:

1. **Artifact Identification.** Volunteers will learn the basic artifact types found on 18th and 19th century historic sites.

2. **Soils and Stratigraphy.** Volunteers will learn about soil formation processes and the fundamental concept of stratigraphy and its application to understanding site chronology and formation.
3. **Interpreting Site Stratigraphy.** Volunteers will learn how the excavation of stratum on the unit level can be integrated to interpret how a site formed and was used.
4. **Madison Grounds and Plantation.** Volunteers will learn about the history of Montpelier, with tours of the several archaeological sites as well as a tour of the James Madison home and the Mere Distinction of Colour exhibit. An important element of these tours will show how archaeology was an integral part of discovering the history of Montpelier.

THE MONTPELIER ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM

The Montpelier Archaeology Expeditions are an active part of Montpelier research on the landscape and grounds of James Madison's 18th and 19th century plantation. Excavations have informed our understanding of the lives of James and Dolley Madison, informed the mansion and grounds restoration, aided the furnishing of the mansion's interior, and provided an insight into the lives of the enslaved African Americans on the property. Additionally, our program has worked to identify and protect sites on the property related to the Civil War, post-Emancipation,

and early 20th century, all with the participation of Expedition Program volunteers.

Over the past eight years, our excavations have focused on the African American experience on the property. Since 2010, we have been excavating several slave quarters across the property and in 2013 returned to the mansion to begin investigations into the formal landscape surrounding the Madison's home, where the 2018 expeditions will continue to explore.

During the study of the living quarters for the enslaved community at Montpelier we excavated two house areas from each of three different locales of the slave community located within the historic core of the Madison plantation (Figure 1). To date, we have completed the excavation of two house sites in the South Yard and one from the Stable Quarter. By conducting a complete excavation of the homes of six enslaved households, we can compare differences found among the enslaved community at Montpelier. These differences not only



Figure 1: Satellite image of the mansion and the Farm Complex. 1 = Montpelier mansion, 2 = South Yard, 3 = Stable Quarter, 4 = 19th-century Stable, 5 = Slave Quarter, 6 = Tobacco Barn/Stable, 7 = Tobacco Barn Quarter, 8 = Overseer's House (and originally Mount Pleasant), and 9 = Field Slave Quarter.

highlight enslaved individuals' positions within the labor structure of the Madison plantation, but also represent the complexity of the community at Montpelier.

In 2012-2015 we excavated several slave quarters associated both with the house slaves and the field hands on the Madison plantation. In April of 2012, we identified a tobacco barn that was also used as a quarter. Since then, in 2016, the South Yard has been reconstructed representing the slave quarters and facilities located near the Madison home. To date, two duplex quarters and two smokehouses have been reconstructed to period accuracy based on both archaeological and documental research.

As detailed on the following page, the next step in our quest to understand the Madison Farm landscape is to return to the mansion grounds and investigate the 19th century landscape and in the process discover the lost 18th century landscape.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY SITE

The 2018 excavations we will be going back to two areas for further research —the fenceline to the south of the South Yard and an area known as the South Grove. The project is the final archaeological component of the **David Rubenstein Initiative**, which is focusing on the complete excavation, interpretation, and reconstruction of the south yard slave structures, including three dwellings, two smokehouses, and the south kitchen. These excavations will be critical in understanding the full scope of the South Yard domestic work and living area.



Figure 2. Overhead photo showing South Yard at the end of the the 2014 season showing the South Grove area with details for this season’s excavations We will be exploring the fenceline (B) along the southern edge of the South Yard and then digging into the deposits in the South Grove (location of a trash deposit (D), well (C), and potential dairy (A). In addition, we will be looking for tree holes among the field of rubble left from the destruction of the South Yard in 1848 (A).

WHAT TO BRING

Required:

- **Hat with wide brim for sun protection.** A full rim is preferable, but baseball caps will work to protect the eyes and face.
- **Sun screen.** In the open field at the site, sun screen is a necessity. High SPF sports varieties are suggested. We do provide tents for shade, but you will still have sun exposure.
- **Sneakers or work boots with flat soles and closed toes.** Good work shoes are a requirement for being at the site and the lab, and for your own safety it is important to not arrive at the site in improper foot wear (e.g. flip flops, sandals, or open top shoes).
- **Water bottles.** Each volunteer should have a refillable water bottle of at least 1 liter/32 fluid ounces filled on site at the beginning of each day. The staff brings a large cooler of water each day, but having a water bottle to refill is essential to keep yourself hydrated.
- **Gardening gloves.** During screening of soil, garden gloves come in handy—you will be breaking up dirt clods and moving them through the screen.
- **Cooler for your lunch.** If you choose to bring your lunch, you have the option of keeping your cooler in the lab or under the tent at the site.
- **Both long and short sleeve shirts, pants, and shorts.** When we start work in the morning it can be chilly and then warm up significantly by the afternoon so having a few options is very important!
- **Rain coat or rain parka.** We will work in light rain.

Recommended (not required!):

- **Folding chair.** Great for the enjoying the great outdoors at Arlington House. If you are flying in, don't worry about this item, but if you are driving—throw it in the back seat!
- **Foam kneeling pads.** We have kneeling pads, but if you have a favorite kneeling pad, bring it as ours tend to be pretty worn!
- **Small pocket knife.** This can come in handy for tasks in the field.

Other Info:

- **Linens.** Bed sheets, blankets, a pillow, pillowcase, and one set of towels (one bath towel, one hand towel, and one washcloth) will be provided for each participant staying at the Arlington House. If you prefer to have additional towels to use you can bring them. There is also a washer and dryer in Arlington House and you are welcome to use it during your stay.

SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for the week. Things may change, but you should plan on being on the property from 8 am- 5 pm every day. We do take breaks throughout the day. If there is ever a point where you feel you need to take an additional break, please let your supervisor know. Everyone spends one day working in the lab but you can always spend additional time in the lab if you need breaks from the outdoor work. We want you to enjoy your experience here!

Sunday (Arrival Day)

4-5:00 pm	Arrival and settle into rooms at Arlington House
6:00 pm	Welcome Dinner

Monday

7:25-7:30 am	Arrival at the Archaeology Lab
7:30-11:00 am	Introductory Lectures
11:00- 12:00 pm	Tour of the grounds and site
12:00-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30-2:00 pm	Excavations
2:00-2:15 pm	Afternoon Break
2:15 -3:45 pm	More excavations
3:45-4:00 pm	Clean Up

Tuesday-Friday Average Daily Schedule

This is the schedule for the rest of the week, not including lectures or tours. Each participant will spend one day in the archaeology lab, but will follow the same daily schedule. The schedule may vary based on events of the week but this will give you a general overview.

7:55-8:00 am	Arrive at the Montpelier Grounds (overflow lot or lab parking lot)
8:00 am	Fieldwork/lab work begins
9:45-10:00 am	Morning break
12:00-12:30 pm	Lunch
2:00-2:15 pm	Afternoon Break
3:00-4:30 pm	Tours of various sites on property

LODGING

Arlington House:

During the expedition, you will be residing at Arlington House—a historic house on the Montpelier property that is located in a beautiful setting with fields, woods, some great old landscaping around the yard, and adjacent to the house is the oldest standing slave dwelling on the property.

The house is large. There are five dormitory/hostel style bedrooms and four shared bathrooms and showers. There is a full kitchen and laundry facilities available for you to use. The house is air-conditioned.

We do expect expedition members to clean up after themselves—dishes, spills, personal items, hair in bathtub drain, etc. While the interns work hard to keep the house clean, we do not expect them to do day to day cleaning. They do an excellent job preparing the house and ensuring that the quality of housing is good for everyone—please help us in the process!

The kitchen at Arlington House has a stove, a microwave, two fridges, and is stocked with essential cookware, plates, bowls, and utensils. In the basement, there is a high-efficiency washer and dryer set (free to use!). There is a large dining room and a large living room with a screened porch off to the side.

The house does have phone service (540-672-2769) but no long distance, so you will need to bring a phone card if you want to use the house phone for long distance calls. Cell-phone service exists, but can be spotty. **Also, there is Wi-Fi internet available at the house so feel free to bring laptops and other devices. There is a TV with no cable but it has a DVD player and a collection of movies.** The TV can be connected to a laptop as well.

The following rules are intended to keep the house clean and to ensure healthy and quality of living for all occupants. The upkeep and cleanliness of the house is considered part of the group experience for your time here at Montpelier and we have found the following rules to be beneficial to all involved (participants and staff).

- **No food or drink is allowed outside of the kitchen and dining areas.** Arlington House has a dining table and this will be used for all meals consumed in the house. For sanitation and cleanliness, food and drink is not allowed in individual rooms or living room. As any old house, there is tendency to attract mice when food and crumbs are left in the house.
- **Work shoes should not be worn in the house.** Upon entering the house, shoes can be removed at the door on the porch. Clean shoes, sandals, or slippers can be kept on shelving at this location for use in the house.
- **Only use the laundry detergent provided for the high efficiency washers and dryers.** The washing machine in the basement of Arlington House is designed for HE detergent so please use the detergent provided to avoid any issues.
- **No smoking allowed in the house.** Smokers can smoke outside and dispose of their cigarette butts. For courtesy and cleanliness, smokers should ensure that second-hand smoke does not enter into windows of the house or interfere with others.
- **Repairs to the house need to be reported to supervisors immediately.** In the event of accidental or other damage to the house, please let us know so we can fix it immediately.
- **Be green!** Turn out the lights and turn down the air conditioners when you leave the house.
- **Flush only toilet paper in commodes.** Arlington House is on a septic systems and as such only dispose of toilet paper.

FOOD

Aside from Sunday and Friday dinner, you will be responsible for providing your own breakfast, lunch and dinners. The closest grocery store is a Food Lion in Orange, VA. There are also several other grocery stores in Culpeper -- Food Lion, Martins, Weis, Walmart, Aldi, and Lidl. If there are specialty food items that you prefer, you may want to bring them with you since the selections at these stores can be limited. You can plan dinners individually or in groups. Some prefer to go into Orange or Culpeper for dinner. Although, these towns are small, there are fantastic dining out options.

The Montpelier Exchange Café has wonderful options for snacks and lunch. You can spend your lunch time (30 minutes) at the café which is located in the Montpelier Visitor Center, if you wish. The menu changes on a daily basis but there are wonderful salad, sandwich, and soup options. Also the café is always serving coffee and a variety of pastries.

TRANSPORTATION

It is not required for you to have a car to participate in the program although we do encourage you to bring one if you can! Arlington House is located a little over a mile from the Excavation Site and the Archaeology Lab. Also the town of Orange, which has the closest grocery stores is about 8 miles away. If it is not possible for you to bring a car, you will have to carpool with other participants. Please let us know if you will not have a car so we assist you in finding willing carpool partners.

Getting to Arlington House

For those driving to the site, the physical address for Arlington House is 10400 Arlington Drive, Somerset, VA 22972 ([google map](#)). If you are arriving by train, bus or plane, the easiest terminal/airport is Charlottesville. If you need a ride from the Charlottesville airport, the taxi service that we use is **Rick's taxi: 434-409-1369**. He knows the area and more importantly, knows where Arlington House is located—sometimes that can be a challenge with other drivers! Also, to get to Arlington House, you do not enter the Montpelier property. Maps are provided at the back of this packet.

MONTPELIER AND SURROUNDS

Montpelier is a beautiful property and we recommend that you take the time to explore it during your off hours. Here are some things to consider while driving and walking the grounds.

Driving on the Property

A property map has been included at the end of this packet. The posted speed limit is **15 mph**. When you encounter other vehicles on the property, some roads are narrow and it is often safest to pull off to the side of the road and motion for the driver to pass.

There are numerous horse stables scattered over the property and many of the horses that are stabled at Montpelier are retired race horses with a tendency to be flighty and spirited. As such, whenever you see a horse on the roads, proceed with caution. Best practice in these

circumstances is to approach at 5 mph and then stop until the horse has passed or the riders have motioned for you to pass.

Nature Trails

There are numerous trails available for you to explore on the property. A trail map will be provided to you in your welcome bag which you will receive in the Archaeology Lab Monday morning. Cell service is often spotty on the property. Always make sure to tell others if you plan on exploring the grounds, especially if you are alone.

Getting onto the Historic Property (Not Arlington House)

To enter the property, please come in through **West Gate** where the current gate code is **1217***. The main gate to the grounds does not open until 9am so to enter the property for the beginning of the day, you must come in through West Gate which is located off Jacksontown Road/Chicken Mountain Road. See the map on the last page of this packet.

CAR TROUBLES

If you happen to run into car issues, there are a number of places in town where you can get help. However, the archaeology staff at Montpelier, heartily recommends the friendly mechanics at Harvey William's Garage in Barboursville. If you can drive your vehicle, turn left out of Arlington Drive, then left onto Route 20. Keep on driving until you get to the stop sign for Route 33, then turn right. Harvey's is on your left after about one-half of a mile.

ORANGE

Getting to Orange is very simple! Turn left out of Arlington Drive, then right onto Route 20. Within 7-10 minutes you will be on Main Street. Be careful of your speed, though, as State Troopers and the Orange County Sherriff's Department occasionally camps out at the Funeral Home (white colonnaded building on the right, just after the 25 mph speed limit sign.)

Drive through the 3-way stop and to the stop light (corner of Main Street and N. Madison Rd.) and you'll have access to all that Orange has to offer, shopping-wise.

- **Groceries (Orange Center).** This is the main shopping center for orange. Take a left at the stop light onto N. Madison Road and you'll pass Faulkners (hardware store), Domino's Pizza, and El Vaquero (very popular). As you pass Sheetz (Silk Mill is just before this on the right) there is another stop light: drive through this and the Orange Center is on the right after another minute of driving. Handy location for pizza, Hallmark, Food Lion, Burger King, Dollar Store, and an ABC store. If you continue along Route 15 for another ¼ mile you'll come to a large CVS on the left.
- **Banks.** Bank of America is on the left on Main Street before you get to the stop light mentioned above. To get to SunTrust, turn left onto N. Madison Road and it's immediately on your right, while BB&T is just after the Subaru dealership. There is a Wells Fargo in the Orange Center mentioned above.
- **Restaurants.** There are a whole range of restaurants in Orange. Take a left at the stop light onto N. Madison Road and they will be arrayed before you. On the right you have Domino's Pizza (540.672.2300 to deliver!), MacDonald's, Subway and, in the Orange

Center, Burger King. On your left you've got Hardy's, KFC/Long John Silvers, and Sheetz. For restaurants you have El Vaquero and the Silk Mill Grille. On Main Street (straight ahead through the stop light) you've got The Lightwell (the only place to serve some gluten free substances!), Wise Guys burgers, Happy Garden Chinese restaurant, and Mario's Pizzeria. A new restaurant, Forked, is on the right as you first approach the town of Orange from Montpelier.

CULPEPPER AND CHARLOTTESVILLE

Culpeper is about a 25 mile drive. To get to Culpeper, turn left out of Arlington Drive onto Jackstontown Road and then right onto Route 20. Drive into Orange, through the three-way stop and turn left at the first stop light onto N. Madison Road. Drive through the stop light near Sheetz and then follow Route 15 North until you hit Culpeper. Cinema, Wal-Mart, Target, Martins, Lowes, etc. can be found here.

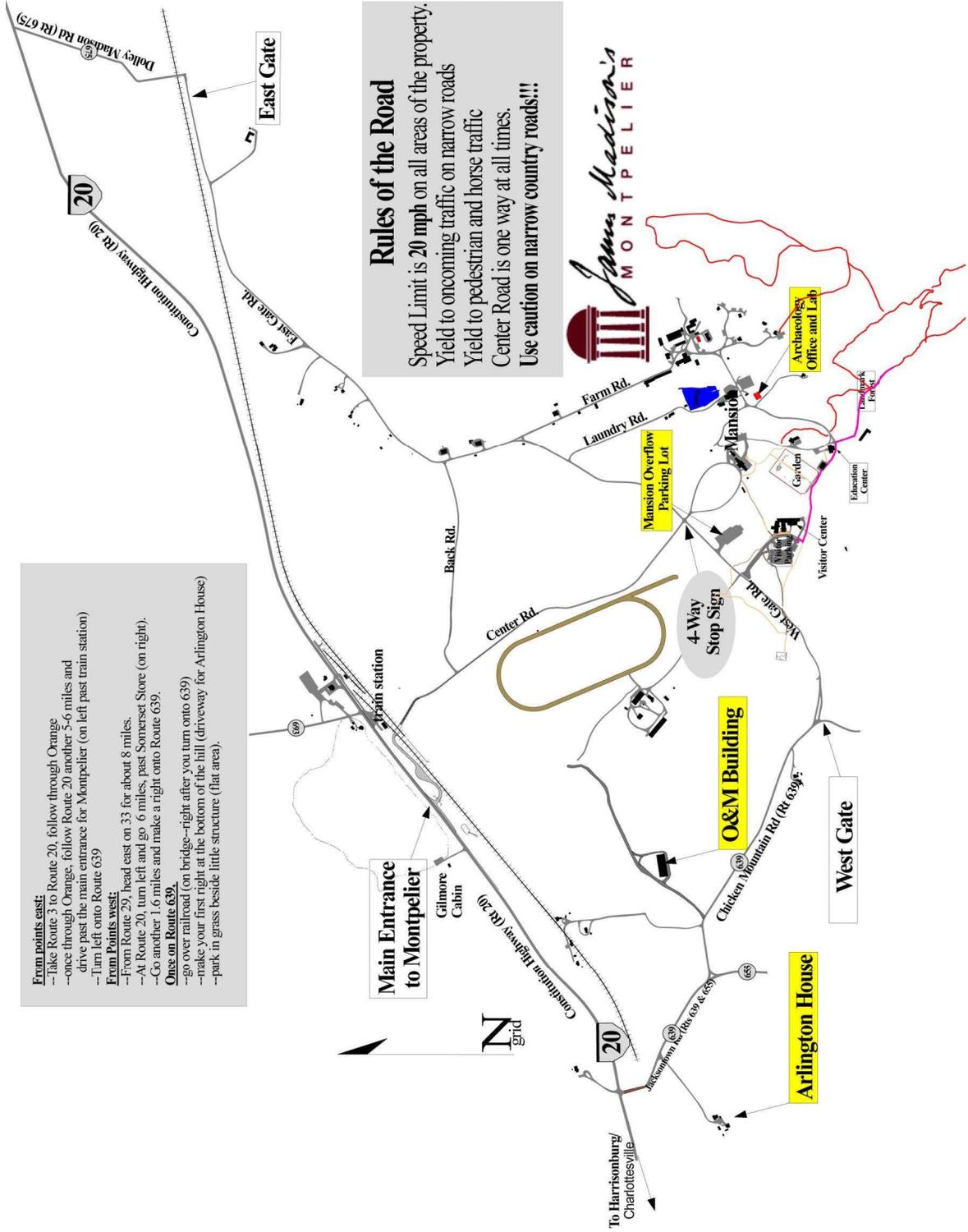
Charlottesville is larger than Culpeper and equally easy to find with about a 25 mile drive. Turn left out of Arlington Drive onto Jackstontown Road, and then left onto Route 20. Drive until you reach the junction with Route 33, then turn right. Follow Route 33 until you reach Route 29, then turn left. Continue to drive and as you enter Charlottesville you will have numerous shopping and restaurant options.

From points east:
 --Take Route 3 to Route 20, follow through Orange
 --once through Orange, follow Route 20 another 5-6 miles and drive past the main entrance for Montpelier (on left past train station)
 --Turn left onto Route 639

From points west:
 --From Route 29, head east on 33 for about 8 miles.
 --At Route 20, turn left and go 6 miles, past Somerset Store (on right).
 --Go another 1.6 miles and make a right onto Route 639.

Once on Route 639:
 --go over railroad (on bridge--right after you turn onto 639)
 --make your first right at the bottom of the hill (driveaway for Arlington House)
 --park in grass beside little structure (flat area).

Rules of the Road
 Speed Limit is 20 mph on all areas of the property.
 Yield to oncoming traffic on narrow roads
 Yield to pedestrian and horse traffic
 Center Road is one way at all times.
 Use caution on narrow country roads!!!





James Madison Landmark Forest



GPS directions:
 11350 Constitution Highway
 Montpelier Station, VA 22957
 (or Orange, VA depending on your GPS)
 Lat. 38°13'36"N, Long. 78°10'46"W
 540.672.2728 | www.montpelier.org

STAFF BIOGRAPHIES AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Montpelier Archaeology Department consists of full-time staff members and interns employed by *The Montpelier Foundation*. Archaeology staff work side-by-side with expedition members allowing for continuous instruction and supervision. This close interaction has been integral to the success of the Montpelier field and laboratory programs. The staff interns live at Arlington House with expedition participants. Along with providing field and laboratory training, the Montpelier staff will enhance the participant's experience by presenting lectures pertinent to the fieldwork, and leading tours of several archaeological sites on the Montpelier property.

Matthew Reeves, PH.D., Directory of Archaeology

Matt has been the Director of Archaeology since 2009 and oversees the overall archaeological research at James Madison's Montpelier. Serving as the principal investigator for archaeology on the property, during the expedition programs, Matt gives a number of lectures and works with the field director to ensure that the excavations are working towards the over-arching research design.



Over the past 2 decades, Matt's research has focused on plantation life and Civil War encampments with an overall focus on sites of the African Diaspora (both pre and post emancipation). Prior to being the Director of Archaeology at Montpelier, he directed projects at Manassas National Battlefield Park, Jefferson Patterson Park, various New York DOT projects, and has worked on a wide variety of historic and prehistoric sites in Maryland, Virginia, New York and Jamaica. His doctorate is from Syracuse University and focused on 19th-century slave settlements in Jamaica that he spent two years surveying and excavating.

Terry Brock, PH.D., Senior Research Archaeologist

Terry joined Montpelier in 2014 after completing his dissertation on mid-19th century plantation life in Southern Maryland (St. Mary's City). He has a rich set of experience in public archaeology, social media, and finding new ways to engage the public with archaeological discoveries. He has worked on projects in Michigan, Virginia, Maryland, and Rome.



Terry runs the field programs during the expedition and writes up the research reports at the end of the season.

Mary F Minkoff, PH.D., Curator of Archaeological Collections

Mary joined the Montpelier staff in October 2015. She received her PhD at the University of Maryland, College Park where she specialized in civically engaged archaeology, community archaeology, African American archaeology, sensory archaeology, and Civil War archaeology. Her dissertation focused on working with descendants and stakeholders to uncover the archaeology and memories of African American communities, particularly The Fort community in Alexandria, Virginia, surrounding the Civil War Defenses of Washington.

Prior to coming to Montpelier, Mary worked with the National Park Service in a variety of areas including the National Capital Regional Archaeology Office and as an archaeologist for the Urban Archaeology Corps youth program. Before coming to the Mid-Atlantic, Mary worked for the Florida Public Archaeology Network as the Outreach Coordinator for the Northwest Regional Office. She earned her MA in Historical Archaeology from the University of West Florida and BA in Anthropology and History from the University of Mississippi. Mary has worked on archaeological sites spanning the prehistoric and historic time periods throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States and in Veracruz, Mexico.



Ben Kirby, M.A., Archaeology Lab Manager

Ben received his B.A. in anthropology and B.S. in chemistry from The College of William & Mary in 2012 and received his M.A. in historical archaeology from William & Mary in 2015. He has done fieldwork in Barbados as well as several sites in the city of Alexandria. Before coming to Montpelier, Ben briefly worked at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as a faunal remains analyst.



Ben's M.A. focused on sourcing two ceramic production sites in Barbados using XRF instrumentation in an effort to better distinguish between local and exported ceramics. His research interests include: colonial archaeology, materials characterization studies, ceramic studies, and zooarchaeology, landscape archaeology and GIS, and archaeology's role in public history.

Elizabeth McCague, B.A., Archaeologist, Crew Chief

Elizabeth McCague is a 2015 graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland where she received her B.A. in Anthropology and earned minors in Museum Studies and African Diaspora Studies. She has worked on excavations in Maryland, Jamaica, and The Gambia, West Africa. Elizabeth joined the Montpelier team as an intern in the summer of 2015, and stayed on as a staff archaeologist beginning in April 2016.

Her research interests lie within plantation archaeology, foodways and consumption, African diaspora studies, and archaeobotany.



D.J. Berry, B.S., Archaeologist

D.J. received his B.S. in Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology and minor in History from James Madison University in 2014. His field experiences include volunteer work at Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove plantation. He completed his archaeological field school at Montpelier in 2014. In December 2014 he returned as an intern and continued through July 2015. Immediately after his internship he joined the team as a full time staff archaeologist. D.J. is currently working on his Master's Degree in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at Mary Washington University and is currently heading up our GIS system to help analyze and interpret data from archaeological sites.



Chris Pasch, B.A., Archaeologist

Chris received his B.A. in History and English Literature from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 2013, and is currently working on an M.A. in Historical Archaeology through the University of Leicester. He completed his field school at Historic St. Mary's City in 2012. From 2012 to 2017, he worked for HSMC as a lab intern, field tech, crew chief, and supervisor on a mitigation project with a colonial era domestic structure, native work sites, and 19-20th C. occupation/development. His primary research interests include the study of identity (particularly gender) and the relationship of memory with material culture and place. He is passionate about ceramic history, architecture, the use of technology and social media in archaeology, and theory/historiography..



Brittany Higgs, M.A., Archaeologist

Brittany received her B.A. in History from George Mason University and is currently working on a Master's degree in Applied Anthropology at Mississippi State University. As an undergrad, she spent two years working as an archaeology intern at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Most recently, she worked as a field technician at Colonial Williamsburg, and assisted with multiple excavation projects—including a month-long excavation for children ages 6-12. In terms of research, she focuses primarily on mortuary archaeology, specifically the manner in which cultural traditions, religious values, and individual identities manifest in the burial record.



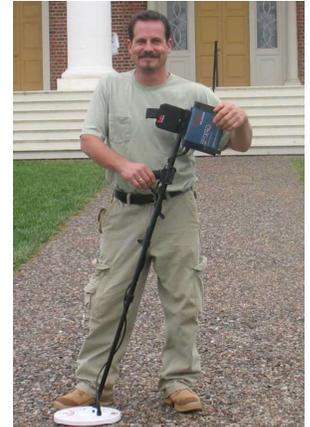
Dennis Bjorklund, Metal Detectorist

Dennis has been metal detecting since 1985, where he has found coins, jewelry, artifacts, property corners and unexploded ordnance. He is also an experienced land surveyor. He first started working at Montpelier after he attended a Metal Detecting Expedition Program in the spring of 2014, and has aided in the discovery of multiple sites across the Montpelier landscape since.



Lance Crosby, Metal Detectorist

Lance Crosby has over thirty years of metal detecting experience in Virginia. Lance began working for the archaeology department in 2008 and has logged well over 3000 historic hits (pre 1900 in era) and located two dozen Civil War or antebellum sites across the property.



Christine Greenall, B.S., Archaeology Programs Coordinator

Christine received her B.S. in Landscape Architecture from California Polytechnic State University in 1991. She has over 20 years of experience in landscape architecture, project management, and program coordination and has worked on a variety of projects from parks, trails, commercial, residential, and public roadway projects. In 2013, Christine began to pursue her love for history by starting a family history/genealogy business. She was excited to join the Montpelier team in 2017 as the Archaeology Program Coordinator and continue to pursue her passion to become more involved in the preservation of the historic resources at Montpelier.



ARCHAEOLOGY INTERNS

We have interns and staff members that live in and maintain Arlington House. All of the interns are studying archaeology, have completed a field school here at Montpelier, and have been selected from our group of 30 students to stay on for a year. The Interns will be working with you in the units and in the lab and will be part of your everyday experience

SUGGESTED READINGS

Many participants enjoy familiarizing themselves with the property and the field and laboratory procedures before arriving. We have made these readings, each of which is fairly short, available as downloads from the Montpelier website. For even more readings, check our technical report library at.

1. **A Brief Landscape History of Montpelier.** This provides a brief outline of the landscape history for the mansion as well as a summary of various excavation seasons at the mansion grounds.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/oBo2-NRxEZl47RVJ2ajFoajIwUzA/view?usp=sharing>
2. **Slave Housing at Montpelier.** This article describes some of the slave homes we have uncovered at Montpelier over the past two years. This article also provides a context for the larger work landscape at Montpelier.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/oBo2-NRxEZl47U3JjTFIFZkltTXM/view?u>
3. **Field Methods at Montpelier.** This guide provides detailed instructions for the various procedures we carry out in the field. It is recommended that you skim this, but it will make a lot more sense once you have spent a couple of days in the field.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/oBo2-NRxEZl47RWdEQXQ5eGRXboE/view?usp=sharing>
4. **3-Year South Yard Restoration Project:** This brief blog is a description for the restoration of the South Yard.
<http://forum.savingplaces.org/blogs/forum-online/2015/06/16/breaking-new-ground-at-montpelier-for-interpreting-slavery>
5. **Sites of Montpelier:** Brief overview of sites on the property.
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=oBo2-NRxEZl47WUtjNUpaM1EtODA>