

*SOCIOLOGY,
CRIMINOLOGY, &
ANTHROPOLOGY
MAY 19TH, 2025*

FIELD SCHOOL UPDATE

We're officially a third of the way through this year's Archaeology Field School! Off to a little bit of a rocky start, between the St. Joseph Center in Little Rock, the host site, recovering from a sizable fire in their main building in mid-March; and the almost weekly thunderstorms and severe weather. The resulting change in weather, plus environmental hazards (poison ivy, ticks, and thorn bushes, oh my!) make for an interesting time.

This year's group is investigating remains of a "boom town" called Belmont and it's short-lived occupation from 1917-1921. The town was created as a result of temperance movement efforts, designed for soldiers returning from WWI, providing clean entertainment (no temptation of alcohol, gambling, etc.) Community members from the Little Rock area also came to visit Belmont for the arcades, movie theatres, baseball diamond, pool halls, and other social venues. All that remains today is minor surface details.

This session's research is expanding on the 2020 MA thesis of Laura Fuentes, titled: "Belmont Boom: Investigating an Ephemeral WWI Entertainment Center". Students are learning aspects of field and lab archaeology including digital mapping and documentation, electrical resistivity, and metal detecting survey, shovel testing, traditional excavation methods, curation, and data analysis.

HUCKLEBERRY'S SUMMER

Unfortunately, I missed the memo for this year's field school (apparently I would have had to fight off poison ivy, ticks, and thorn bushes, not to mention a lot of rain, so maybe that's a good thing?)

I ended up going home with Charlie for a weekend and learned how to crochet, and I also went fishing with a few of their friends! I didn't catch anything (I guess the fish weren't biting a lot...) but Charlie caught 2 fish!

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

May 12th– May Intersession Begins

May 26th– Memorial Day

May 28th– Final Drop Date for May Intersession

May 30th– May Intersession Finals

June 2nd– Summer 1 Starts/ 10-wk Session Starts

June 3rd– May Intersession final grades due

June 19th– Juneteenth

July 4th– Independence Day

July 7th– Summer 2 Starts

July 8th– Summer 1 final grades due

August 9th– Summer Commencement

August 12th– Summer 2/10wk final grades due

August 21st– Fall semester begins

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Anna Temple (SOC/CRIM/PSYC) -Shepherd Research Award

*successfully defended her departmental honors thesis," Bad Boyfriends: The Impact of Boyfriend Abuse and Communication on Risky Sex Among Incarcerated Girls", has presented at AA-SAC twice, prior recipient of Outstanding Sociology Student .

Lexie Wolf (CRIM)- Outstanding CRIM Student

* Has presented at the CAHSS Quoined Corner and AASAC, has consistently gone above and beyond in her field. Honors College Presentation: "Furman's Legacy– A Contemporary Analysis of Death Row in Arkansas"

Sophia Shunk (CRIM/PSYC)- Outstanding CRIM Student

*4.0 GPA in double major, Honors student, thesis related to disproportionate minority incarceration in AR, presented at 2 separate conferences. Accepted to law school for Fall 2025.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS?

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