



Southeast Region – Quarterly Report January to March 2015

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Highlight of the Quarter

The highlight of this quarter was a very successful teacher training in collaboration with Miami-Dade College's School of Education. We completed a full day math-themed program for nearly 100 graduating educators including lectures, group activities, and discussions. The faculty of the program was so impressed with the training that they asked us to offer it every semester. Ms. Nohe coordinated the entire process with the support of the FAU graduate students assistants and Dr. Williams. This program will be a great way for our office to gain entry into regional public and private schools.

Public Outreach

- Offered ten public lectures to 450 people at venues across our region, including very well attended lectures at Anne Kolb Nature Center in Hollywood and Bonnet House and Gardens in Ft. Lauderdale.
- Acted as judges at the Fairchild Challenge in Miami and the National History Day in Palm Beach County.
- Ms. Nohe presented at the Miami Dade Council for Social Studies.
- Staffed FPAN booths at five public events including large events MacArthur Beach State Park, Deering Estate, and Palm Beach County Science Museum.
- Completed two paleoethnobotany workshops in collaboration with FAU's Anthropology Department.
- Ms. Nohe met with Naples-area avocational archaeologist, Bernie Powell. Mr. Powell gave SE-FPAN his models and materials from his decades-long study of regional and national archaeology.

Assistance to Local Governments

- Dr. Williams and Ms. Nohe assisted in attempts to protect the Rivermont archaeology site. They attended meetings with Broward County Commission members and presented at the County Commission meeting.
- Dr. Williams edited ethnobotanical signage for Mound House in Ft. Myers Beach.
- Ms. Nohe assisted with the Spanish translation of an interpretative panel for Key Biscayne National Park.
- Dr. Williams attended the opening of Lewis Landing Park in Ft. Lauderdale.
- Dr. Williams met with the Chief of Cultural Resources at the Everglades National Park to discuss future programming and collaboration.

Assistance to DHR

- Completed nine Florida Archaeology Month events/lectures in addition to support events at SW-FPAN. Over 1,600 members of the public attended these lectures and events.
- Distributed 600 FAM posters across southeastern Florida.

Administrative Duties

- Held bi-weekly staff meetings.
- Administered SE and SW-FPAN offices.
- Completed annual reviews of Sarah Nohe and Melissa Timo.

Integrating MATHEMATICS & ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeologists from the Florida Public Archaeology Network have teamed up with curriculum developers to put together a new STEM curriculum based on Florida archaeology called "Exploration: Archaeology". In this workshop, you will learn about 12,000 plus years of Florida prehistory as well as how archaeologists use mathematics to examine the past. Strategies for bringing archaeology into the classroom through Inquiry Based lesson plans and activities from the "Exploration: Archaeology" curriculum will be presented.

This workshop will be full of great information and hands-on activities that can be adapted to a variety of needs. Come learn how the past can be used to teach mathematics, science, history, social studies, art, literacy, and high-order thinking skills such as problem solving, synthesis, and evaluation.



Friday
March 20, 2015
9:00 – 3:00 p.m.



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Building 3
Conference Halls: 3249 Hall A and Hall C
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Poster for Teacher Training with Miami Dade College