

# Archaeological Field School at Pemaquid Falls, Maine

## July 25 – August 12, 2011

### OVERVIEW

What better way to spend three weeks of your summer than digging into the prehistoric and historic past of Maine's south-central coast. Come join Dr. Neill De Paoli as he directs excavations at Pemaquid Falls. This area was a popular locale for indigenous peoples as early as 4,000 years ago while its historic story began in the mid-1600s. At that time, English settlers established a farming hamlet around the falls, three miles upriver from the center of the early 17th century English plantation of Pemaquid. Dr. De Paoli has been excavating the site



of the late 18th century farmstead of prominent Pemaquid merchant Robert Given since 2001. Participants will continue to define the bounds and interior of the Given home and search for related outbuildings. Students will also delve into the area's early industrial past as they excavate a late 18th or early 19th century blacksmith shop that serviced the needs of the several farms, a saw & grist mill, and shipyard scattered around Pemaquid Falls. In addition, students will expand the search for the elusive 17th century "Great Falls" hamlet on a nearby parcel.

This experience is a great hands-on opportunity for upper level high school and undergraduate and graduate students seeking course credit and experience in historical archaeology, teachers in need of recertification credits, or history buffs interested in exploring an area with a rich prehistoric and colonial history.

### PROGRAM

Field school participants will learn basic excavation and recording techniques, laboratory procedures, and the identification of 18th and 19th century European material culture.



The program will be highlighted by field trips to the heart of the 17th and 18th century English fishing and trading settlement of Pemaquid and weekly films and discussions. Southern Maine Community College is offering the archaeological field school as a three-credit history course (HIST-205-01). Participants sign up for a single three-week session that runs from July 25 to August 12. The program will run Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

### TUITION AND REGISTRATION

Field school tuition is \$350.00 for Maine residents and \$600.00 for out-of state residents. Course registration closes on July 23, 2011. Payment can be made by cash, check, debit card, or credit card. To register log on to the Southern Maine Community College website ([www.smccme.edu](http://www.smccme.edu)) or write or call Enrollment Services, Southern Maine Community College, 2 Fort Road, South Portland, ME 04106, 207-741-5800 or 1-877-282-2182 (toll-free number for in-state calls). Otherwise contact: Dr. Neill De Paoli, 76



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### DIRECTOR

Dr. Neill De Paoli has over thirty years of experience as a historical archaeologist, having directed archaeological projects in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Dr. De Paoli is adjunct professor at Southern Maine Community College.