SMU Archaeology Field Methods

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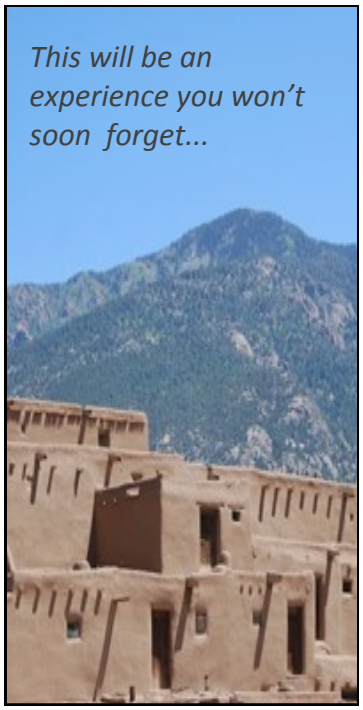
Taos, New Mexico

Immerse yourself in the cultures, arts, and archaeologies of one of North America's best kept secrets.



Have you ever wanted to travel in time -- to touch history and experience the ancient cultures and places of the past? Now you can with the 2012 SMU-in-Taos archaeology field school.

Our projects immerse students in the cultures and arts of the region while conducting original research on the history and prehistory of the Taos area.

Students will excavate in the high mountains and in the shadows of colonial villages, built to defend remote populations from Comanche and Apache raids, and they will learn survey, mapping, and a variety of laboratory skills essential to the science and adventure of archaeology.

The past is brought to life through Pueblo Indian dances, pottery instruction, and community events celebrating the endurance of cultural diversity in the region.

No Previous Experience Necessary!

Interested? Contact

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Projects

La Morada. Traces the development of colonial Ranchos de Taos, one of the countries oldest mud-brick villages, using state-of-the art non-invasive techniques such as remote sensing, tree-ring dating, and chemical testing of adobe construction materials.

Pithouse to Pueblo. Explores the identities and social strategies of the prehistoric pithouse people — ancestors to the modern Taos and Pubelo Indians — through excavation, remote sensing, and survey.

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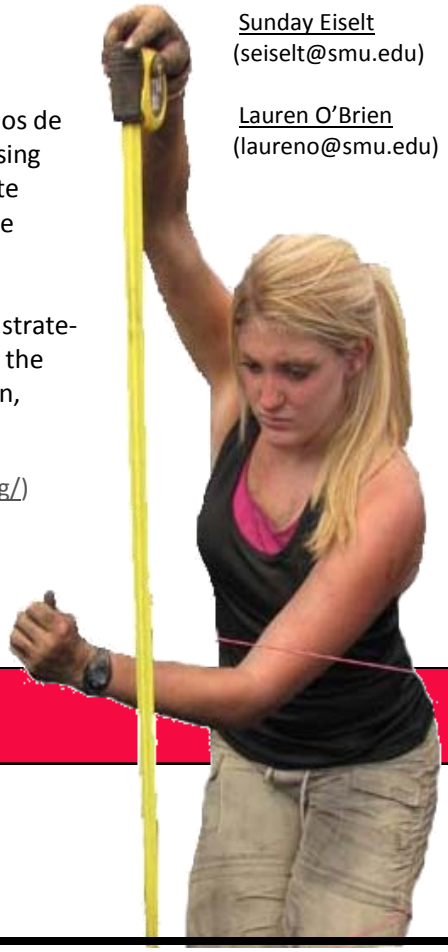

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