Southern Methodist University announces its 2018 Summer Field Program in Archaeology. This summer's course will involve participants in several weeks of intensive archaeological field experience in the northern Rio Grande region of New Mexico just outside of Taos, New Mexico. The primary research focus will be investigations on a colonial period (16th-17th century AD) church on the tribal lands of Picuris Pueblo, located outside of Penasco, New Mexico.

With professional guidance, students participate in research demanding a high level of responsibility in observing, recovering and analyzing archaeological resources. Students play a central role in the collection of archaeological data during the field program, thereby making a major and lasting contribution to our understanding of the ancient peoples of New Mexico. Students will also work with Picuris tribal members in this research, and will gain invaluable experience in the ethics, challenges and rewards of collaborating with a Native American community that has occupied the same village for over eight centuries.

Students will participate in the field school as members of an ongoing research collaboration between faculty and students from SMU, Columbia University, and the University of Arizona. Our field camp will be on the SMU-in-Taos, just south of Taos, NM. Evening lectures on Southwestern prehistory and archaeological methods will be given by Dr. Michael Adler (SMU), Dr. Severin Fowles (Columbia U), and Dr. Lindsay Montgomery (University of Arizona), all of whom will share in directing the field school collaboration.

FACILITIES
Participants will reside on the Fort Burgwin campus, an interdisciplinary research and teaching facility located at an elevation of 7,500 feet in a mountain valley ten miles south of Taos, New Mexico. The campus covers 420 acres, surrounded by Carson National Forest. Participants will camp in tents on the north end of the campus, with the option of staying in the residential dormitories for an additional cost. All field school students will be required to purchase a meal plan at the campus dining hall because there will be no cooking fires allowed on the Fort Burgwin campus. We will also be using the Fort Burgwin classrooms, archaeology lab, laundry and computer laboratory located on the campus.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT
We will be offering tuition scholarships for SMU students based on financial need, as determined by the SMU Financial Aid Office.

ADMISSION TO PROGRAM
The field course is open to both graduate and undergraduate students who are in good standing with their universities. Academic credit is awarded on a semester-hour basis and is transferable to other institutions. All students not attending Southern Methodist University must apply for admission as Summer-Only students, but all applicants compete for field school admittance on an equal basis. Students may enroll for six credit hours, but should first check with their advisors. We draw participants from universities across the nation, and encourage all to apply for admission.

FIELD PROGRAM DATES:
Arrival, Fort Burgwin:  June 5, 2018
Departure: July 3, 2018

ANTH 5381 Field Methods in Archaeology
ANTH 5382 Laboratory Methods in Archaeology
Participants are encouraged to, but not required, to enroll in BOTH courses

Enrollment is limited to 12 students on a competitive basis. Applications must be received by MARCH 1, 2018 to have priority in the enrollment process.

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