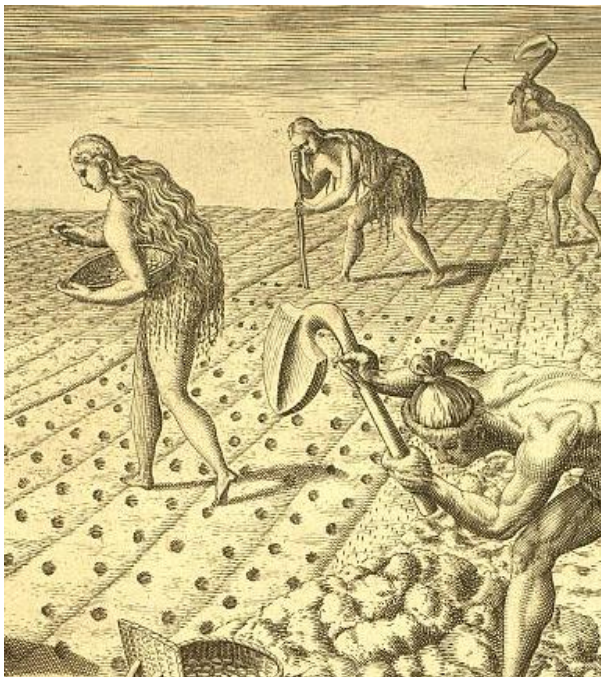


Office of State Archaeology Lecture Series

Archaeobotany Methods and Research

Presented by Dr. Mary Beth Fitts

Monday, March 13, 2017, at 11:30 am in the auditorium,
Archives Building, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh
Free and open to the public



The specialization of archaeobotany (also known as paleoethnobotany) focuses on the recovery, analysis, and interpretation of plant materials from archaeological sites.

Because site formation processes and archaeological recovery methods play a large role in structuring what we find in archaeobotanical assemblages, it is important to understand how plant remains come to be preserved in the archaeological record, and what techniques are employed to ensure that they have the best chance of being identified in the laboratory.

Once these matters are addressed, it is possible to unlock the research potential of plant remains for examining a variety of topics associated with foodways including environmental change, domestication, feasting, economic organization, and the creation of social identities.