

Muskogean Symposium 2013

Agenda

October 10th Schedule of Presentations

- 9:00 am **Larry Haikey:** Archaeologist BIA Retired (*Moderator*) **Introduction**
- 9:20 am **Adam King,PhD:** Univ. of South Carolina **Mississippian Chiefdoms (Moundbuilders)**
- 10:15 am **Follow-up Q&A**
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 am **Marvin T. Smith,PhD:** Valdosta St. Univ. **Coosa and Spanish Contacts**
- 11:45 am **Follow-up Q&A**
- 12:00 pm **Lunch (1.5 hrs.)**
- 1:30 pm **F. Kent Reilly III,PhD:** Texas St. Univ. **Ancient Creek Spiritual Symbology**
- 2:30 pm **Follow-up Q&A**
- 2:45 pm **Break**
- 3:00 pm **Gail Wagner,PhD:** Univ. of S.Carolina **Ancient Mvskoke Plant Use and Changes**
- 3:45 pm **Follow-up Q&A**
- 4:00 pm **End of Session**

October 11th Schedule of Presentations

- 9:00 am **H.Thomas Foster II,PhD:** Univ. of Tulsa (*Moderator*) **Introduction**
- 9:15 am **Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman,PhD:** Univ. Arizona **Ancient Mvskoke Creek Hunters**
- 10:15 am **Follow-up Q&A**
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:40 am **Cameron Wesson,PhD:** Lehigh Univ. **Early Creek Resistance to Globalization**
- 11:30 am **Follow-up Q&A**
- 12:00 pm **Lunch (1.5 hrs.)**
- 1:30 pm **Greg Waselkov,PhD:** Univ. South Alabama **Creek and European Diplomacy**
- 2:20 pm **Follow-up Q&A**
- 2:35 pm **Break**
- 2:50 pm **H.Thomas Foster II,PhD:** Univ. of Tulsa **Mvskoke Continuity and Resilience**
- 3:45 pm **Follow-up Q&A**
- 4:00 pm **End of Session**



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Welcome Letter



Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
Cultural Preservation

*The Historic & Cultural Preservation Office
is pleased to present to all
"The Muskogean Symposium"*

*We believe that our Ancestral Civilizations
still echo from within us today by means of continual
Culture, Beliefs, Moral and Ethical Values.*

*Understanding our Magnificent Ancestors helps us not only
understand ourselves individually; but will help us
understand ourselves as a whole people when delving into
the realms of Complex Societies, Spirituality and
Culture.*

~Meyuksv-seko Mvskoke~

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- **Adam King, PhD**-University of South Carolina- Adam King has worked for the University of South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology and Special Projects Archaeologist for the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program. He received a B.S. in Finance from Penn State University in 1987, M.A. in Anthropology from University of Georgia in 1991, and a PhD in Anthropology from Penn State University in 1996. His research interests focus on the early history of Native Americans, particularly during the Mississippian communities in the Etowah River Valley of Northwestern Georgia and the Middle Savannah River Valley on the Georgia-South Carolina border. His research attempts to understand how the Mississippian societies in these areas came into being and changed over the course of their individual histories using traditional archaeological excavation coupled with remote sensing and the study of ancient imagery and its meaning. Phone 803-409-9777



- **Marvin T. Smith, PhD**-Valdosta State University- Marvin Smith is a professor of anthropology at Valdosta State University and a practicing archaeologist. I teach the Archeology courses, American Indian Course, Physical Anthropology, Introduction to Anthropology, and a perspectives course Georgia: a Spanish Borderland. I am the author of more than 70 scholarly publications, including my latest book, *Coosa: The Rise and Fall of a Southeastern Mississippian Chiefdom* (University Press of Florida, 2000). In 1992, I received the C. B Moore Award for Excellence presented by the Lower Mississippian Survey at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. My research focuses on the interaction between southeastern Native Americans and Europeans in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries. Phone 229-333-5490



- **F. Kent Reilly III, PhD**- Texas State University- I am primarily a pre-historian and my interests converge around the religion, art, and visual validation of elite authority in New World chiefdoms and early states. My primary focus is Mesoamerican Civilization. I spend a great deal of my research energy examining the art and symbols of the ancient Olmec (1200-400 BC), and Classic Maya (AD 200-900) cultures. My current interests, besides the ancient Olmec and Maya, include the art and iconography of the prehistoric Mississippian Period of the Southeastern United States. In 2004 I was a member of the advisory board and a catalog contributor to the Art Institute of Chicago exhibition "Hero, Hawk, and Open Hand; Ancient Native American Art of the Midwest and South." Phone 512-245-8272



- **Gail E. Wagner, PhD**-University of South Carolina-Gail E. Wagner is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and associated faculty in the School of the Environment at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. She earned her masters and doctorate degrees in Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis. Gail researches the relationships between people and plants, both past and present, in the southeastern United States. Her current paleoethnobotanical projects focus on periods of social transition and changing foodways. She has particularly delved into human relationships with maize, beans, tobacco, and sumpweed. Her ethnobotanical projects focus on biocultural diversity as expressed through botanical knowledge. She also heads an archaeological research project tracing the origins and demise of the chiefdom Cofitachequi in central South Carolina. Since 1978, she has been involved in re-creating period Indian gardens and annually still grows sumpweed (*Iva annua*), maygrass (*Phalaris caroliniana*), and tobacco (*Nicotiana rustica*). She is an unrepentant collector of wild and weedy plant foods.



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- **Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman PhD**-University of Arizona—| am a zoo-archaeologist and historical archaeologist with primary interests in the experiences of Native Americans and Europeans in the colonial period. I work both in southeastern and southwestern regions of N. America. In both regions I am interested in the role of Native American labor and animal husbandry products in the emergence of global economies in the 18th century. I currently hold three titles at the Univ. of Arizona- Assoc. Curator of Zoo-archeology in the AZ State Museum, and Assoc. Professor and Assoc. Director in the School of Anthropology. I received my BA from Binghamton University in 1996 and my PhD from the University of Georgia in 2001.



- **Cameron Wesson, PhD**-Lehigh University—| an archaeological anthropologist with primary research interests in the nature of social, political, economic, and environmental impacts of European colonization on the Indigenous peoples of Eastern North America. I am interested in exploring Indigenous responses to contact and colonization through the examination of household-based archaeological and ethno-historical evidence. My primary field research focuses on a series of Native American sites in central Alabama that span the period from AD 1000-1837. I explored these ideas most completely in my 2008 book, *Households and Hegemony* (University of Nebraska Press). I am presently building upon these efforts with a series of archaeological research projects designed to reveal the nature of Creek households in Alabama immediately prior to their removal on the “Trail of Tears” and the nature of the first post-removal Creek Settlements in Oklahoma.



- **Gregory Waselkov, PhD**-University of South Alabama—|’m a professor at the University of South Alabama, where I’ve taught archaeology since 1988, after working as a researcher at Auburn University since 1979. I have mainly worked on the various peoples of the colonial-period Southeast, and have published on shell middens, Indian Maps, Fort Toulouse and French colonial Old Mobile, and Fort Mims and the Redstick Creek War of 1813-1814, to name a few. With my colleague Ashley Dumas, I’m currently researching a series of social and religious movements, sometimes called revitalizations, that evidently occurred among the Muscogee people around 1600, 1715, and 1813.



- **Thomas H. Foster II, PhD**-University of Tulsa—As Associate Professor of Anthropology, my teaching and research use models of economic behavior to understand how humans react to and manage environmental and social variability and how those decisions in turn affect resources in the biophysical environment. As an Archeologist I have been using the time depth of archaeological and historical data to test models about the resilience and adaptation among the Native Americans of the southeastern United States in response to colonialism and ecological change. I have published this research in two books and in journals such as *Human Ecology*, *Human Organization*, *American Antiquity*, the *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*, and the *Journal of Anthropological Research*. I am currently working on a three year grant from NSF to identify the resilience of the Muscogee Creek people in face of economic change and anthropogenic effects on their environment.

