Archaeology
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• The study of prehistory and history through the excavation and analysis of physical remains
  – A degree in archaeology leads to careers in CRM, academia, the private sector
  – Growth:
    • Overall: Bureau of Labor Statistics: Job outlook for 2010-2020 is an increase of 21%
      – Academia: stagnant
      – Museum: stagnant
    • About 6,000 jobs currently
      – Competitive field
      – Salary: 2010 Median Pay – about $54,000 a year
Basic Steps to becoming an archaeologist....

For entry level positions you need:
- a Bachelors Degree
- a field school experience

For advancement in your job position you need:
- a Masters Degree or PhD

For a more marketable set of abilities:
- a developed skill, such as knowledge of GIS
You have a bachelors degree in Anthropology with an interest in archaeology? What now?

• **Work**
  - Teach in an elementary, Jr. high/middle school or high school.
  - Work in entry/low level CRM (culture resource management)

• **Graduate School/PH.D.**
  - Academic careers in universities and research projects associated with the university
  - Work in higher level positions in CRM
  - Work in museums.
  - Work on research projects around the world in many divisions of archaeology.
Graduate School/PH.D.

*Find the school that is best for you and your goals.*

- What do you want to do with your graduate degree/PH.D. degree?
- Cost of tuition and admissions.
- What does the school have to offer?
- What does it take to obtain a graduate degree at this school?
- What have graduate alumni done after graduating from that school?
Government Jobs in Archaeology

- Job listings through the National Park Service
- Pre-qualifications for working for the government
  - must apply online
  - must have field experience
  - must have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher
Museum Related Fields

• Three main specialties:
  – Curator
    • Direct the acquisition, storage and exhibit of collections
  – Museum Technician
    • also known as registrars, prepare and help preserve museum items
  – Conservator
    • Preserve and document works of art, artifacts and other acquisitions
    • Requires a great deal of historical, scientific and archaeological research
Ways at the U to get started on the museum track...

• Minor in Books Arts
• Certificate in Book Arts
  – Can help those interested in a career as a conservator

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Maritime Archaeology

- a discipline of archaeology that studies human interaction with water through associated physical remains
  - Investigate and research underwater artifacts such as submerged ships and airplanes
    - Nautical archaeology: a specialty within maritime which studies vessel construction and use
  - Investigate sites that, due to changes in sea level or seismic events, like earthquakes, were once on land but are now submerged in water
Steps to becoming a maritime archaeologist....

- Due to the competitive nature of the job you need: a realistic idea of the job security, specialized skills and **passion**

  - Education: Masters or Phd

  - Job Opportunities:
    - Professor: research, fieldwork, teaching
    - Museum: conversation, curating
    - Government: cataloging underwater site in accordance with laws

  -- Experience:
    - working as a land based archaeologist is helpful
    - proficient computer skills, especially in GIS
    - writing concisely
    - analyzing information
Cultural Resource Management

• What is it?
  – Managing cultural resources such as art and heritage

• What does it include?
  – Architecture, sculptures, folk lore, excavation sites

• Employers:
  – Private sector and government
Archeological opportunities in Central America

-Many opportunities exist in South America