

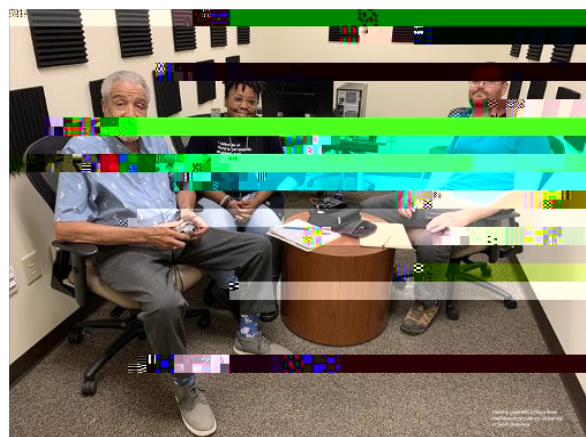
Realizing the Value of Archaeology: Beyond Single-Authors and Embracing Collaborations

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We, the people of the United States, grapple with the past - the recent past, such as January 6th 2021, more distant with The 1619 Project (Hannah-Jones), and more distant still such as illuminated by An Indigenous People's History of the United States (Dunbar-Ortiz). Today, Teaching History with Integrity, a primary initiative of the American Historical Association, demonstrates this critical juncture. By bringing archaeologists, historians, oral historians, public outreach professionals, and others into collaboration, we seek to overcome the limits of our disciplinary frames and data in order to create synergy for new explanations and understanding of the past.

The Value of Collaboration

The study of the human past through material remains potentially adds a great deal of value in the present and allows us to shape our future (Kelly 2016). The complexity of this task may result in simple technical reports of archaeological investigations that do not realize any of the values listed here. Knowledge, expertise, paradigmatic orientation and other factors influence which value(s) of archaeology an individual archaeologist chooses to seek and their expertise in attaining it. We recommend overcoming these limitations through collaborations with intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary researchers.



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