The University of Nevada, Reno is offering a field school in historical archaeology on the slopes of Mauna Kea on Hawai’i. The program will consist of a four-week course of survey and excavation combined with lectures, laboratory work, and study tours of the island’s cultural and historical monuments, as well as relevant natural and ecological sites.

Fieldwork

Following several seasons of survey and excavation on the slopes of Mauna Kea, this summer’s field season will focus on the site of Laumalii’a, a 19th century ranching settlement later used as a training ground for WWII soldiers near the border of the North Hilo District and Hamakua District at an elevation of 6,700 ft.

We will survey the house foundations and identify additional features such as privies, fences, corrals, sheds, outbuildings, and landscape modifications. Excavations will concentrate on the 19th-century house and associated landscape features as well as on the reuse of the site for WWII training during the Parker Ranch era. The field school will address research questions focusing on the use of material culture, domestic space, and landscape in the development of paniolo ranching culture of Hawai’i and during World War II.

Students will receive training in archaeological excavation and recording techniques, including survey and recording strategies, material culture analysis, spatial analysis of artifacts, GPS, field mapping, stratigraphic drawing, artifact illustration, and archival research.

• Coursework

Anth 499.778 Field School in Archaeology
Credits: 3 semester hours

• Dates

June 1st to June 27th, 2009

• Faculty

Program is directed by Dr. Carolyn L. White, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Reno. This field school will run jointly with the University of Hawai’i, Hilo, field school directed by Peter R. Mills.

• Program Cost

Summer 2009 tuition and fees: $3,100.00. Cost includes tuition, laboratory fees, room and board in the field, and transportation to the site from Hilo. Students are responsible for transportation to Hilo, Hawai’i. Weekend housing in Hilo is available for an additional fee.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15TH, 2009.

A deposit of $500.00 is due on April 15th, with the balance due on May 5th, 2009. The field school is limited to 10 undergraduate students. Applications available at:
www.unr.edu/cla/anthro/field.htm

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