Huari-Ancash Bio-Archaeological Research Project  
Since 2005

Field School in Bioarchaeology 2019. Peru

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Location:

The Valley of Huaritambo.  
Province of Huari; state of Ancash. Peru

Lead Instructors

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Ph.D. Stephan Naji (Physical Anthropology)  
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Season

Summer 2019:  
July 11th - August 3rd

Field School Overview

The time of this field school is well organized so that participants engage in different aspects of the project: excavation, survey, ceramics lab, and bone analyses. We lecture a lot during the first few days and cover a lot of ground even for those who have no previous experience in excavation (especially working with human remains). This makes our field school a bit different perhaps; students do get a rich theoretical background before the excavations start as well as during the digs, so that theory and practice blends into a whole thus making sure the participants get connected with the work and the area and have a wholesome understanding of the research.
What You Will Learn:

The Field School is focused on three aspects of research, and we follow different techniques in the field and lab:

Archaeology: This part of the program involves archaeological excavations in different types of context; our goal for the student is to learn to identify stratigraphic layers, be able to set up and fill out an excavation form and improve archaeological drawing and recording. It will also include surveys of sites around the valley. We will examine different material recovered during the present and past seasons (e.g., pottery, lithics).

Bio-archaeology: This part consists of mapping and excavating funeral structures located in Ampas (and the sites in the surrounding area). This part includes drawing/mapping of funeral structures/caves, techniques of bone recovering, and identification of taphonomy process in human remains. No previous experience is required.

Lab: analysis of human remains from Marcajirca site and other sites excavated and surveyed. The bone analyses are performed to obtain biological data from the remains recovered by students themselves during the current season or from previous excavations. At least two days or 16 hours of the full lab will be provided with a dedicated instructor. All the participants in the team will rotate between different parts of research so that everyone gets to try everything.

How to Apply

Application Forms are available in our website:

http://www.proyectohuariancash.org/projects.html

Or contact
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Accommodation and Living Condition

Participants will camp on the site during excavation, and on the weekends they will live in the project house in Huari. The house is equipped with a lab, running water, hot showers, electricity, flush toilets, small garden, full kitchen, and lending library; students sleep in bunk beds in doubles, triples, or quads. The project will provide you with a mattress and sheet, but you must bring your sleeping bags.

When camping in the field, the project will provide tents (2-4 persons) and mattresses; if you want to bring your own tent, you are welcome to do so. There are many spaces to place the tent, we will have access to running water, and a latrine but no electricity. The camp has, a very basic house mainly for cooking and eating that is located about 100 meters from the excavations. The excavation site is located at about 15 minutes driving distance and 25 minutes hiking from Huari. It has a wonderful view of the valley and the mountains around, at night is possible to do bonfires.

Meals: All meals will be grouped, and we will provide plenty of nutritious but basic food in the tradition of local cuisine. While in the house or camping, there will be three meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Peruvian highland cuisine is heavily based on rice, corn, potatoes, legumes and animal protein such as eggs, beef, and chicken. If you are a vegetarian or have some allergies, you must inform us ahead of time so that the right kind of food is prepared. No group meals served on Saturdays (diner) and Sundays (day off), however, you can have breakfast in the house or cook if you want.

Schedule/Program

Day 1. Meeting in Lima (12m) and traveling to Huari at 6 PM (July 11th)

Day 2. Rest and meeting in Huari House each other (morning). Lecture at 3 pm (July 12th)

Day 3 to 19. Excavations in Ampas/Survey (July 13-30th)

Day 20. Day Off (Festival Touristic in Huari)

Day 21. Visit Chavin de Huantar and Museo Arql. de Chavin. (August 2nd)
Day 22. Return to Lima, at 6.00 PM (August 3rd)