

FOSA 2026 Annual Meeting

March 28 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Fighting, Fortifications, and Forays in New England: Recent Examples of Military and Battlefield Archaeological Studies

Guest Speaker: Dr. David Leslie

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2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Archaeologists are focusing much attention on sites associated with the American Revolution and our nation's struggle for Independence. Archaeological sites associated with colonial period conflicts offer a window into the daily lives, actions, and events that shaped our nation and continue to reverberate today.

Over the past several years, Heritage Consultants, TerraSearch Geophysical, the University of Connecticut, and the Office of State Archaeology have collaborated to

highlight, identify, and excavate sites associated with the Revolutionary War, as well as other sites of conflict from the 17th to 19th centuries in Connecticut and throughout New England. This work has included widespread applications of geophysical technologies, including ground penetrating radar, magnetic gradient, and metal detection surveys, along with the use of uncrewed aerial vehicles (drones), detailed archival research, and small- and large-scale excavations.

David Leslie will explore the results of some of these recent surveys, with case studies spanning the first 200 years of North American history following European colonization, including fortifications from European-focused conflicts in the 17th and 18th centuries, cemeteries, battlefields, and encampments from the War for Independence, and fortifications from the War of 1812.

Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

(2:00 p.m. FOSA Annual Meeting)

(3:00 p.m. Guest Speaker Presentation)

General Admission – \$10.00

Non-Farmington Students with ID – \$5.00

FOSA, ASC, Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, Farmington students & faculty admitted free with ID

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