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*PRESENTS*

**“Change, Continuity, and  
Collaboration: Studying  
Eastern Pequot History in  
Southeastern Connecticut”**



Excavation of 18th century domestic site, North Stonington, Connecticut. Photograph by Stephen W. Silliman, 2005.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
DR. STEPHEN SILLIMAN  
PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOSTON**

Friends of the Office of State Archaeology  
17th Annual Meeting  
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# FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY— 17TH ANNUAL MEETING

## 1:00 PM: FOSA Annual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order:	Cynthia Redman
Secretary's Report:	Jim Trocchi
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Achievement Award:	Mandy Ranslow
Adjournment:	Cynthia Redman

## 2:00 PM: Feature Presentation

Introduction of Speaker by Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni

### **Speaker: Dr. Stephen Silliman**

“Change, Continuity, and Collaboration: Studying Eastern Pequot History in Southeastern Connecticut”

As archaeologists continue to refine their approach to studying Native American history in New England in the context of colonialism and long-term indigenous histories, they must confront several critical questions. How do archaeologists measure culture change and continuity in the past? What are the implications of these concepts and interpretations on pressing political and heritage issues today? What role does community-based archaeology with descendant populations play in addressing some of these issues? This presentation will provide some answers to these tough questions, using as an example a long-term collaborative archaeological project between the University of Massachusetts Boston and the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

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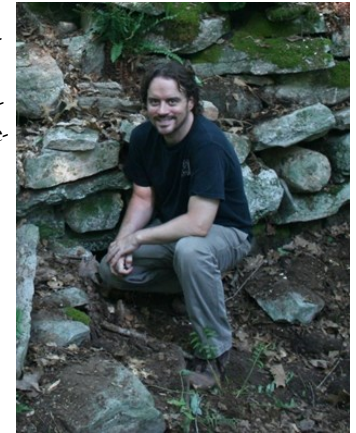
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Professor Silliman received his Ph.D. from UC-Berkeley with specialties in archaeological theory and the archaeology of Native North America. His interests include theories of identity, labor, material culture, and post-colonialism; collaborative indigenous archaeology; and the impact of post-Columbian colonialism on Native Americans. In addition, he studies the politics of heritage and indigenous issues in the contemporary world. He has conducted field research in Massachusetts, California, Oregon, Texas, and Japan, but his current geographic focus is on southern New England. He works regularly with the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation in Connecticut on issues relating to historic preservation and archaeological research, much of which has been conducted as part of his regular summer field school that has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the Wenner-Gren Foundation.



Dr. Silliman has published three books: *Lost Laborers in Colonial California: Native Americans and the Archaeology of Rancho Petaluma* (2004, University of Arizona Press), *Historical Archaeology* (co-edited with Martin Hall, 2006, Blackwell Publishing), and *Collaborating at the Trowel's Edge: Teaching and Learning in Indigenous Archaeology* (editor, 2008, University of Arizona Press). He has contributions in several edited volumes on the archaeology of colonialism and North America, and he has also published in a variety of leading anthropological journals.