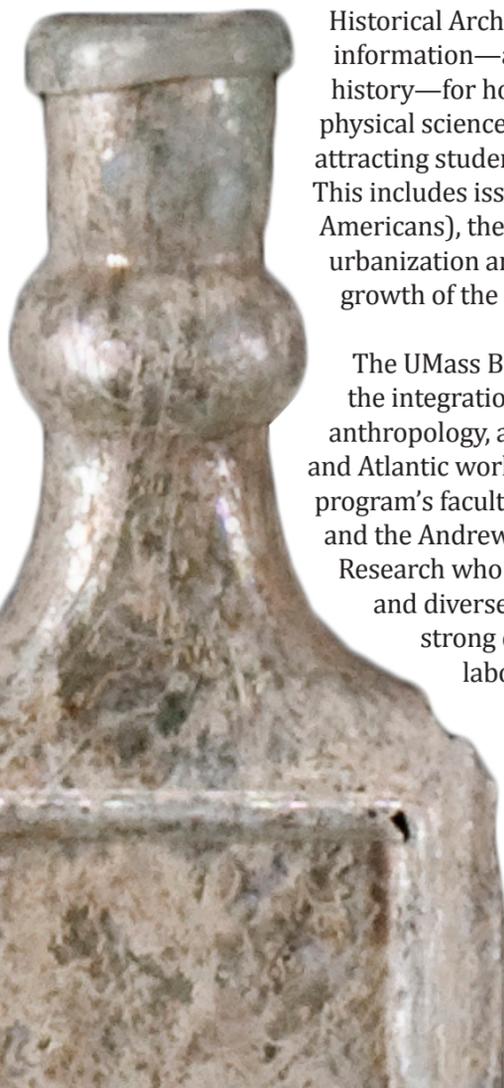


## KNOWLEDGE

# Why UMass Boston?

Historical Archaeology thrives on the innovative mining of multiple sources of information—artifacts, documents, biological data, landscapes, architecture, oral history—for holistic investigations that blend the humanities with the social and physical sciences. In recent years, the field has acquired an increasingly global focus, attracting students and scholars to the study of colonialism and its worldwide impact. This includes issues facing past and present indigenous peoples (particularly Native Americans), the African diaspora, the historical roots of globalization, the rise of urbanization and industrialization, social histories of the disenfranchised, and the growth of the modern political economy.

The UMass Boston Master's Program in Historical Archaeology is devoted to the integration of advanced archaeological methods, environmental analyses, anthropology, and history, and has a primary emphasis on the study of the Americas and Atlantic world. Both sharpness and breadth of focus are made possible by the program's faculty and staff members in the Department of Anthropology and the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research who have notable scholarly achievements and diverse research projects, as well as by a strong curriculum, ten active research laboratories, numerous ongoing field projects, and financial aid packages.



## APTITUDE

# The MA program is designed to:

- ▶ begin a student's advanced degree path with coursework, research, and training that ensures competitiveness in PhD program admissions.
- ▶ provide a solid methodological and theoretical foundation for students seeking jobs in cultural resource management, museums, non-profit organizations, Native American tribal programs, secondary education, government agencies, and community colleges.

Stipends and tuition/fee waivers are competitively awarded to secure the best students and to support their educational progress.

*"I got a solid and well-rounded grounding in the field to prepare me for a PhD program. I now know what parts of the field I want to concentrate on, I'm conversant with the literature, and I feel like I'll be competitive when I start applying to PhD programs."*

— KATHRYN CATLIN, 2011 alumna

*Bottle and platter found near **ENTER LOCATION HERE**  
Rock wall found near North Stonington, Connecticut.*

# We produce successful alumni.

The MA program prepares its graduate students for both the professional and academic fields. Alumni who continue their graduate work have been admitted to PhD programs at UC-Berkeley, Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota, Syracuse, University of North Carolina, University of Tennessee, and Boston University.

Employers of our alumni include: the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Public Archaeology Laboratory in Rhode Island, the Peabody Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology at Harvard University, the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest in Virginia, the Comanche National Museum in Oklahoma, SWCA Environmental in Colorado, and Bison Historical Services in Calgary, Alberta.



## EXPERIENCE

### Field Schools

During the summer months, members of the Anthropology Department and Fiske Center regularly conduct several field schools. Graduate students have the opportunity to work with qualified faculty on site in Grafton, Massachusetts and at the Eastern Pequot Reservation in North Stonington, Connecticut—among a variety of others offered recently in Waltham, Massachusetts, and Newport, Rhode Island, for example.

Outside of field schools, our graduate students have also participated in University of Massachusetts Boston field projects in Iceland, Greenland, Bermuda, and New Mexico.



### Course of Study

The Historical Archaeology Master's Program is designed as a two-year program with 4 required courses, 4 electives, a graduate-level archaeological field school, a thesis preparation course, and careful supervision of the master's thesis process from proposal to final product. Master's theses are based on research with primary data sources such as archaeological collections, historical archives, or ethnographic information. Students are encouraged to develop their own research directions and ideas, whether using ongoing faculty projects or pursuing independent research elsewhere.

Our specialized courses include topics in:

- ▶ Colonialism
- ▶ Material Culture
- ▶ Heritage Studies
- ▶ Historical Anthropology
- ▶ Public and Community Archaeology
- ▶ Environmental Archaeology and Anthropology



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