

# Mary Furlong Minkoff, PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

Florida Public Archaeology Network  
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Education:    2015    Ph.D.    University of Maryland (Anthropology)  
                  2008    M.A.    University of West Florida (Historical Archaeology)  
                  2003    B.A.    University of Mississippi (Anthropology and History)

### Professional Appointments:

2023-Present    Executive Director, Florida Public Archaeology Network  
2021-2023       Assistant Director of Archaeology & Curator of Archaeological  
                         Collections, James Madison's Montpelier  
2022-2023       Interim Grants Administrator, James Madison's Montpelier  
2022-2023       Interim Director of Cultural Heritage Resource Management  
                         Graduate Program, University of Maryland, College Park  
2015-2021       Curator of Archaeological Collections, James Madison's  
                         Montpelier  
2012-2015       Project Archaeologist, Urban Archaeology Corps, Groundwork  
                         Anacostia/DC  
2006-2009       Outreach Coordinator, Northwest Region, Florida Public  
                         Archaeology Network  
2003-2005       Guide & Interpreter, Historic Pensacola Village & T. T. Wentworth,  
                         Jr. Florida State Museum, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.

### Articles in Refereed Journals:

2022    Exploring and Interpreting the History of Slavery at James Madison's  
          Montpelier: A Case Study in Using Archaeology as an Interpretive Tool in  
          Public History Practice. Co-Authors Terry P. Brock, Katherine Crawford-  
          Lackey, and Matthew B. Reeves. *The Public Historian*, vol. 44(4), pp. 63-  
          83.  
2018    Digging Deeper: A New Look at Transferware. *Transferware Collectors  
          Club*, September 2018, Vol. XIX, No. 2.  
2016    Urban Archaeology Corps, A Civically Engaged Youth Employment  
          Programme. Co-Author Alexis Morris. *Journal of Community  
          Archaeology*, Vol. 3, pp. 220-236.  
2016    Confronting Race and Racism by Transforming Archaeological Practice:  
          Tools of Civic Engagement and Zooarchaeological Analyses. Co-Author  
          Mia Carey. *Historical Archaeology*. In Press.  
2012    Coming Together to Uncover the "Fort" in Alexandria, Virginia. Co-Author  
          Adrienne T. Washington. *Society for Applied Anthropology Newsletter*.

#### Book Chapters:

- 2022 Aiming for Anti-Racism: Policies and Practices of a Publicly Engaged Archaeology Department. In *Critical Public Archaeology*. ed. V. Camille Westmont. Berghan, New York.
- 2017 Domestic Labor in Black and Green: Deciphering the Sensory Experiences of African American and Irish Domestics Working Alexandria, Virginia. In *Atlantic Crossings*. eds. Mark P. Leone and Lee Jenkins. Rodopi/Brill.

#### Book Reviews:

- 2019 Review of *Embattled Freedom: Journeys through the Civil War Slave Refugee Camps* by Amy Murrell Taylor. *Early Georgia*, Vol 47, pp. 110.

#### Technical Reports & Publications:

- 2017 *Montpelier Lab Manual and Cataloging Guide*. Co-Author Benjamin Kirby and DéShondra Dandridge, Archaeology Department, James Madison's Montpelier. Updated annually.
- 2016 *Archaeology Service Learning Guide*, National Park Service, Washington, DC.
- 2015 *Technical Report for Archaeological Services, Archaeological Survey and Monitoring for Replacing Water Line at Rosefield II (PEPC Number 51000)*.  
Regional Archeology Program, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Washington, DC.
- 2014 Clearance Memo for Archaeological Services, Shovel Testing and Metal Detecting for Replacing Water Line at Rosefield II (PEPC Number 51000).  
Regional Archeology Program, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Washington, DC.
- 2006 *Final Report, Presidio la Isla Santa Rosa (8ES22)*. University of West Florida Archaeology Institute, Pensacola, FL.
- 2004 *Field Report Presidio la Isla Santa Rosa (8ES22)*. University of West Florida Archaeology Institute, Pensacola, FL

#### Awards and Honors:

- 2023 Co-Recipient of the Daniel G. Roberts Award for Excellence in Public Historical Archaeology, Society for Historical Archaeology
- 2019 Co-Recipient of the Brennan Archaeology Award, Alexandria Archaeological Commission
- 2015 George M. Phillips Award for Graduate Student Research in the Public Interest, University of Maryland
- 2015 Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2014 International Conference Student Support Award, University of Maryland
- 2012 First Place, History and Sociology Symposium, Graduate Research Interaction Day, University of Maryland
- 2012 International Conference Student Support Award, University of Maryland
- 2006 Pensacola Archaeological Society Student Award
- 2005 Pensacola Archaeological Society Student Award

#### Grants and Fellowships:

- 2022 Clark-Winchole Foundation Grant, Bethesda, MD

- 2022 National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Sites Fund Grant
- 2022 Loudon Mutual Fund, Waterford, VA
- 2019 National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant
- 2019 Perry Foundation Grant, Charlottesville, VA
- 2018 National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, Level 1
- 2015 Park Break Fellowship, George Wright Society and National Park Service
- 2014 Minelab Scholarship, Montpelier Archaeology Department
- 2014 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland
- 2012 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland
- 2011 Diamond Jubilee Scholarship, Alpha Omicron Pi International Sorority
- 2006 Graduate Student Scholarly and Creative Activity Grant, University of West Florida

Conference Planning & Organization:

- 2024 Conference Planning Committee, Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Williamsburg, VA
- 2022 "Uncovering the Montpelier Plantation," Session Organizer and Co-Chair, Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, Ocean City, MD
- 2022 "Working with Descendant Communities Panel Discussion," Co-Chair, Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, Ocean City, MD
- 2021 Terrestrial Program Chair, Society for Historical Archaeology, Virtual Conference
- 2021 "Race, Racism, and Montpelier," Session Organizer and Chair, Society for Historical Archaeology Virtual Conference
- 2018 "Beyond Blue Willow: New Analyses of Transfer Printed Wares" Session Organizer and Chair, Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA
- 2018 "Straight from the Horse's Mouth: Understanding Public Archaeology from the Public," Panel Organizer and Chair, Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 "Montpelier Archaeology," Session Organizer and Co-Chair, Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2016 "The Archaeology of James Madison's Montpelier," Session Organizer and Co-Chair, Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, Ocean City, MD
- 2013 "What's at Stake? Archaeological Experience Examined through Co-Authorship with Stakeholders," Session Organizer and Chair Society for Historical Archaeology, Leicester, UK
- 2013 "Under Pressure: Powered by Pecha Kucha," Session Organizer and Chair, Anthroplus Student Conference, Practicing Anthropology Student Association, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2012 Co-Chair Anthroplus Student Conference, Practicing Anthropology Student Association, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2011 Co-Chair Anthroplus Student Conference, Practicing Anthropology Student Association, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2007 "Florida Unearthed-Bringing the Past to Life," Session Co-Chair, Florida Council for the Social Studies, Orlando, FL

Conference Presentations:

- 2023 "Understanding the Expressions of "UnFreedom" at the Montpelier Plantation's Home Farm" Co-Author Christopher J. Pasch, Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2022 "Entangled Memories: A Landscape and Artifact Analysis of Movement of Montpelier's Home Farm" Co-Author Christopher J. Pasch, Mathew B. Reeves, and Katie Crawford-Lackey, Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, Ocean City, MD
- 2021 "Anti-Racism and Archaeological Practice at Montpelier" Co-Author Terry Brock and Matthew Reeves, Society for Historical Archaeology Virtual Conference
- 2021 "Public Programs and Covid: Response from Participant Programs at James Madison's Montpelier" Co-Author Matthew Reeves, Terry Brock, Christopher Pasch, Hannah Taylor, Sarah Lee Hall, and Taylor Browne, Society for Historical Archaeology Virtual Conference
- 2020 "Bringing Black Cooks into the Lab: A Call for an Interdisciplinary Approach to Zooarchaeology" Co-Author Scott Oliver, Society for Historical Archaeology, Boston, MA
- 2020 "Bringing the Public into the Process: the Montpelier Digital Collections Project and Mere Distinction of Colour Virtual Exhibit" Co-Author Terry P. Brock and Benjamin Kirby, Society for Historical Archaeology, Boston, MA
- 2019 "Connecting and Sharing the Lives of the Enslaved Community at James Madison's Montpelier through the Montpelier Digital Collections Project" Co-Author Terry Brock. Enslaved Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2019 "The Montpelier Digital Collections Project: Building a Multidisciplinary, Public, and Accessible Collections Management Database" Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference, Ocean City, MD.
- 2018 "Patterns of Aspiration, Escapism, and Solidarity on the Transferwares owned by Montpelier's Enslaved Community" Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 "Out of the Dirt and Into the House: Archaeology and Decorative Arts Working Together" Co-Author Teresa Teixeira. Society for Historical Archaeology, Fort Worth, TX.
- 2017 Panelist "Reevaluating Evaluating Public Archaeology" Society for Historical Archaeology, Fort Worth, TX.
- 2016 Panelist in Sponsored Forum: Transformative Historical Archaeology: Achieving an Anti-Racist SHA. Society for Historical Archaeology, Washington, DC.
- 2016 "We're Engaging Youth, but are we Meeting the Needs of the Park?" Reexamining the First Four Years of the Urban Archaeology Corps" Co-Author Kate Birmingham. Society for Historical Archaeology, Washington, DC.
- 2015 "The Urban Archaeology Corps 2014: Rethinking Youth Employment in the National Park Service" Co-Author Teresa S. Moyer. Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 "Domestic Labor in Black and Green: Deciphering the Shared experiences of African American and Irish Domestics Working in the same Northern Virginia Households and Communities" Society for Historical Archaeology, Seattle, WA

- 2014 "Memories, Advertisements, and Artifacts of The Fort Community in Alexandria, Virginia" American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC
- 2014 "Understanding African American Archaeology and Archaeological Education in Washington, DC through the Influences of Booker T. Washington" Society for Historical Archaeology, Quebec, CAN
- 2014 "Using Archaeology and Memory to Uncover Community: Fort Ward and the Civil War Defenses of Washington" Society for Historical Archaeology, Quebec, CAN
- 2013 "Answering the Question, "Where Did We Come From?" Through the Collaborative Efforts of the Fort Ward/Seminary African American Descendant Society and Archaeologists in Alexandria, Virginia," Co-author Adrienne T. Washington. Society for Historical Archaeology, Leicester, UK
- 2013 "A Park, A Playground, and a Problem: The Urban Archeology Corps at Fort Mahan in 2013," Co-authors Katherine Birmingham and Teresa Moyer. DC Historical Studies Conference
- 2012 "Coming together to Uncover the "Fort" in Alexandria, Virginia," Co-Author Adrienne T. Washington. DC Historical Studies Conference
- 2011 "Mobility and Boundaries of 'The Fort,' an African American Community in Alexandria, Virginia" Contemporary and Historical Archaeology in Theory, Boston, MA
- 2010 "Saved by the Bell: Conducting Archaeological Research in High School," Co-author Wes Mathews. Society for Historical Archaeology, Amelia Island, FL
- 2009 "Clovis Points, Pterodactyl Skulls, and Treasure Wrecks, Oh My!: Public Archaeology in the Florida Panhandle," Co-author with Dr. Della Scott-Ireton. Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Canada
- 2008 "Discovering Religion in Secular Artifacts, Structures and Sites: A Reexamination of Spanish Colonial Material Culture through the Archaeology of Presidios Santa María de Galve and Isla de Santa Rosa" World Archaeological Congress, Dublin, Ireland
- 2008 "Building Public Will for Preservation; Instilling a Life Long Love of the Past" Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Pensacola, FL
- 2008 "Not Just a Guest Speaker: Bringing Archaeology into the Classroom Everyday" (Poster) Society for Historical Archaeology, Albuquerque, NM
- 2007 "The Expression of Religion and Ideology in the Material Culture of Two Pensacola Presidios" Society for Historical Archaeology, Williamsburg, VA
- 2006 "Ceramic Figurines at the Presidio la Isla Santa Rosa" Society for Historical Archaeology, Sacramento, CA

Museum Exhibitions:

- 2021 Curator of Archaeological Collections, *Color through a Child's Eyes*, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, VA
- 2019 Co-Curator, *Mysteries of Montpelier*, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, VA
- 2019 Supervisor, *LEARN: Archaeology Expedition Exhibition*, Archaeology Lab, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, VA
- 2018 Co-Curator, *Breaking Chains: Voices from Slavery to Civil Rights*, Lisanby Museum, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

- 2017 Curator of Archaeological Collections, *The Mere Distinction of Colour*, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, VA
- 2015 Exhibition Design Team Member, *The Archaeology of New Hall*, Independence National Park, Philadelphia, PA

Public Publications:

- 2015-Present Contributor to *Digging Deeper: Current Archaeology Research at Montpelier*, In-depth E-Newsletter, Archaeology Department, James Madison's Montpelier
- 2015-Present Contributor to *The Latest Dirt*, E-newsletter, Montpelier Archaeology Department, The Montpelier Foundation
- 2017 Contributor to *Archaeology Sites at James Madison's Montpelier*, Montpelier Archaeology Department, James Madison's Montpelier
- 2015 Contributor to *Archaeology on the River Activity Booklet*, National Capital Region, Regional Archaeology Program, National Park Service
- 2014 Contributor to *Archaeology Activity Booklet*, National Capital Region, Regional Archaeology Program, National Park Service
- 2008-2009 Bi-Monthly E-newsletter for the Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance
- 2007-2009 Quarterly E-newsletter for the Northwest Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network
- 2007-2009 Contributor to Pensacola Archaeological Society Monthly Newsletter
- 2007-2008 Contributor *Beyond Artifacts; Teaching Archaeology in the Classroom*, Volumes 1 & 2, Florida Public Archaeology Network

Teaching Experience:

- James Madison University/State University of New York, Plattsburg  
Montpelier's Archaeological Field School (Summer 2015-2019 & 2021)
- University of Maryland, College Park  
Archaeology of the Spanish Empire: Conquest and Colonization (Spring 2012 & Spring 2013)  
Introduction to Archaeology (Fall 2011 & Fall 2012)
- University of West Florida  
Introduction to Anthropology (Spring 2006)  
Introduction to Anthropology (online) (Summer 2006)

Public Programs:

- 2020-Present Archaeology Lunch and Learn Virtual Lecture Series, James Madison's Montpelier
- 2016-Present Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Orange County African American Historical Society
- 2015-Present Archaeology Expeditions, Weeklong Hands-On Archaeology Programs, James Madison's Montpelier
- 2017 Montpelier Archaeology Information Booth, DC Day of Archaeology Festival, Archaeology in the Community, Washington, DC
- 2016-2017 Dig It! Hands-On Tour, James Madison's Montpelier

2014 National Park Service, National Capital Region, Regional Archeology Program Information Booth, Discovering Archaeology Day, Jefferson Patterson Park, St. Leonard, MD

2013-2014 Urban Archaeology Corps Information Booth, DC Day of Archaeology Festival, Archaeology in the Community, Washington, DC

2010 Cemetery Workshop, Historic Preservation Section, Prince George's County Planning Office, Upper Marlboro, MD

2010 Prince George's County Archaeology Information Booth, Discovering Archaeology Day, Jefferson Patterson Park, St. Leonard, MD

2009-2012 Archaeology Mock Excavation, Maryland Day, University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, MD

2009 Celebrate Pensacola Teacher Workshop, Pensacola, FL

2009 Cemetery Recording and Management Workshop, Gainer/Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Bay County, FL

2008-2009 Florida Archaeology Month Annual Kick-Off Celebration, Pensacola, FL

2008-2009 Anthropology and Archaeology Class, Milton High School, Milton, FL

2008-2009 "Archaeology in the Park" Park Ranger Workshop, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Gulf Breeze, FL

2008-2009 Archaeology Leisure Learning Classes, University of West Florida Pensacola, FL

2008 Girl Scout Local Lore Merit Badge Clinic, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Coordinating Center, Pensacola, FL

2008 "Special Sites" Forestry Workers Training Program, Panama City, FL

2007-2009 Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge Clinic, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Coordinating Center and Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola and Gulf Breeze, FL

2007-2009 "Archaeology in the Classroom" Teacher Workshop, held throughout Northwest Florida

2007-2009 Archaeology Day Event, held throughout Northwest Florida

2007-2008 "Fort George: Bringing to Life Pensacola's Role in the American Revolution" Save Our History Grant Program, St. Michael's Inter-parochial School, Pensacola, FL

2006-2009 Archaeology Information Booths, Numerous Events and Festivals throughout Northwest Florida

2006-2007 Local Government Preservation Program Directory, Created for the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, FL

2006-2007 "Unearthing Pensacola's Heritage: Creating a District-Wide Educational Fieldtrip for Middle School Students", Save Our History Grant Program, Ferry Pass Middle School, Pensacola, FL

2006 Lobbying and Informational Booth, University of West Florida Day at the Capital, Tallahassee, FL

2005-2007 "Archaeology at the Commanding Officers Compound" History Camp, Historic Pensacola Village, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., Pensacola, FL

2005-2009 "Archaeology in Pensacola" Program for Academically Talented Students (PATS), PATS Center Brentwood Middle School, Pensacola, FL

Trainings & Workshops Completed:

- 2018 Facilitated Dialogue Training, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, VA
- 2018 Mere Distinction of Colour Seminar, Facing History and Ourselves, James Madison's Montpelier, Orange, VA
- 2017 Crossroads: Second-Steps Antiracist Workshop: Becoming an Antiracist Multicultural Institution. Society for Historical Archaeology
- 2015 Crossroads: Introduction to Systemic Racism Workshop. Society for Historical Archaeology
- 2015 Service Learning Training, National Youth Leadership Council Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 Montpelier Archaeological Certification Program, Metal Detector Expedition, James Madison's Montpelier, Department of Archaeology Orange, VA
- 2012 GIS Workshops: Introduction, Data Management, and Spatial Analysis U.S. Government Information, Maps, & GIS Services, University of Maryland Libraries, College Park, MD
- 2009 Certified Interpretive Guide Training, National Association for Interpretation, Titusville, FL
- 2009 Archaeology in the Classroom, Professional Development Workshop Project Archaeology, St. Augustine, FL
- 2007 Southeast Cemetery Monument Conservation Workshop, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Pensacola, FL

Professional Service:

- 2021-Present Public Education Awards Committee, Society for American Archaeology
- 2017-Present Committee Member, Curation and Collections Committee, Society for Historical Archaeology
- 2016-Present Committee Member, Public Education and Interpretation Committee, Society for Historical Archaeology

Community Service:

- 2022-Present Board Member, Orange County African American Historical Society, Orange, VA
- 2017-2019 Committee Member, Transforming Community Spaces Advisory Committee, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 2017-2019 Committee Member, Fort Ward Interpretive Planning Committee, Alexandria, VA

University Service:

- 2009-2015 Practicing Anthropology Student Association, Member
- 2010-2011 Practicing Anthropology Student Association, President
- 2009-2015 Alpha Omicron Pi, Pi Delta Chapter, Alumni Adviser

Professional Memberships:

- Register of Professional Archaeologists
- Society for American Archaeology



Society for Historical Archaeology  
Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Society

Special Skills and Languages:

Spanish (Intermediate)

Interior Collections Management System (ICMS)

ArcGIS (Basic)