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San Bernardino County Museum Fall 2025 Agua Mansa Cemetery Field School

Headstone Discovery and Historical Archaeology at Agua Mansa Pioneer Cemetery

Instructors: Sue Hagen and Jean Pickard

Field School Dates: Every Friday, January 16 - May 8, 2026

Location: Field Work: Agua Mansa Pioneer Cemetery, Colton, CA

Lab Work: San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands, CA

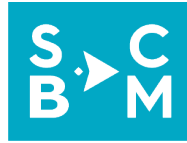
APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 31, 2025

Requirements:

- 18 years old or older
 - Priority given to actively enrolled archaeology students.
 - Prerequisite: Introductory courses in Anthropology and/or Archaeology.
 - Letter of recommendation.
 - Ability to work outdoors in hot temperatures (potentially 90°F+) for several hours per day.
 - Ability to kneel or squat during excavations, carry light equipment (10–25 lbs), and participate in pedestrian survey on uneven terrain.
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Applicant Information

- **Full Name:**
- **Preferred Name (if different):**
- **Pronouns:**
- **Mailing Address:**
- **Phone Number:**
- **Email Address:**
- **Date of Birth:**
- **Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:**



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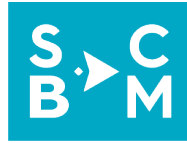
Educational Background

- **Current School or Institution:**
 - **Major/Minor:**
 - **Year of Study in School:**
 - **Anticipated Graduation Date:**
 - **Relevant Courses Completed (e.g., Intro to Archaeology, Field Methods, GIS)**
(Please list title, course number and grade received in all college level archaeology or anthropology courses that will be completed by the beginning of field school. Please also attached college transcripts (unofficial copies are fine) when submitting your application):
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Statement of Interest

Please answer the following:

1. **Why are you interested in attending this field school?**
2. **What do you hope to learn or accomplish through this experience?**
3. **Do you have previous field experience in archaeology or related disciplines?**
Please list any relevant skills, certifications, or experiences (e.g., GPS/UTM recording, mapping, photography, artifact analysis, archival research, public speaking, community engagement, Spanish proficiency, etc.).



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4. How do you think working in a historic cemetery will shape your approach to archaeological research and ethics?

Availability and Commitment

- Are you available for the full duration of the field school? ____ Yes ____ No
If not, please explain:
 - Do you have reliable transportation to and from the field and lab sites? ____ Yes ____ No
 - Are you prepared to work outdoors in potentially hot conditions, walk uneven terrain, and follow all safety protocols? ____ Yes ____ No
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Health and Accessibility

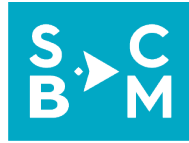
Please describe any medical conditions, allergies, or accessibility needs we should be aware of to ensure your health and safety in the field. (This information is confidential and used only for planning purposes.)

Letter of Recommendation

Please request a letter of recommendation from a professor or mentor familiar with your academic or professional work.

Transcripts

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Acknowledgment of Expectations

By signing below, you acknowledge that:

- This is a working field school, and participants are expected to follow all site, safety, and ethical guidelines.
- The Agua Mansa site is a sensitive historic cemetery, and all work will be conducted with respect for descendant communities and the public.
- You will attend all scheduled days and participate fully unless otherwise arranged.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Upon completion of this application, please submit all paperwork including application, letter of recommendation and transcripts to Tamara Serrao-Leiva, Chief Deputy and Curator of Anthropology at <mailto:tamara.serrao-leiva@sbcm.sbcounty.gov>.