

Craig Mayer Biography

Education

BA - Southern Methodist University (Dallas) – Medieval European History and Anthropology
Diploma in Archaeology (Masters Equivalent) – Durham University (Durham, England) – Anglo-Saxon and Viking Studies
MA – Southern Methodist University (Dallas) – Anthropology (focus on Archaeology)
PhD (ABD) – Southern Methodist University (Dallas) - Anthropology

Archaeological Field Experience (Various Roles: Excavator, Crew Lead or Director of Excavation)

TEXAS

- Site Survey and Nomination of 20+ Historic Sites in North Texas to the National Register of Historic Places

ENGLAND / SCOTLAND

- Monkwearmouth, 7th Century Anglo-Saxon Monastery (Sunderland, Co. Durham, England)
- Jarrow, 7th Century Anglo-Saxon Monastery (Jarrow, Co. Durham, England)
- Hartlepool Medieval Harbor (Hartlepool, Co. Durham, England)
- Whittonstall Deserted Medieval Village (DMV) (Whittonstall near Ebchester, Co. Durham, England)
- Binchester Roman Fort (Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, England)
- Milecastle 32A, Hadrian's Wall (near Once Brewed, Northumberland Co., England)
- Escomb Village Church Yard Enceinte [Wall] (Escomb, Co. Durham, England)
- Craighairan Viking Period (Galghaidhil) Farm Sites (near Moniaive, Dumfries & Galloway, Scotland)
- Testing a number of sites and site survey in Dumfriesshire (Scotland)

ILLINOIS

- Rathje Windmill (1872) (Peotone, Illinois)
- Wannemacher Multi-component site (Tinley Park, Illinois)
- Vollmer Archaic Site (Olympia Fields, Illinois)
- Irons Oaks Historic Estate (Olympia Fields, Illinois)
- A number of paleo, archaic and Mississippian sites in and around the Koster site, Kampsville (Greene County, Illinois)

Associate Professor of Anthropology / Archaeology – Southern Methodist University (Dallas) and Dallas College (Dallas), 1970 – 1975 (Medieval European Archaeology; Hominid Evolution and Genetics; Linguistics; Lab Methods in Archaeology)

Past President and Founder (1979), South Suburban Archaeological Society, Homewood, Illinois (now the largest avocational archaeological society in Illinois)

Publications

- "Anglo-Saxon Weights and Measures" (Thesis, 1971, Durham University, England)
- "The Norse Viking Settlement of Southwest Scotland" (Unpublished PhD Dissertation, 1976, Southern Methodist University, Dallas)

Laboratory and Analytical Experience

- Analysis of lithics, ceramics, and classification of ceramic elbow pipes from the Sam Kaufman Site (Red River County, Texas) – a multi-component Caddoan settlement and shaft burial site
- Classification of paleolithic assemblages from Nubia (Egypt), the Negev (Israel) and the Afar (Ethiopia)
- Analysis of Maya ceramics, Kaminaljuyú (Guatemala)
- Analysis and reconstruction of Saxon period ceramics from sites in Northern England
- Preservation and analysis of a variety of artifact types and materials

Archaeological Trips (Organized and Led)

- SSAS Trek I – Roman and Medieval Archaeology in Northern England and Southern Scotland
- SSAS Trek II – The Archaeology and History of Northeastern France, Southern Germany and Austria
- SSAS Trek III – The Archaeology of the US Four Corners Region
- (Proposed Trip – 2011: Roman Ruins and Contemporary Wines of the Rhine and Mosel River Valleys, Germany)

Current Activities

President of iuXta America Corporation, an Information Technology outsourcing company, focused on the creation of eBooks / eNewspapers for major US publishers, working with technical partner firms in Mexico