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Unearthing Hidden Histories: LancasterHistory to Host Two Unique Events Led by Millersville Professor & Archaeologist

Dr. James Delle to Discuss Significant Findings from Lancaster County Sites, Shedding New Light on the African American Experience

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory is set to offer a unique journey into the past with two exciting events coming up in June. [Dr. James Delle](#), archaeologist and Millersville University professor will lead both discussions, shedding new light on the African American experience and the interwoven narrative of slavery and freedom in the northern states.

On Thursday, June 15, LancasterHistory invites you to the latest offering of its Regional History Colloquium: “The Archaeology of Northern Slavery.” Dr. Delle will discuss significant findings from key archaeological sites in Lancaster County and their implications for understanding African American history.

The event will begin with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by the lecture at 5:30 p.m. at LancasterHistory. Those unable to attend in person can join the event via live stream on Zoom. The event is free, but due to capacity restrictions, advance registration is required for both [in-person](#) and [virtual attendance](#).

“We’re honored to welcome Dr. Delle for what promises to be an enlightening conversation,” Dr. Mabel Rosenheck, Director of Education and Exhibition Planning at LancasterHistory, said. “His work resonates with our mission to highlight the intricate and varied stories of our region's past.”

Just two days later, on Saturday, June 17, LancasterHistory will host another intriguing event -- a presentation of historic artifacts discovered at the [Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History & Democracy](#). As part of the *Collections Up Close* tour series, Dr. Delle will discuss the archaeological excavation, the artifacts, and the insights they offer into the lives of the site's inhabitants over a century ago. After the presentation, attendees will be able to view the artifacts.

The [event takes place](#) at 2 p.m. at LancasterHistory. Tickets for this program are priced at \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for students. Members of LancasterHistory enjoy free admission but should still register in advance. As with the previous event, capacity is limited, so it is strongly recommended to register in advance.

Dr. James A. Delle is the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Associate Provost for Academic Administration at Millersville University. Delle has written extensively on archaeology and the architectural heritage of the African Diaspora in the Caribbean and North America. He has directed archaeology projects in Jamaica, Dominica, Hawaii, New York, and Pennsylvania, including excavations at the Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center, the Swan Hotel site, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Music, now the Ware Center. In 2014, he served as a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh. Delle currently serves as the Vice President of Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County Board of Directors.

For more information or to register for these events, please visit the [LancasterHistory's event page](#) or call (717) 392-4633.

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the life and legacy of America's 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain Wheatland, his home.

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