

Kathleen Deagan

Kathleen Deagan is Distinguished Research Curator of Archaeology Emerita and the Emerita Lockwood Professor of Florida and Caribbean Archaeology at the University of Florida. She received her Ph.D. in 1974 from the University of Florida, and after teaching at Florida State University Anthropology Department for eight years, she joined the University of Florida faculty in 1982.



Her research has focused on the archaeology of the Spanish colonial period in Florida and the Caribbean. She has conducted excavations in St. Augustine, Florida, since 1972, including the identification and excavations of Ft. Mose, America's first free Black community, and Florida's first Spanish settlement (1565-66). Since 1980, she has directed excavation programs in the Caribbean, including La Isabela, Christopher Columbus's first town in America in collaboration with José M. Cruxent. She has also directed archaeological programs at Concepción de la Vega (1496-1562) in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Real, Haiti (1502-1578), and the En Bas Saline site in Haiti -- a large Taíno town thought to be the site of La Navidad, Columbus's first fort, in 1492. She has been a consultant on historic preservation and archaeology in Spain, Venezuela, Panama, Peru, Jamaica, and Honduras.

Deagan is the author of nine books and more than 75 scientific papers. She was named an Alumna of Outstanding Distinction by the University of Florida in 1998, and is a recipient of the Society for Historical Archaeology's J.C. Harrington Award for Lifetime Distinction. In 2016 she was elected to the *American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, and in 2018 was elected to the *Academia de Historia de la República Dominicana*. She has been awarded the "Order of La Florida" by the City of St. Augustine in 2007 for distinguished service to the City,