



**CARL D. HALBIRT**  
(Retired City Archaeologist)

As the city archaeologist of St. Augustine, Florida, from April 1990 to September 2017, Halbirt conducted more than 800 archaeological investigations in response to new ground-penetrating construction activities as mandated by the City's Archaeological Preservation Ordinance. Although the majority of these projects dealt with material dating to the historic era (1565 to the early 20th century), some investigations involved prehistoric deposits dating back 4,000 years ago. The data unearthed provides an unparalleled perspective of St. Augustine's archaeological landscape. Since retiring, Halbirt continues to engage in studying the archaeological heritage of St. Augustine, as well as Southwestern archaeology.

During his tenure with the city, Halbirt maintained an active role in helping to promote and interpret St. Augustine's unique cultural heritage through numerous public outreach programs and exhibits and presentations at professional conferences and civic organizations. He also developed, trained, and maintained an active volunteer program. Volunteers assisted in all aspects of archaeological fieldwork as well as analysis in the lab and report preparation. These accomplishments were acknowledged by various organizations, including the City of St. Augustine, The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, the Florida Historical Society, and the Florida Anthropological Society. In 2015, the City's Archaeology Program was recognized by First Lady Michelle Obama via the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation as a Preservation America Steward, a Federal designation that recognized the successful use of volunteer time and commitment to help care for the city's historic heritage.

#### **EDUCATION**

**M.P.A.** (Public Administration), University of North Florida, Jacksonville, 2004 (with honors)

**M. A.** (Anthropology), Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, 1985.

**B. A.** (Anthropology) University of Arizona, Tucson, 1974.

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Spanish colonial archaeology and history, urban archaeology, historic preservation

#### **AWARDS** (selection from 14 honors)

**Order of La Florida** (2018) presented by the City Commission of St. Augustine, Florida "in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to St. Augustine's historical record."

**Florida Trust for Historic Preservation** (2018) Outstanding Performance in the Field of Archaeology for the *Investigation of Nuestra Senora de los Remedios* (with Drs. Kathleen Deagan and John Krigbam)

**Florida Trust for Historic Preservation** (2017) Meritorious Achievement in the Archaeology category for *St. Augustine: America's Enduring Colony* exhibit.

**Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Individual Distinguished Service Award** (2015) in recognition of 25 years as the city archaeologist for St. Augustine.

**Honorary Life Member, St. Augustine Art Association [SAAA]** (2012): In recognition of his archaeological excavation and research at the (SAAA) and in appreciation of his scholarly guidance on the "*Art y Facts of Drake's Raid*" exhibit.

**Jillian Prescott Memorial Lectureship** (2010): "Discovering St. Augustine's Remarkable History through Archaeology." Lecture presented at the Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, St. Augustine, Florida.

**Ripley P. Bullen Award** (2008): "for Furthering Cooperation Among Professional and Avocational Archaeologists."

**City of St. Augustine Employee of the Year** (2001): "for service to the people of St. Augustine through his untiring dedication to the exploration and preservation of the City's past."

#### **GRANTS and EXHIBITS**

**St. Augustine: America's Enduring Colony, 1565 to 1821** (2016 to present), Exhibit at the Visitors Information Center showcasing St. Augustine's 256-year colonial heritage through panel displays and artifacts from City excavations. Funding provided by the State of Florida, Department of State, 2016. (\$42,500).

**Preserving the Past for the Future: St. Augustine's Early History** (2012 to 2014). An exhibit of 18<sup>th</sup>-century artifacts celebrating the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine, VIC, DVD ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uzr8Sijm16I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uzr8Sijm16I)). Funding was provided through business and community donations.

**City of St. Augustine Archaeology Program Website** (2009 to 2016). Presents the procedures used and discoveries made by the City's archaeology program. Funding provided by HSARI, Flagler College, 2009 (\$5,000).

**Every artifact tells a story** (2000 to 2005). An exhibit at the VIC showcasing St. Augustine's history through panel displays

and artifacts, Visitor Information Center. Funding provided by the State of Florida, Department of State, 2000 (\$35,000).  
**Windows Through Time: A Guide to the City of St. Augustine's Archeology Program** (1993-1997). A portable display illustrating aspects of the City's archaeology program and its relevance to the community, with an accompanying brochure. Funding provided by State of Florida, Department of State, 1993. (\$2,500)  
**St. Augustine Archaeological Inventory:** An inventory of archaeological projects from the 1930s to 1991. Funding provided by the State of Florida, Department of State, 1992. (\$5,000)

#### HERITAGE ASSETS

Participant in the restoration of and locational markers for historical structures via archaeological data from City excavations. Projects include the 19<sup>th</sup>-century plaza well (1998), the 19<sup>th</sup> century Santo Domingo Redoubt along the Cubo Line (2003), a marker for the 18<sup>th</sup> century Solano Redoubt on the Rosario Line (2009), and markers for the west wall of the 17th-century church of Los Remedios (2012).

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZER (2002):** developed and procured funding and participants for a two-day program focusing on the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the English Siege of St. Augustine in 1702. Entitled "Firestorm and Ashes," the conference was sponsored by the St. Augustine Historical Society.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (since 1974)

**City Archaeologist:** City of St. Augustine, April 17, 1990, to Sept. 29, 2017.

**Archaeologist:** Project Director or supervisor for CRM firms in the southwestern United States, May 1979 to April 1990.

**Research Assistant:** Department of Biosciences, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, 1977-1978.

**Archaeologist:** Crew member on survey and excavation projects in the southwest United States, 1974 to 1978.

#### PUBLICATIONS (Selection of published articles relevant to St. Augustine)

- 2019 The People Who Met Menendez (with Kathleen Deagan). In *The Oldest City*, Second Edition. St. Augustine Historical Society, St. Augustine (in press)
- 2017 Spanish St. Augustine, Florida (with Kathleen Deagan). In *Ceramics in America*, pp 90-103, edited by Robert Hunter and Angelika R. Kuettner, Chipstone Foundation, London
- 2017 Municipal Archaeology Policies as a Vector in Public Outreach Programs: Digging Up Dirt for the Masses in St. Augustine, Florida (with Sarah Miller). In *Urban Archaeology, Municipal Government, and Local Planning: Preserving Heritage within the Commonwealth of Nations and the United States*, pp 299-319 (edited by Sherene Baugher, Douglas Appler, and William Moss), Springer Science + Business, LLC, New York.
- 2011 Aviles Street: St. Augustine's Oldest Documented Road. *St. Augustine Archaeological Association Newsletter* 24(4):1-5.
- 2004 La Ciudad de San Agustin: An Eighteenth-Century European Fighting Presidio. *Historical Archaeology* 39(3):33-48.
- 2004 Lessons from the Monson. *St. Augustine Archaeological Association Newsletter* 19 (3):1-6.
- 2002 The Apocalypse of 1702: Archaeological Evidence of Moore's Siege. *El Escribano* 39:29-44.
- 2002 The Smith Siblings: "In Death They Were Not Divided." *St. Augustine Archaeological Association Newsletter* 17(4):1-5.
- 1999 "...A Great Farmer and Gardener": Archaeological Evidence of Governor James Grant's Farm, St. Augustine, East Florida. *The Florida Anthropologist* 52(1-2):57-71.
- 1997 Of Earth, Tabby, Brick, and Asphalt: The Archaeology of St. Augustine's Historic St. George Street. *El Escribano* 34:70-97.
- 1993 The City of St. Augustine's Archaeology Program. *The Florida Anthropologist*, 46(2):101-104.
- 1993 The Archeology of the Cubo Line: St. Augustine's First Line of Defense. *The Florida Anthropologist* 46(2):105-127.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS (Sample of papers from 1990-present)

- 2018 Sacred Space, Urban Intrusion, and the Fate of America's First Parish Church. The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Jacksonville, Florida (with Kathleen Deagan)
- 2016 Old Hypotheses and New Discoveries: Reflections on the Archaeology of Sixteenth-Century St. Augustine. The Santa Elena and Sixteenth-Century *La Florida* Conference, Beaufort, South Carolina (with Kathleen Deagan)
- 2015 Back Under the Spanish Fold: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Yamassee Mission Sites in St. Augustine, Florida. The First Yamassee Conference, St. Augustine, Florida (April 17-19).
- 2014 Seeking Asylum in 18<sup>th</sup> Century St. Augustine: The Final Chapter of the Franciscan Mission System in La Florida. Paper presented at The Franciscan Florida in Pan-Borderlands Perspective Conference, Flagler College, St.

Augustine, Florida.

- 2012 In the Shadow of Castillo de San Marcos. Poster presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society, Tallahassee, Florida (with Mischa Johns).
- 2008 "...skillfully disarticulated at the joints": A Seventeenth-Century Donkey Burial, St. Augustine, Florida. The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Anthropological Society, Ybor City, Florida.
- 2005 "...where the sea breezes constantly blow—an ideal place for a home": The 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Mission Community of Nuestra Señora del Rosario de la Punta. The 2005 SEAC conference, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2003 New Evidence for St. Augustine's 16<sup>th</sup> Century Cultural Landscape. The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Florida Anthropological Society, Tallahassee, Florida.

**PRESENTATIONS** (selection of invitations to specific events)

- 2016 Ten Fascinating Finds. Prepared for the Historic St. Augustine Research Institute Series, Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida (February)
- 2014 St. Augustine's Unseen Heritage: The Archaeology of Early Colonial Life in America's Oldest European Community. Prepared for the Florida Humanities Series at the Emerson Center, Vero Beach, Florida (April).
- 2013 Preserving St. Augustine's Unique Archaeological Heritage. Workshop on Municipal Archaeology, Florida Historic Trust Meeting, St. Augustine, Florida, (May)
- 2012 The Legacy of El Dragón: 1586 Raid of Francis Drake. Prepared for the opening of the *Art y Facts of Drake's Raid* exhibit at the St. Augustine Art Association, Florida, (May).
- 2012 "Find Anything Interesting:" 25 Years as Stewards of History. Prepared for the 450<sup>th</sup> First America Series, St. Augustine, Florida (January)
- 2010 *St. Augustine's Unseen History: Touring Colonial Archaeological Sites in the Downtown District*. Brochure developed for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Amelia Island Plantation, Florida (with Kathleen Deagan and Melissa Dezendorf)
- 2000 Saving America's Oldest City: Highlights of the City of St. Augustine's Archaeology Program 1989-1999. Prepared for the Flagler College Speakers Series.
- 1996 Plaza de la Constitución: The Archaeology of One of St. Augustine's Oldest Landmarks. Prepared for the Plaza Rededication Ceremony

**PUBLICATIONS** (Selection from monographs and unpublished reports relevant to the Southwest, 1980 to 2016)

- 2016 Before Kinishba: Two Mogollon Pithouse Villages. *Archaeology Southwest* 30(1):13-15 with Richard Ciolek-Torrello)
- 2013 Before Kinishba: Two Late Pithouse Period Settlements near Fort Apache. In *Kinishba Lost and Found: Mid-century Excavations and Contemporary Perspectives* (edited by John R. Welch), *Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series* No. 206, pp. 94-121 (with Richard Ciolek-Torrello).
- 1993 *Archaic Occupation on the Santa Cruz Flats: The Tator Hills Archaeological Project*. Northland Research, Inc., Flagstaff (edited with T. Kathleen Henderson)
- 1990 *Investigations at the Cake Ranch Site: A Classic Period Hohokam Village on the Santa Cruz Flats, Pinal County, Arizona*. Northland Research, Inc. (with T. Kathleen Henderson and JoAnn E. Kisselburg)
- 1989 Modeling Prehistoric Behavior from the Analysis of Ground-stone Assemblages. In *Hohokam Archaeology along Phase B of the Tucson Aqueduct Central Arizona Project, Volume 1 Syntheses and Interpretations, Part II* (edited by Jon S. Czaplicki and John c. Ravesloot), pp190-204. *Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series* No. 178\
- 1987a Archaeobotanical Analyses. In *Archaeology of the Mazatzal Piedmont, Central Arizona*, (Richard S. Ciolek-Torrello), pp. 282-327. *Museum of Northern Arizona Research Paper* 33, Volume 1, Flagstaff (with Robert E. Gasser).
- 1987b Ground Stone Implements. In *Archaeology of the Mazatzal Piedmont, Central Arizona*, (Richard S. Ciolek-Torrello), pp. 165-187. *Museum of Northern Arizona Research Paper* 33, Volume 1, Flagstaff (with Robert E. Gasser).
- 1985a Hunter-Gatherer Adaptation in the Mountain Region of West-Central Arizona. *Museum of Northern Arizona Research Paper* 34, Flagstaff (with Steven G. Dosh).
- 1985b *Pollen Analysis of Metate Wash Samples: Evaluating Techniques for Determining Metate Function*, M.A. Thesis, Northern Arizona, Flagstaff.
- 1983 An Evaluation of Cultural Resources Training Program, San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. *Museum of Northern Arizona*, Flagstaff.
- 1981 An Archaeological Survey and Evaluation of 7,815 Acres in the Alton Leasehold. *Museum of Northern Arizona*, Flagstaff (with Clara A. Gualtieri)

1980 An Archaeological Survey of 6,215 Acres on the San Carlos Indian Reservation. Museum on Northern Arizona, Flagstaff (with Don Keller).

**Conferences** (sample of Southwest papers from 1980 to 1986)

1986 Modeling Mogollon Cultural Development in East-Central Arizona. Fourth Mogollon Conference, Tucson

1983 The Pollen Spectra of an Isolated Pottery Cache. 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Arizona-Nevada Academy of Sciences, Flagstaff (with Alan Dulaney).

1982 A Spatial Analysis of Carrizo Phase Mogollon Settlements on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, Arizona. Second Mogollon Conference, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

**Current Professional Organizations**

St. Augustine Historical Society (President 2001 & 2002; Board member 1997 to 2002, research associate 1998 to present)

Historic St. Augustine Research Institute (Flagler College), research associate 2004 to present