The field school enrolls undergraduate and graduate students with diverse backgrounds, but a majority of the participants generally contemplate a professional orientation. Graduate students must (and undergraduates may) conduct a small original research project using project data.

**Research Focus.** The El Morro Valley Prehistory Project seeks to understand the organizational dynamics that led to the founding, in the early AD 1200s, of numerous small pueblos clustered within the El Morro Valley and, with their abandonment, to the establishment of the large Pueblo IV towns at about AD 1275. Our research focuses on the process of community formation during this critical interval.

In 2003, the project began intensive investigation of the Los Gigantes post-Chacoan great house complex and its surrounding community.

The 2004 field work will extend excavation of the great house and nearby residential pueblos and will include limited testing at several others. In 2004 we will also expand our full-coverage survey of substantial blocks of the El Morro Valley.

**Director and Staff.** Keith Kintigh, Professor of Anthropology at Arizona State University directs the field school. Professor Kintigh has focused a long-term research effort on the late prehistory of the Zuni area and works extensively in the development of quantitative methods for archaeological analysis. Gregson Schachner, an ASU PhD Candidate in archaeology will co-direct this research. In guiding the research, the full-time directors are assisted by three advanced archaeology graduate students from ASU.

**Field Camp.** The field camp is located in a scenic forested area near the field work. A camp cook will prepare meals. Field equipment will be provided, except for a tent, sleeping bag, and personal items. At an elevation of 7300 feet, we expect warm days and cool nights with afternoon rain late in the season.