

THE EL MORRO VALLEY PREHISTORY PROJECT



Archaeological Field School
West-Central New Mexico
May 30-July 3, 2004

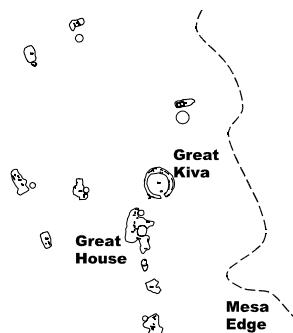
Academic Program. For the summer of 2004, the ASU Summer Archaeological Field School, directed by Professor Keith Kintigh, will be located in the archaeologically rich and visually dramatic mesa country of west-central New Mexico immediately east of the Zuni Indian Reservation, near El Morro National Monument. Graduate and undergraduate students receive intensive training in archaeological field methods while participating in ongoing research concerning population movement and social integration in an area of the Southwest with an unusually rich and varied archaeological record. Unlike many field schools, this field experience includes both excavation and archaeological survey. In addition, students gain experience in artifact recording and analysis.

Along with essential technical skills, the program emphasizes the construction of research strategies that are effective in addressing anthropological questions. Field training is integrated with lectures on archaeological method and theory and the prehistory and ethnography of the Southwest. Field trips to Cibola area ruins provide a regional context for the research. Evening lectures by visiting scholars further enhance the academic program.



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.



Los Gigantes Core Area

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.

Application and Enrollment. The field school lasts five weeks, from May 30 through July 3, 2004. Enrollment is open to undergraduate and graduate students from any university or college. We expect to enroll 15 students. Students should have had at least one course in either anthropology or archaeology and be in good physical condition. Students must register for 6 semester hours of credit, for which the tuition (resident or non-resident) is \$1108 for undergraduates and \$1174 for graduate students. An additional fee of \$800 for the five week session covers room, board, supplies, and transportation in the field as well as round trip transportation from Albuquerque to the field camp. Both charges are payable before May 1, 2004.

Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.public.asu.edu/~kintigh/fieldschool> or can be requested by phone or email. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including the application, transcript, and recommendation is March 12, 2004. Decisions on acceptance, based on a competitive evaluation of the applications, will be made by April 1. To the extent possible, communications will be via email so applicants should ensure that we continue to have a current email address.

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