

ALEXANDRA CHAN

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 2003, Historical Archaeology, from Boston University. Dissertation Title: *The Slaves of Colonial New England: Discourses of Colonialism and Identity at the Isaac Royall House, Medford, MA, 1732-1775.*
- Double B.A., 1996, Anthropology and German Language (Departmental Honors, General Honors, Phi Beta Kappa), from Vassar College.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society for Historical Archaeology, since 1998
- Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, since 1997

EXPERTISE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Management of all aspects of cultural resource projects, including proposal preparation, budget development, writing and review of archaeological reports and other technical documents, monitoring and quality control of fieldwork procedures, and development and execution of archaeological research designs.
- Level 2 Certified Historical Archaeologist by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to lead projects in the State of Maine.
- Able to interface with federal, state, and local agencies, private construction and engineering firms, clients, descendant communities, and other interested parties.
- Possess firm understanding of NEPA, NHPA, and NAGPRA, as well as requirements of the New Hampshire state-level agencies of the DES and NHDHR.
- Engage in public lectures, outreach, and education; staff training; and possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.

APPOINTMENTS

Nov. 2006 – present Monadnock Archaeological Consulting, LLC Stoddard, NH
Principal Investigator

- Senior-level supervisor for historical archaeological projects, responsible for background historical and archival research, monitoring and quality control of fieldwork procedures, development and execution of archaeological research designs, analysis and interpretation of field findings, and writing technical reports

Sept. 2006 – present Isaac Royall House Museum Medford, MA
Academic Advisory Council Member

- Resident archaeological consultant for program development
- Responsible for the construction and oversight of an archaeological exhibit aimed at bringing the findings of the 1999-2001 excavations to school groups and the general public.

June 2004 – Sept. 2006 IAC, LLC Portsmouth, NH
Project Archaeologist

- Senior-level supervisor, involved in the management of all aspects of cultural resource projects, including proposal preparation, budget development, writing and review of archaeological reports and other technical documents, monitoring and quality control of fieldwork procedures, and development and execution of archaeological research designs.

Sept. 2001 – June 2004 Vassar College Poughkeepsie, NY
Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology

- Teaching as well as mentoring duties for Anthropology majors and correlates. Courses listed below.
- Anthropology 331—Postmodernist Perspectives in Archaeological Method and Theory (Research Design and Evaluation)
- Anthropology 240—New World Historical Archaeology
- Anthropology 240—Ethnography of North America
- Anthropology/Africana Studies 284—Archaeology of Early African America
- Anthropology 235—Cultures in Contact: Comparative Colonialism in the Age of Exploration
- Anthropology 231—Politics of the Past: Archaeological Ethics and the Law
- Anthropology 231—Field Methods in Archaeology (with practical remote sensing, excavation, and lab component every Friday)
- Anthropology 120—Human Origins and Biological Anthropology
- Anthropology 100—Introduction to Archaeology

May 2000 – Aug. 2001 Isaac Royall House Medford, MA
Co-Principal Investigator and Project Director

- Director of excavations during 2000 and 2001 field seasons, and continuing in a PR, public outreach and educational capacity at the Isaac Royall House Museum's slave quarters.
- Lab coordinator and supervisor for laboratory work taking place in conjunction with the excavations.
- Liaison and consultant for the Royall House Association in its efforts to overhaul its interpretive plan for the site.
- Co-organizer of "The Forgotten Royalls" family/community day, August 2001, aimed at interpreting the daily experiences of the enslaved inhabitants of the site, and incorporating the results of the archaeological investigations into the interpretations for the public.

May 1999 – May 2000 Isaac Royall House Medford, MA
Project Archaeologist for Dr. Ricardo Elia, Principle Investigator

- Supervisory role in field excavations and laboratory analysis of an 18th-century mansion house and slave quarters.

1997 – 2000 Boston University Boston, MA
Graduate Teaching Fellow, Dept. of Archaeology

- Funded by a four-year Presidential University Graduate Fellowship.
- Assisted faculty members in the teaching of introductory courses.
- Gave lectures, held office hours, helped write and grade exams, developed problem sets in

the form of site reports to be completed by students based on artificial but historically accurate data, and papers meant to encourage critical assessment of ethical issues in archaeology.

Summer 1998 Metropolitan District Commission Boston, MA
Division of Watershed Management

- Did historical and archival research to locate historically known sites from the 17th – 20th centuries in the Ware River Watershed, then being used in part for logging activities.
- Conducted field reconnaissance to find each site, map it, and assess its integrity, parameters, principle threats, and potential significance.
- Did historical research on the towns of Barre and Hubbardston, MA and wrote short town histories for the record.
- Entered the data into a database for future reference when considering requests for logging permits.

Summer 1997 Boston Landmarks Commission Boston, MA
Assistant to City Archaeologist

- Co-developed a summer archaeology workshop for Boston children with Ellen Berkland, City Archaeologist of Boston, concerning the history and prehistory of Boston and the Harbor Islands.
- Co-wrote workbook, “We Dig the Harbor Islands!” and informational packet for children.
- Taught children in a laboratory setting about archaeology and the issues, ethics, and dilemmas encountered by archaeologists.
- Accompanied children to Gallop’s Island to practice site location, recording, analysis and ultimately conservation and protection of cultural resources.

LECTURES AND PAPERS

2007 “Doing History.” Hired by Project LOCAL to develop and lead an interactive history teachers’ and graduate students’ workshop on the historical archaeological process. Themes included: “Reading a Landscape,” “Reading an Artifact,” and “Reading a Document.” The Isaac Royall House, Medford, MA, May 31.

“Garbage, Shreds, Shavings, and Filth: Yard Deposits as Artifact at the 19th-century Amoskeag Mill Tenements.” Paper developed and expanded from prior research (see 2005) and presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Williamsburg, VA, January 11.

2005 “In Small Things Revealed: the Archaeology of a New England Family and their Slaves.” Invited speaker at Strawberry Banke Museum as part of a summer lecture series, Portsmouth, NH, June 22.

“Garbage, Shreds, Shavings, and Filth: Yard Deposits as Artifact at the 19th-century Amoskeag Mill Tenements.” Paper presented at the Spring Meeting of the New Hampshire Archaeological Society. Manchester, NH, April 9.

2004 “The Slaves of Colonial New England: African-Americans in Bondage at the Isaac Royall House in Medford, Massachusetts, 1732-1775.” Invited speaker at the African-American History Month Celebration at Winchester Town Hall. Winchester, MA,

March 7.

“The Royalls in the Age of Reason.” Invited speaker at the Medford Public Library. First of a two-part series in a spring lecture program. Medford, MA, March 17.

“The World the Slaves Made.” Second of the two-part series. Presented at the Isaac Royall House Museum’s Annual Meeting. Medford, MA, May 19.

“The Archaeology of Early African-Americans at the Isaac Royall House.” Invited speaker at the Isaac Winslow House fall symposium on African-Americans in Colonial New England. Marshfield, MA, September 18.

2003 “The Slaves of Colonial New England: African Americans in Bondage at the Isaac Royall House in Medford, Massachusetts, 1732-1775.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in Providence, RI. January 14-19.

2001 “The Archaeology of Early African America.” Invited speaker at the Massachusetts Historical Commission as part of a spring lecture series. Boston, MA, April 7.

“Slavery in Massachusetts: an Archaeological Perspective.” Invited speaker at the African-American Genealogical Society’s Annual Meeting. Stoughton, MA, October 20.

1999 “Historical Archaeology in Action: Rethinking What We Thought We Knew about Early African America.” Invited speaker at a Boston history teachers’ workshop, hosted by the Massachusetts Historical Society, November.

1996 “Lovell’s Island: Cultural Resources Assessment and Preliminary Management Plan.” A preliminary management plan for Lovell’s Island in the Boston Harbor, making recommendations to the Metropolitan District Commission for restoration, excavation, and interpretation of historical and prehistoric cultural resources on the island.

1995 “Salmon Fishing at Squaw Harbor: Resistivity and Net Weights.” Lucille L. Johnson, Kathryn Leonard, and Alexandra Chan. Unpublished paper presented both at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Albany and the Society of American Archaeology Conference in Minneapolis.

PUBLICATIONS

2007 *Slavery in the Age of Reason: Archaeology at a New England Farm*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press. Forthcoming, August.

2007 “Bringing the Out Kitchen in? Experiential Landscapes of Black and White New England.” In *Archaeology of Atlantic Africa and African Diaspora*, ed. by Toyin Falola and Akin Ogundiran. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Forthcoming, July.

2005 North was Active Partner in Slave Trade. Op-ed piece, Sunday Opinion Page, *Portsmouth Herald*, April 25.

2001 "The Emerging Face of Northern Bondage." *Context* 15 (2): 10-12.

1999 "Exploring Northern Slavery at the Royall House of Medford." Marni Blake and Alexandra Chan, *Context* 14 (2): 6-10.

1998 "A Treasure Hunter's Mad Obsessions." Letter to the editor of the *Wall Street Journal*, August 6: A15.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2000 Ford Humanities Foundation Award/Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement.

1999 Outstanding Teaching Fellow of the Year, Boston University Department of Archaeology.

1996-2000 Boston University: Four-Year Presidential University Graduate Fellowship.

1996 Departmental Honors Anthropology, General Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, Vassar College.

1993 German Language and Literature Award from the Consulate of the Republic of Germany, Vassar College.

1991 Summa Cum Laude from Allendale Columbia High School

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Chan, Alexandra, and Kathleen Wheeler

2006 *Searsmont Compressor Station: Results of Phase II Determination of Eligibility for the Lucas-Fuller Farmstead (ME 384-004)*. Report submitted to PAL, 210 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860

2005a *Results of Phase IB Intensive Archaeological Survey: Pineo Farms Subdivision, Stard Road and Mill Lane, Seabrook (Rockingham County), New Hampshire*. Report submitted to Green & Company, North Hampton, New Hampshire.

2005b *Phase IB Archaeological/Historical Survey for Caswell Training Site, Parcel C (Communications Building) and Anti-Aircraft Gun Emplacement Area, Caswell, Maine. Project # ENV04-932 & 04-934, 131G53.53*. Report submitted to Maine Army National Guard, Augusta, Maine.

2005c *Results of Phase II Determination of Eligibility Survey. Project # ENV04-945, 131G53.53, Bangor Training Site, Bangor (Penobscot County), Maine, 2004*. Report submitted to Maine Army National Guard, Augusta, Maine.

2004a *Phase IB Intensive Archaeological Investigation and Phase II Determination of Eligibility: Thurlow-Hunt Farmstead (27-RK-389) Proposed Improvements for N. H. Route 125, Project STP-X-5375(010), 10044-C, Kingston (Rockingham County), New Hampshire*. Report submitted to New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Concord, New Hampshire.

2004b *Phase IA Archaeological Site Assessment and Phase IB Site Locational Survey, Ring-Garland Farmstead (27-RK-413), N. H. Route 111 and East Road, NHDOT 13462, Hampstead (Rockingham County), New Hampshire*. Report submitted to Chas. E. Sells, Inc., and New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

Chan, Alexandra, Kathleen Wheeler, Ellen Marlatt, and Anthony Booth

2004 *Phase II and Extended Phase II Determination of Eligibility, Gideon Webster Homestead (27-RK-374), NH Route 125 and Newton Junction Road. Project MGS-STP-X-T-5375(010), 10044-B, Kingston (Rockingham County), New Hampshire*. Report submitted to VHB, Inc., Bedford, New Hampshire.

Marlatt, E., A. Chan, and K. Wheeler

2005a *Results of Phase I Archaeological Assessment and Intensive Archaeological Investigation: Proposed Expanded Facilities at the I-93 Exit 5 Park 'n Ride Facility (NHDOT 10418C), Londonderry (Rockingham County), New Hampshire*. Report submitted to Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Bedford, New Hampshire.

2005b *Salvage of Human Osteological Remains, Chase Farm Cemetery (27-RK-417), Epping (Rockingham County), New Hampshire*. Report submitted to Porter Holdings, Inc., Exeter, New Hampshire.

Marlatt, Ellen, Kathleen Wheeler, Alexandra Chan, Anthony Booth, and Michelle Hannum, with contributions by Lisa Mausolf, Richard T. Will, Edward Moore, and Karen Mack-Piacentini

2006 *Six Millennia of Technology and Domestic Presence/Along the Merrimack/Results of Archaeological Study/I-293 Exit 5 Highway Improvement Project (NHDOT # 10622-A)/ Manchester (Hillsborough County), New Hampshire*. 3 vols. Report submitted to: CLD Consulting Engineers, Inc., 540 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH 03101 and New Hampshire Department of Transportation, John O. Morton Building, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483.
Draft submitted October 25, 2006

Wheeler, K., and A. Chan

2005a *Results of Phase II Determination of Eligibility Survey, Auburn Training Facility, Auburn (Androscoggin County), Maine*. Report submitted to Maine Army National Guard, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine.

- 2005b *Recovery of Human Osteological Remains at the Amherst Public Cemetery, as Result of Town Hall Renovation, Amherst (Hillsborough County), New Hampshire.* Report submitted to Town of Amherst, New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Division for Historical Resources, Concord, New Hampshire.
- 2005c *Phase IA Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment Infrastructure Improvements – Intervale Cross Road and Kearsage Road North Conway (Belknap County), New Hampshire.* Report submitted to Camp Dresser and McKee, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Wheeler, K., S. Sastry, and A. Chan
2005 *Results of Phase IA Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment, Proposed County Farm Cross Road Subdivision, Dover (Strafford County), New Hampshire.* Report submitted to Taytav Partnership, LLC, Londonderry, New Hampshire.