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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—LA CROSSE





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What a year 2020 has been! MVAC has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by finding new ways to continue our work through these extraordinary times. We've closed our lab to all but essential personnel, postponed public events, and adopted new safety measures. In place of in-person outreach activities, we've expanded our online and virtual outreach. And our contracts and research staff, with masks in place, have continued providing essential services to agencies, municipalities, businesses, and the public.

We look forward to seeing you all again in person—and we've included some pre-COVID field photos here to remind us of what we're missing! In the meantime, we're still here for you. We remain deeply committed to our mission, and we love to hear from you. We're also grateful for the continuing support of our friends and donors. Together, we'll keep moving forward, stronger than ever.

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The Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center

Since 1982, the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center (MVAC) has offered an innovative mix of archaeology-related research, education, outreach, and contract services that focus on the rich cultural heritage of the Upper Mississippi River valley.

What We Do

- MVAC involves the public in archaeology, and learning about and preserving our regional heritage.
- MVAC supports undergraduate and K-12 education and hands-on experience in archaeology.
- Our contracts staff provides information, resources, and professional services for Cultural Resource Management.
- Our facility serves as a regional repository for artifact collections and documents.

How We're Supported

MVAC is a self-sustaining unit of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse. We're funded by contracts and sponsored research, public donations, endowment income, and the United Fund for the Arts and Humanities (UFAH). Your donations make a difference!



Archaeological Research and Cultural Resource Management (CRM)

- Since 1982, MVAC has offered the most active research and CRM program in western Wisconsin and southeast Minnesota.
- Our highly skilled archaeologists conduct CRM projects that range from literature reviews and initial surveys to construction monitoring and excavation.
- We help agencies, units of government, businesses, and individuals include cultural resources in successful project planning.
- Our clients include agencies and municipalities, developers, engineering firms, and others.

We're committed to doing every job well! In fact, most of our clients are repeat customers.

Repository and Library

- MVAC houses the most extensive archaeological artifact repository and library in the region.
- We maintain documented collections from hundreds of sites, and an extensive library of reports and files.
- We offer curation services for federal agencies and the State of Wisconsin.
- We provide information for planning and research, while keeping sensitive information confidential.

We're working to preserve our regional heritage for future generations.



Support for Undergraduate Education

- MVAC's collections and resources enhance undergraduate learning.
- Internships and other opportunities encourage students to do their own research, learn new skills, and create new knowledge.
- Students and recent graduates gain hands-on field and lab experience as volunteers or paid crew.

MVAC experience helps students prepare for future careers in archaeology—and other fields as well.

Public Education and Outreach

- MVAC has one of the most experienced, trusted, and active public archaeology programs in the Midwest.
- We offer an on-campus exhibit area and in-person outreach events, such as our Annual Artifact Show, lectures, public field surveys and field schools, and classes for K-12 students*.
- We support K-12 education by working with teachers and visiting classes (including remotely).

**Until COVID-19 risks decrease, our building is closed to visitors, and in-person public programs are on hold. Check our website for updates!*

We bring archaeology to you!

- Our free e-News emails provide monthly updates, information, upcoming events, book reviews, and more.
- Supporters receive updates, project information, and more in our Archaeology News newsletters.
- Visit our website for news, upcoming events, and lots of **information**
- Stay current with our **Facebook** posts and **Tumblr** blog.
- Watch our videos on **YouTube** — a brand-new series is now underway!
- Questions about archaeology? **Contact** us by email, phone, or Facebook.



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