



Digging through Time: Archaeology Field School Students Looking for Historical Clues

Despite what the Indiana Jones movies have been leading us to believe for more than 40 years, real archaeology can be far from glorious. Usually, it requires dealing with hot weather, ticks, mosquitoes, poison ivy, and hard work digging holes in the hope of finding things as small as a penny.

But archaeologists lean into the hardships and love the work anyway. They get excited about sifting through time to find pieces of history, saying it shouldn't be easy to earn those secrets. And when they put together all those artifacts with history, they can make a story come alive.

They also know how to have fun, as shown by a group of nine students working at a field school led by Purdue University Fort Wayne anthropology professors and spouses Jamie Cochran-Smith and Andrew Smith. It's the second year in a row they've directed the six-week course, this time at a site across the Ron Venderly Family Bridge on campus and at the Trine State Recreation Area in Fremont.

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Shannon Johnson, B.A. '04

The library director at Helmke Library, Johnson graduated in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in history and a minor in women's studies. In 2006, she earned her master's degree in library science at IUPUI. Johnson started working at Helmke in August 2000 as a student employee, a trek that included becoming a staff member after she graduated, and a tenure track faculty member in 2009. She's also director of library academic services, collection development, and liaison to PFW's College of Science.

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In a Snap

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Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall and Rep. Jim Banks (3rd district) discussed national security and defense technology during the Northeast Indiana Defense Summit on Tuesday. Technology executives, investors, military officials, economic developers and political leaders gathered in the Walb Student Union International Ballroom for the 5-hour conference.

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