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at the Pilgrims' First  
Settlement: Burial Hill,  
Plymouth, MA.”**



**Burial Hill excavations including the calf  
called Constance**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

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**Friends of the Office of State Archaeology  
21st Annual Meeting  
March 24, 2018**

# FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY— 21st ANNUAL MEETING

## 1:00 PM: FOSA Annual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order: Mandy Ranslow  
Secretary's Report: Mike Cahill  
Treasurer's Report: Dreda Hendsey  
OSA Report: Dr. Brian Jones  
ASC Report: Lee West  
Officer/Director Elections: Scott Brady  
Awards: Mike Raber

Adjournment

## 2:00 PM: Feature Presentation

Introduction of Speaker by Dr. Brian Jones

**Speaker: Dr. Christa M. Beranek**

**Recent Archaeological Finds at the  
Pilgrims' First Settlement:  
Burial Hill, Plymouth, MA.**

Today, Burial Hill in Plymouth, MA is the site of a 17th century cemetery established by the Pilgrims, and is the final resting place of several Mayflower passengers. Prior to its use as a burial site, the English colonists constructed a fort on top of Burial Hill in 1621, with a palisaded town stretching down the hill towards the harbor. Since 2015, archaeologists have been uncovering parts of this original settlement, providing interesting insights on the Pilgrim settlers as well as evidence of Native American Wampanoag use of Burial Hill before the colonists' arrival.

A question and answer period follows the presentation.

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Christa M. Beranek is a Research Scientist for the Andrew Fiske Memorial Center for Archaeological Research, at the University of Massachusetts Boston. As a historical archaeologist focusing on Eastern North America, her interests are in material culture studies, vernacular architecture, and archaeological writing. Her primary research has been on rural Massachusetts in the 18th century, exploring the role of rural merchants in spreading new material and social practices. At UMass, she is engaged in projects at several Massachusetts sites, both excavations and collections analyses, and has been working in Plymouth since 2013. She received her Ph.D. from Boston University in 2007.



**Dr. Beranek (left) at Burial Hill**