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Jamestown, Our Nation's Birthplace: Saving our Shared History in the Face of Climate Change



Located on the low-lying north bank of the James River in Virginia, Jamestown is subject to erosion and flooding, and is vulnerable to catastrophic hurricane damage.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DAVID GIVENS
Director of Archaeology
Jamestown Rediscovery

Friends of the Office of State Archaeology
26th Annual Meeting
March 25, 2023

FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY— 26th ANNUAL MEETING

2:00 PM: FOOSA Annual Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order: Glenda Rose

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Adjournment

3:00 PM: Feature Presentation

Introduction of Speaker by Dr. Sarah Sportman

Speaker: David Givens

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World-renowned as the site of England's first permanent American settlement, Jamestown was thought to have been lost to erosion until innovative archaeological excavations in 1994 rediscovered the site. Since then, archaeological fieldwork has illuminated not only our understanding of the early years of James Fort but also of entanglement with First Peoples and the fabled arrival of enslaved Angolans in 1619. Jamestown is located along the north bank of the James River in Virginia. Much of it is low-lying, subject to erosion and flooding, and vulnerable to catastrophic hurricane damage.

On May 4th, 2022, the National Trust listed Jamestown Island as one of our Nation's eleven most endangered historic places. David Givens, Jamestown Rediscovery's Director of Archaeology, will address the climate change challenges that Jamestown faces and will discuss some recent exciting finds. Additionally, he will speak about the collaborative efforts with Connecticut archaeologists and researchers to preserve and protect this critical site and how this helps rewrite American history.

A question and answer period follows the presentation.

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David Givens was raised on a farm in Blacksburg, Virginia, where his passion for archaeology started at age fourteen. After attending Virginia Commonwealth University, he began a career in historical archaeology in the Chesapeake region. Working with the Jamestown Rediscovery program from the onset, David joined the team in 2001 as a full-time staff member. He attended the University of Leicester, where he finished his graduate work with distinction and was the 2014 Jamestown Society Fellowship recipient.

His recent publications on Jamestown include *Jane! Starvation, Cannibalism, and Endurance at Jamestown* (2013), *Holy Ground: Archaeology, Religion, and the First Founders of Jamestown* (2016), and *Church & State: The Archaeology of the Foundations of Democracy* (2020). In addition, he has recently finished *Angels! Jamestown and the First Africans* (2022). He presented a paper (co-authored by several members of the Jamestown Rediscovery team) at the last Society of Historic Archaeology meetings entitled "Jamestown: An English Fort in the Land of Tsenacommacah."

