

Center for Archaeology

Volunteer lab schedule

**Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
954 Schermerhorn Extension**

January

January 19: Information session

This day will be dedicated to provide student with information on the different activities the volunteer lab will hold for each session and on lectures, workshops and other events the Center for Archaeology has to offer and

January 26: Drawing pottery

Students will learn how to draw pottery for archaeological purposes.

February

February 2: Open House: Presentation of Columbia collections.

Students will learn about archaeological collections excavated by Columbia faculty and students. These collections come from a variety of places around the world such as Peru, Italy, Greece, and New York. Faculty who are currently working with these collections will present their projects and how the collections were formed. Representative objects from each collection will be on display.

February 9: New York Archaeological Consortium

Students have the opportunity to attend the New York Archaeological Consortium where faculty and graduate students from various universities of New York present their summer fieldwork or research projects.

February 16: Cleaning and numbering pottery

Students will learn how pottery is cleaned and how peaces are numbered.

February 23: Drawing pottery

Continuation of first drawing session.

March

March 2: Pottery reconstruction and conservation guidelines

Students will learn how pottery is reconstructed and the materials that are best to be used depending on the object and climate.

March 9: Visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The students will have the opportunity to visit the Egyptian galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art with Professor Ellen Morris, Egyptian specialist.

March 23: Drawing in the field

Through the simulating of an archaeological trench, students will learn how to draw features and objects found in the field.

April

April 6: Identification of pottery

Students will learn how to identify the period of objects of one of Columbia's collection using comparable data.

April 13: Volunteer lab closed. In substitution for the volunteer lab, students will be asked to assist the Graduate Student Conference on Saturday, April 14.

April 20: Making pottery

Students will have the opportunity to handle clay and learn the different techniques for making vessels and figures.

April 27: End of the semester party