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- Learn from world-class archaeologists who work internationally
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- Be an archaeologist in the summer and participate in archaeological excavations
- Gain experience in archaeological field and lab techniques
- Learn GIS and other critical analysis tools
- Develop research, writing and critical thinking skills applicable to many fields
- Prepare for graduate school and a future as a professional archaeologist

Faculty Research Interests
- Early tool use and hunting among our human ancestors in Africa
- The domestication of animals
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The Institute also promotes wide dissemination of this knowledge on campus and in the wider community. Through a competitive awards program, the Institute offers financial support for students to develop their own research projects with faculty mentors. Students also benefit from the Institute’s sponsored lecture series which brings high profile archaeologists to campus for lectures and demonstrations.