Archaeological Fieldwork Opportunity

Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project

Session 1: 7 June-2 July, 2010
Session 2: 12 July-6 August, 2010  (2-week sessions also available)

The Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project announces its archaeological investigations for the summer of 2010!

In 2010, BVAR’s operations will once again focus on the site of Baking Pot. Baking Pot is one of the largest sites in the Belize Valley and served as the capital to a small kingdom in the Classic period (c. AD 250-830). Despite many years of investigations conducted there, portions of the settlement area remain unexplored. Although it stands out as one of the few remaining unlooted sites of central Belize, agricultural activity has impacted the smaller household structures on the outskirts of the site core.

Settlement excavations began in 2007 and will run through the 2010 field season, investigating a stratified random sample of housemounds. More extensive excavations of select house groups will also be conducted in order to better understand changes in domestic and community organization of the site across time. This research seeks to complement ongoing and past research in the monumental core of the site, providing a balanced view of social change across socioeconomic groups.

Students will be involved in all aspects of the investigations, from the setting of excavation units to the production of site maps. The project also incorporates daily laboratory work where students participate in the processing and documentation of the artifacts recovered from the site (including a wide range of ceramic and lithic artifacts as well as human and animal remains). Weekly lectures will present an overview of Maya civilization and will provide introduction to other specific topics such as ceramic analysis, archaeological survey methods, human osteology, ancient Maya ritual, ideology, and hieroglyphic writing.

To apply, interested parties should contact Myka at: BVARarchaeology@gmail.com
Check out our Website for more details  www.bvar.org

Cost:
- 4 weeks USD$ 1950.00
- 2 weeks USD$ 975.00

Includes lodging, weekday meals, transportation from the airport as well as to and from the excavation site. Airfare, school credit, optional trips and personal expenses not included.