2010 Summer Archeological Field School
Minnesota State University, Mankato
May 17th – June 18th, 2010

Field Survey Techniques

This year, the field school will focus on site survey and testing techniques that are the foundation of most field practice today: pedestrian survey, shovel testing, and test excavations. Survey locations will include cultivated fields, pastures, and wooded areas. We will be looking for unrecorded habitation, mound, and cairn sites and working at recorded sites.

Testing areas will include at least two little-known Oneota villages (Maurer [21GD0096] and McClelland [21GD0258]). These sites have only been investigated by surface survey, and need to be assessed for the existence and integrity of intact subsurface deposits. We may also be able to conduct research at the Mero village (47PI0002).

In addition, we will be surveying to find sites mapped in the late 1800s but that have never been revisited or officially reported. These sites will include both mounds and habitations, and a site type that Brower (1904) called “lodge circles”.

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