Abstract

Acadia National Park (ANP) in Maine is home to at least 24 coastal shell-bearing archaeological sites reflecting the last 3,000 years of Native American life. Most of these sites are threatened by climate change-induced impacts such as sea-level rise and increased storm intensity—the result being an irrecoverable loss of Wabanaki heritage. In a new analysis of legacy collections from previous studies, Wabanaki archaeologists are studying the material heritage of their ancestors to inspire deeper connections between past and present peoples, and to support conversations between ANP staff and Wabanaki communities about Indigenous heritage places in the Park. This, in turn, will encourage culturally informed decisions on coastal site stewardship and management of sites at risk for loss. This effort is an initial step in Indigenizing shell heap research and coastal site management within the context of cultural heritage and climate change loss and damage.

When

Thursday, April 22nd, 2021
7:00-8:00 pm AST /6:00-7:00 PM EST

Where

Zoom Meeting – Please pre-register at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocumprT8uG9fNud24jV-R3dro2xF_J6ir

Details

Please join us for the seventh lecture in APANB-AAPNB 2020-2021 Speaker Series with Dr. Bonnie Newsom, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Faculty Associate, Climate Change Institute, University of Maine.