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Guest Lecture Series 2018



NATURE AND MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY: CAN REVEALING MASSACHUSETTS' HIDDEN HISTORY BE USED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND SEA LEVEL RISE AND GLOBAL WARMING?

***Presentation by Victor T. Mastone, Director and Chief Archaeologist
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Archaeologists generally use shipwrecks as windows to the past. However, the archaeological past can inform us about the present and where we can go in the future. For example, how can a shipwreck be used to study a severe storm? This presentation will illustrate the effect of changing environmental conditions on shipwrecks and other archaeological sites and how this information can be used to better understand sea level rise and global warming.

Victor Mastone transformed his favorite childhood pastime - combing the beach and digging holes in search of buried treasure - into his life's profession. Here he is on Salisbury Beach with the remnants of a wooden vessel and a cranberry bog.



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