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THE ROBERT S. PEABODY INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY

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## On the Cover

Class at the Peabody - Teaching with the Collections

*The Peabody was very busy this fall welcoming students and classes through our doors. A popular class this year focused on introducing students to the Taíno culture, the indigenous people of Puerto Rico and neighboring islands who met Christopher Columbus in 1492.*

*To learn more about the Taíno read our blog [here!](#)*

*Welcome to the Peabody Institute's November 2022 newsletter!  
The fall term has ended and I am busy writing student  
comments for Human Origins (look for more on that course*



next month!). This issue includes a great photograph of archaeologist Margaret Ashley Towle, info on our experiments with storage cartons and microclimates, and curator Marla Taylor's presentations at three conferences this fall. Visit next month for the release of our 2021-22 annual report! Enjoy!

## A New Photo of Margaret Ashley Towle

Contributed by Ryan Wheeler

Several years ago as we organized the Peabody Institute's extensive photographic collection, we came across a group of black-and-white prints that had not been flattened. After proper conservation, we discovered one picture was of Margaret Ashley Towle, one of the pioneering female archaeologists of the southeastern United States. Read on to discover more!

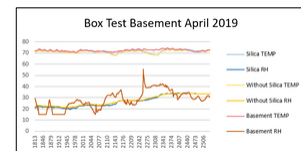


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## New Box Test Results

Contributed by John Bergman-McCool

The Peabody is preparing for exciting building improvements in our collections area that will begin in April of 2023. In advance of the project, we initiated a few tests to see how the environment inside our collections boxes would respond to moving around our building. Read on to learn more about our findings!



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## Conference Season

Contributed by Marla Taylor



October/November is conference season! Peabody Curator of Collections, Marla Taylor, was an active participant in multiple conferences over the past couple months and really enjoyed connecting with colleagues after the worst of COVID. Read on for more about Marla's conference experience.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Diggin' In: Peabody and MAS Digital Lecture Series



#### SEASON 5

[Upcoming Episode Dates:](#)

[Episode 10 - December 7th](#)

This series showcases live presentations with archaeologists from across the United States who will take questions directly from you! Different topics will be covered during each 30-minute episode, which start live at 1:30 pm (EST) every other Wednesday and will be posted to YouTube afterwards.

Sign up for Season 5 at our registration site [here!](#)

[EVENT INFO](#)

### Massachusetts Archaeological Society Monthly Meeting

[Tuesday, December 20th, 2022](#)

[7:00 PM](#)

[Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology](#)



Monthly meeting of the NE/Gene Winter Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society held at the Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology. This meeting is in-person and will be open and free to the public. For those who are unable to attend, the

meeting will be streamed live via Zoom. For more information or to request a link to the meeting, please send an email to:

[info.nechapter@massarchaeology.org](mailto:info.nechapter@massarchaeology.org)

More details can be found on the MAS [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Check out our past MAS meeting episodes [here!](#)

## EVENT INFO

## TRENDING NOW

- Check out this article by friend of the Peabody, Juan Yataco Capcha, "[A New View on the Late Pleistocene Lithic Remains from Pikimachay Cave, South Central Peru.](#)"
- The Society for American Archaeology offers two [teaching and education awards](#)-consider nominating a friend, colleague, or program before the Dec 1 deadline!

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