

Anth 261 - Issues in Popular Anthropology: **Archaeology of Enslaved Lives**

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The trans-Atlantic slave trade brought millions of Africans to the Americas, where they and their descendants were enslaved for centuries. This class uses archaeology to explore the lives of enslaved people throughout the Americas—from the plantations of Virginia and New York to the streets of Rio de Janeiro, and even here in southern Illinois—and addresses topics such as the ways Black people retained cultural practices from Africa while carving out spaces for themselves in the Americas.

If you are interested in archaeology, Black history, and/or Africana studies, then be sure to take this class! If you have questions, contact Dr. Matt Greer at matthew.greer@siu.edu or stop by Faner 3426.

