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About Us

The Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) is a research unit reporting to the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University of Iowa.

The mission of the OSA is to develop, disseminate, and preserve knowledge of Iowa’s human past through Midwestern and Plains archaeological research, scientific discovery, public stewardship, service, and education.

The OSA maintains partnerships with many university departments and programs, including Anthropology, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Museum Studies, University of Iowa Collections Coalition, Museum of Natural History, and the University of Iowa Press. OSA also partners with state agencies, federal agencies, and American Indian nations.

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**Heritage**

Protection of Ancient Human Remains
- NAGPRA
- Iowa burial law

Tribal Consultation

Indian Advisory Council

Concept Plans & Museum Exhibits

Tourism
- trails and byways
- neighborhoods & communities
- archaeology of historic sites

**Collections**

Statutorily Mandated Repository
- Iowa Administrative Code 685, Chapters 7 & 8

Artifact Materials
- prehistoric: Paleoindian, Archaic, Woodland, Late Prehistoric
- historic cultures

Digital and Print Archive
- searchable database
- photographs, written records, maps, and other related materials

**Engagement**

Statewide Classroom and Community Presentations

Educator Resources

Curriculum Development

Digital & Print Media

Facility Tours

**Information Technology**

I-Sites (Public, Pro, and Gov)

Website and Portals
- development, hosting, & management

Application Development

Database Administration

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

ArcMap Support & Cloud Services

Data Storage