



## ANNOUNCING NEW ARCHAEOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM (ARP) OFFERINGS FOR THIS FALL!

**Crow Canyon's staff**, Indigenous partners, board, and research associates are passionate about raising awareness around the importance of archaeology's role in understanding human history, how the past can teach us about the challenges societies face throughout the world, and how we can create change for the betterment of humanity. This passion inspired us to create a new Archaeology Research Program (ARP) focused on human-environment relationships.

**Why is it important to study the relationships between humans and the environment?** Because climate and overarching environmental conditions affect every aspect of human life from access to sustainable food sources and clean drinking water to social inequality and climate-induced global migrations.

This September we're offering two, week-long experiential ARP sessions focused on advancing the understanding of human-

environment relationships. These citizen scientist experiences will directly contribute to furthering research and understanding of the Northern Chaco Outliers Project in the Mesa Verde region of southwest Colorado.

For this unique program, we've brought together more than a dozen scholars and educators with Indigenous and Western archaeology backgrounds to guide us through inquiry, learning, and discussion about how Ancestral Pueblo peoples forged relationships with the environment through time. Together we'll contemplate themes like water management, sustainable agriculture, and migration as we learn about Indigenous perspectives, engage in hands-on research methods, and visit area landscapes with respect.

**PROGRAM DATES:** September 8-14 and September 22-28. Get the full itinerary, learn about the scholars and educators, and register at [crowcanyon.org/archaeology-research-program](https://crowcanyon.org/archaeology-research-program)

## UPDATE FROM THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE: LEVERAGING 40 YEARS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA

The Crow Canyon Research Institute was launched 10 years ago to facilitate more widespread access and use of 40 years of archaeological data collected by Crow Canyon from sites around the Mesa Verde region. We make these data available to not only Crow Canyon researchers and staff, but also descendant community members, archaeologists, scholars from various disciplines, students, and educators as they pursue answers to a wide range of inquiries.

As we enter this next 40-year chapter, we are focused on maximizing the use of these data, some of which dates back as far as 1983 when the first personal computer was introduced! A few initiatives you'll hear more about include:

- **Making major upgrades to our research database.** This is one of the largest compilations of archaeological data in North America. Through a multi-year process, we will make improvements to usability, accessibility, and security to ensure we (and everyone else) can use these data effectively and productively in today's world.

- **Designing more projects and programs that leverage these data.** A guiding direction for our research is to study human-environment relationships. Our staff scientists will design projects to answer questions about past interactions among humans and the environment based on key topics such as food, nutrition and subsistence, migration and population movement, settlement patterns, access to and use of natural resources, and community and social organization—aspects of human society and the natural landscape that remain relevant to today's societies.

Every day we strive to show how knowledge gained through studying the past can help build a healthier society. We are focused on research that benefits our entire human community. We have amazing tools and talent to make this possible and we are grateful for your continued support!

## UPDATE FROM THE ROAD: CROW CANYON'S MOBILE LEARNING LAB

*"The Mobile Learning Lab offers a range of educational modules and curriculum that schools can select from, including simulated survey, atlatl dart throwing, cordage and jewelry making, introduction to lab, remote sensing, artifact identification, dendrochronology, ethics, stratigraphy, as well as Ute, Navajo and Spanish history."*

—Jonas Kurronen, Crow Canyon Education Manager

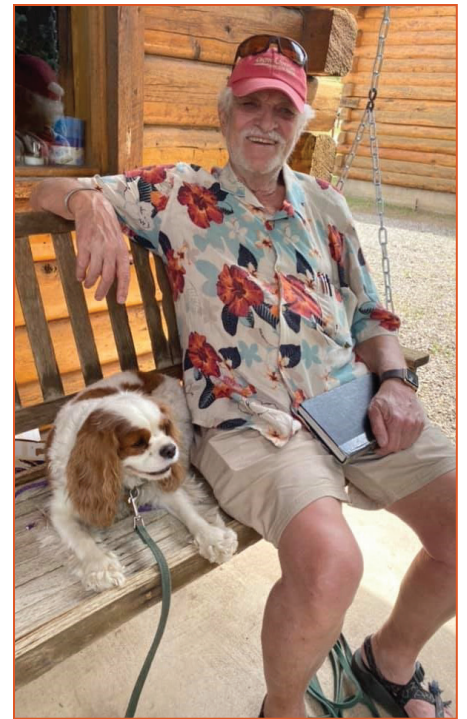
In Fall 2023, the Mobile Learning Lab spent time on the road, traveling to Arizona for the Pecos Conference and then to several schools and sites in New Mexico. Crow Canyon educators also drove the lab to Bayfield, Colorado, to deliver educational programming at Wolverine Academy.

In 2024 and going forward, "we have big plans to use this wonderful educational tool," says Jonas. A near-term priority is reaching out to Indigenous students and educators throughout New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and Utah to connect with a



wide range of schools that otherwise might not have access to Crow Canyon programs. Crow Canyon Pueblo educator, Jon Ghahate (Laguna/Zuni), is leading this outreach.

Read more about the Mobile Learning Lab's latest activities at [crowcanyon.org/news/mobile-learning-lab-update](https://crowcanyon.org/news/mobile-learning-lab-update)



## A TRIBUTE TO RON LARIMORE: LEADER, MENTOR, SUPPORTER, ARTIST, AND FRIEND

**Crow Canyon's longtime friend and Board Trustee,** Charles Ronald (Ron) Larimore, 82, died May 26, 2023, in Taos, NM amid the landscape that he loved. Ron grabbed life with both hands. He lived a meaningful, active life filled with many interests and passions.

Ron had a great story about how he first became connected to Crow Canyon. Soon after he retired and moved to Taos, he received one of our publications in the mail that was addressed to the previous occupant. He liked what he saw, sent a \$50 donation, and joined a Crow Canyon program to Chaco Canyon in 1998. And then an expedition to the Carrizo Mountains the next year. Then a horseback trip through Monument Valley the following year. He then joined the Board of Trustees, eventually becoming Chair of the Board and one of Crow Canyon's largest contributors. Ron believed in our mission and staff and dedicated himself to helping us be successful.

Ron was the first of his family to graduate from college, working his way through school while raising a family. His professional career launched when he joined the new Edward D. Jones Company. Ron was a natural leader and mentor and was truly committed to helping others in his organization be successful. When he retired, he transferred that passion for mentoring to the nonprofit organizations he supported.

"I know this personally as the lucky recipient of this gift," shares Liz Perry, Crow Canyon President. "Before I officially started as President, I received a letter from Ron with his favorite book for nonprofit managers. He picked up the phone right away every time I called, graciously, happily, candidly talking me through some of the biggest challenges of my career."

Ron was passionate about the American Southwest, and believed in the power of nature, landscape, Indigenous people and culture, art, history, and archaeology. He captured much of this passion in his own paintings in his studio and gallery in Taos. He brought his cherished canine companions with him everywhere; they watched him paint and drew visitors to his gallery. Ron loved visiting with people in his studio.

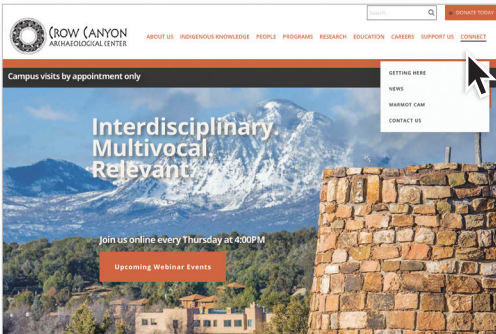
***"A lesson I carry with me in my heart from Ron is how to love life. Ron loved life."***

***—Liz Perry, Crow Canyon President***

With the paintings donated by Ron's beloved wife Carol, we at Crow Canyon are reminded to live up to Ron's example and his faith in our ability to do good in the world. We love and miss you, Ron.



**Our Vision:** To expand the sphere in which we operate, both geographically and intellectually, and show how the knowledge gained through archaeology can help build a healthier society.



To easily access the links included in the stories, please visit [crowcanyon.org](http://crowcanyon.org) and click “Connect,” then “News” to locate the digital version of the 2024 Spring Newsletter with live links.



*“Crow Canyon reaches and educates so many people—I like to assist them by donating. It makes my heart feel good to help out.”*

*—Kathy O., Sun City, AZ*

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