Bath Town – North Carolina’s Oldest Town
Founded in 1705, Bath is North Carolina’s first incorporated town. Located on the Pamlico River with access to the Atlantic Ocean via Ocracoke Inlet, Bath became an important port city and home to Blackbeard. Later, Bath suffered numerous disastrous setbacks including a severe drought, Cary’s Rebellion 1711, and the Tuscarora War 1711-1715. Slow to recover, Bath was by-passed in favor of better ports and has remained a small community to this day.

This year’s field school will continue our investigation of an 18th c. cellar near the Palmer-Marsh house. We will also be investigating other sites in and around the town. Students will receive basic training in archaeological field excavation and recording techniques, remote sensing as well as being exposed to historic document research, artifact conservation and basic laboratory methods.

Course: ANTH 3175 (undergrad)/ANTH 5175 (grad) 6 semester credit hours, 1st Summer Session (May 14 – June 19) Students will be commuting from ECU campus five days a week

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