Assistant Scientist
Senior Research Archaeologist
Illinois State Archaeological Survey
Prairie Research Institute
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
American Bottom Field Station
Collinsville, IL

The Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS) is part of the Prairie Research Institute (PRI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which is centrally located between Chicago, St. Louis, and Indianapolis. For 80 years, the University of Illinois has studied the state’s archaeological heritage. ISAS incorporates that knowledge into its programs to protect, preserve and interpret these irreplaceable and non-renewable resources within the context of Illinois’ need to encourage and promote sustainable development. Learn more at go.illinois.edu/PRIjobs.

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ISAS and PRI at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is seeking an Assistant Scientist, Senior Research Archaeologist for its American Bottom Field Station in Collinsville, Illinois. The successful candidate will:

- Supervise and conduct all levels of archaeological research projects: fieldwork, data analysis, and descriptive and interpretive report preparation.
- Lead research teams in the investigation of complex pre-Columbian archaeological projects and oversee all levels of archaeological field investigations, recovering the remains of domestic buildings and related features, contributing to the continuing development of household archaeology and field methodology.
- Manage the recruitment, hiring, and orientation of project staff.
- Supervise assigned staff including task assignment, ongoing performance management with coaching and feedback, career development mentoring, leave/travel approval, and conducting annual performance reviews.
- Perform and supervise analyses of recovered feature, ceramic, and lithic data and provide interpretations thereof.
- Compile, edit, and author large-scale archaeological reports and ATSRs, ASSRs, and technical reports and report chapters detailing recovered archaeological data and the interpretations thereof.
- Conduct independent and supplemental research activities as time and workflow dictates; perform other duties as needed in order to further the mission and goals of ISAS and PRI.
- Sporadic in-state overnight travel to and from field projects for the purpose of participating in and/or conducting fieldwork may be required; must possess a valid driver's license and insurance.

Requirements:

- A PhD in Anthropology, Archaeology, or a closely related field.
- A minimum of 3 years’ experience conducting archaeological investigations in the Plains, Midwest, or Eastern Woodlands of the US.
- A demonstrated writing record and proficiency with word processing, spreadsheet, and graphic software; writing samples may be requested.

Preferred:

- Experience conducting studies using the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) requirements and professional guidelines.
- Knowledge of the archaeological resources of Illinois and Woodland and Mississippian archaeology.
- Specialization in household archaeology, site formation, feature analysis, and/or settlement pattern analysis.

This is a regular, full-time benefit eligible, academic professional position, renewable annually based upon satisfactory performance and continued funding. The starting date is as soon as possible after the closing date and salary is commensurate with experience. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by July 29, 2020. To apply, please visit <http://jobs.illinois.edu> to complete an online profile and to upload 1) your cover letter that clearly articulates how your qualifications and experience make you a viable candidate for this position and should address the qualifications listed above; 2) résumé/CV detailing your relevant qualifications, and 3) the contact information (including email addresses) of three professional references. All requested information/documentation must be submitted through this online system for applications to be considered. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. For further information regarding application procedures, you may contact Ms. Janice Pankey, <jpankey@illinois.edu>. Individuals with questions concerning this position should contact Dr. Kimberly Schaefer, <kaschaef@illinois.edu>, or Dr. Timothy Pauketat <pauketat@illinois.edu>.

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