

**Washington College**  
**Public Archaeology Laboratory**  
**Volunteer Opportunities**

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Washington College in Chestertown maintains a public archaeology laboratory on the ground floor of the historic Custom House, at the foot of High Street. The lab provides a space for students and volunteers to process artifact collections and work on other historic materials from the region. Artifacts recovered each summer during our six-week field school are brought into the archaeology lab for processing. We offer opportunities to learn lab procedures such as cleaning, sorting, coding and cataloging artifacts; working with map and slide collections; conducting historical research; and analyzing recovered material.

The Public Archaeology Laboratory includes a wet lab and a dry lab, reference and office areas, and artifact storage space. A collection of archaeological journals and reports and an array of other research materials are available for student and volunteer use. Displays and interpretive signs for visitors are placed throughout the laboratory.

The Public Archaeology Laboratory maintains flexible hours of operation. Call, or send us an e-mail, to make arrangements for volunteering or for a tour.

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