

AZTALAN, AN ABANDONED VILLAGE?

Aztalan is Wisconsin's premier archaeological site now a part of Aztalan State Park that attracts thousands of visitors each year. It was a heavily fortified Native American town occupied between AD 1050 and 1250 by people of the great Mississippian civilization from southern Illinois who shared the community with local Native people. Main features of the site are earthen platform mounds that once supported important buildings including a temple. This presentation describes the ancient town, the lives of the people who lived there, and the significance of the site in Wisconsin and U. S. history.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid class: Online thru Zoom and In-person at Tallent Hall, Room 182



ABOUT OUR PRESENTER: Robert Birmingham is a senior lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin, and Former State Archaeologist for Wisconsin. His main research interests are in the effigy mound complexes of the midwest and the belief systems of their creators, Mississippian cultures and the ancient city of Aztalan, Wisconsin.

[Robert Birmingham](#), is also an author and editor of many publications on Wisconsin archaeology, including his most recent Society Press books [Skunk Hill: A Native Ceremonial Community in Wisconsin](#), [Life, Death and Archeology at Fort Blue Mounds: A Settlers' Fortification of the Black Hawk War](#) and [Aztalan: Mysteries of an Ancient Indian Town](#), is the former Wisconsin State Archaeologist (1989-2004) at the Wisconsin Historical Society. He teaches anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha.

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