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SOMALILAND FIELD SCHOOL

FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA:

UNCOVERING SOMALILAND'S TROUBLED PAST





As a result of human rights abuses committed during the regime of Mohammed Siad Barre in the 1980s, an estimated 60,000 people were killed and thousands more were victims of enforced disappearance in Somaliland. Working in Hargeisa, EPAF's field school students will participate in all steps in a forensic investigation to determine whenever possible the fate of Somaliland disappeared.

Participants will gain understanding of the applications of forensic science in the investigation of human rights violations and learn the processes involved in the examination, recovery and analysis of mass graves and their contents. Participants will also assist in training the staff of the War Crimes Investigation Commission (WCIC), working in the exhumation process and in the laboratory.



Prior to deploying to the field participants will receive a comprehensive reading list on the culture, politics and recent history of Somaliland. At the beginning of the field school, students will receive introductory lectures on the various components on the forensic investigation of human rights violations.

Participants will be guided through the exhumation process of mass graves selected by the War **Crimes Investigation** Commission of Somaliland. The process includes and is not limited to, surveying, mapping, collecting surface evidence and exhumation procedures. Collection of antemortem data from families of alleged missing persons thought to be buried in the sites will also be carried out.

Participants working alongside WCIC staff, will clean, reconstruct and examine human remains and associated artifacts. Participants will be guided through the process of aging, sexing, stature estimation, individuating characteristics and trauma analysis of the human remains.



- 1. Request an application form and submit it via e-mail to: fieldschool@epafperu.org
- 2. Make a non-refundable deposit of \$200 USD until November 15, 2017.
- 3. Participate in a Skype interview with a field school facilitator. Interviews will take place between November 20 and December 1, 2017.
- 4. Upon being accepted participants will make a first payment of 1650 USD until December 15, 2017 and the second payment of 1650 USD should take place no later than January 15, 2018.

Register soon! Vacancies are limited.



The cost of the field school is \$3500 USD and includes the application fee. The first payment of \$1650 should be made no later than December 15, 2017 and the second payment of \$1650 will be due no than January 15, 2018. For further information on fees and payment methods, please e-mail: fieldschool@epafperu.org

WHAT IS COVERED

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- Costs of instruction
- Accommodation
- •Three daily meals, including weekends
- Local transportation
- Security

- •Airfare to and from Hargeisa (best routes are Ethiopian airlines via Addis Ababa and Emirates/Fly Dubai via Dubai)
- Health and travel insurance
- •Immunizations and any prescribed medication
- •Entry visa (60 USD)
- Personal expenses (phone calls, gifts, bank fees, etc.)



Despite travel advisories from various national governments that caution against all travel to Somalia, we emphasize the distinction between the general region of Somalia and the State of Somaliland (non-recognized). The field school takes place in Hargeisa, capital of Somaliland, where the security situation has been stable for well over a decade.

The safety of all field school participants is our primary concern. We have carefully evaluated every contingency and we will make every possible effort to ensure the safety of the team. The security forces of Somaliland will provide site and team security. In addition EPAF provides additional security staff dedicated exclusively to the protection of field school participants.



All medical coverage for foreigners working in Somaliland is provided by Exmed Global Medical Services of the UK. Exmed has a contract with the United Nations to provide emergency care, medical evacuation (as far as Nairobi, Kenya), and primary care to members of all registered NGOs.

Exmed has a doctor and two paramedics on call 24/7 at the UN compound in Hargeisa. A UN doctor and ambulance are also available at a clinic inside the World Health Organization (WHO) compound.

Everyone traveling to Hargeisa with the EPAF field school must have medical insurance and be vaccinated against Yellow fever, hepatitis A and B, rabies, and tetanus. Although Hargeisa is not a malaria-risk area, mosquito nets are always useful.



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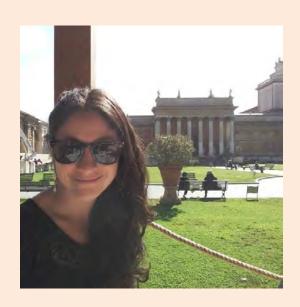
FACILITATORS





Franco Mora is a Peruvian archeologist. He studied and trained in bioarcheology early in his career, and has practiced forensic anthropology since he joined EPAF in 2007. He has worked as forensic expert on human rights cases in Peru, Colombia, Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somaliland, Nepal, El Salvador, Algeria, the United States of America, Mexico and Brazil.

Valeska Martinez is a Chilean physical anthropologist. She works as forensic anthropology since 2012 when she joined EPAF. Valeska has worked as forensic expert on human rights investigation cases as well as in the aftermath of natural disasters in Peru, Brazil, the United States of America and Ecuador.





Alberto Peña Rodriguez is a Mexican archeologist. He studied at National School of Anthropology and History (ENAH) in Mexico. He has worked as forensic archaeologist mainly in Juarez City and Chihuahua on human rights investigation cases involving enforced disappearances between 1994 and 2005.



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