

Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov, Ph.D.

Biography

Dr. Gregory Waselkov is a professor emeritus of anthropology and former director of the Center for Archaeological Studies, at the University of South Alabama. Dr. Waselkov is an archaeologist, and his most recent publications include 'Native American Log Cabins in the Southeast,' which he edited for the University of Tennessee Press; and "Bears: Archaeological and Ethnohistorical Perspectives in Native Eastern North America," which he co-edited with Heather Lapham for the University of Florida Press.

Dr. Waselkov has a BA in anthropology from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and an MA and a PhD in anthropology from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. After working for nine years as a research associate at Auburn University, he began teaching at the University of South Alabama in 1988.

Research projects have included large-scale excavations at Old Mobile, the original site of the French colonial town dating to 1702-1711, and at Fort Mims, destroyed in 1813 by a Redstick Creek Indian force in a battle that changed the course of American history. Other projects have investigated prehistoric life on the Gulf coast, particularly during the Woodland and Mississippian periods, from AD 500 to 1550, with a particular emphasis on seasonal exploitation of estuarine food sources. Waselkov has received numerous research grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, and many other federal and state agencies. As director of the Center for Archaeological Studies, he has overseen more than 1,000 research projects in southwestern Alabama since the Center's creation in 1992.

Dr. Waselkov planned and helped construct the university's Archaeology Museum and served as its first director. He has served as president of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference and edited that society's professional journal, *Southeastern Archaeology*. He has published many peer-reviewed books and journal articles but has also promoted public appreciation of this region's history and archaeology. Some examples of the latter include *Exploring the South in the 1700s: A Natural History Coloring Book* (with Sarah Mattics, 2010); *Jean-Paul's Daring Adventure: Stories from Old Mobile* (a graphic novel with Barbara Filion

and Brandon Mitchell, 2015); and an interview on Fort Mims and the Redstick War of 1813-1814 for C-SPAN2.

Notable Books by Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov

1. **"A Conquering Spirit: Fort Mims and the Redstick War of 1813-1814"** - Published in 2006, this book explores the history and significance of the Fort Mims massacre and its impact on the Creek War.
2. **"Old Mobile: Fort Louis de la Louisiane, 1702-1711"** - This book delves into the history and archaeology of Fort Louis de la Louisiane, a French settlement in Mobile, Alabama, during the early 18th century.
3. **"Archaeological Overview and Assessment of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Alabama"** - Co-authored with other researchers, this work provides an archaeological assessment of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Alabama.
4. **"This Land Was Ours: The Delawares and the American Revolution"** - Published in 1993, this book examines the Delaware Indians' role in the American Revolution and their interactions with colonial and British forces.
5. **"Excavations at Fort Tombecbe (1MS4), Monroe County, Alabama"** - This work details archaeological excavations conducted at Fort Tombecbe, a French colonial fort in Alabama.

These titles represent some of Dr. Waselkov's scholarly contributions to archaeology, history, and Native American studies.

