



Southeast Region

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HIGHLIGHTS

Highlight: Assisting the State Division of Historical Resources



Photo 1: At the Miami Circle

SE/SW Regional Director Sara Ayers-Rigsby and FPAN staff including FPAN graduate assistant Oscar Pereira were fortunate to host Florida Division of Historical Resources (FL DHR) staff including DHR Director and State Historic Preservation Officer Alissa Slade Lotane (above, right), Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Archaeological research and State Archaeologist Dr. Kathryn O'Donnell-Miyar (second from left) and State Underwater Archaeologist Dr. Ryan Duggins (not pictured) to meet with the City of Miami and tour the development at 77 SE 5th Street.



Photo 2: Dr. Samuel H. Johnson X-Ray Clinic

Additional highlights of the trip included visiting existing DHR grant funded projects like the Dr. Samuel H. Johnson X-Ray Clinic, which is currently undergoing renovations and will re-open as a museum. Dr. Samuel H. Johnson, the first Black radiologist in South Florida, constructed the clinic in 1939 to serve Black residents denied access to x-ray facilities at Miami's City Hospital during segregation. Other sites visited included the Opa Locka City Hall.

Highlight: Assistance to County and Service to Host Institution: Processing the Artifact Collection from Phase II at the Deering Estate

FPAN SE Staff led by Malachi Fenn continue to process collections from the Deering Estate Phase II for final curation with the Florida Division of Historical Resources. Fenn has opened up FPAN's collections processing facility on the Davie campus to students and volunteers so they can assist in analyzing and documenting this extraordinary collection.



Photo 2: FPAN Volunteer Assisting with Processing Collections from Deering Estate

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives and Mission Goals

- Address Impact of Climate Crisis on Archaeological Resources
 - FPAN SE Staff continue to assist FPAN SW Staff document impacts from Hurricane Ian, similarly Ayers-Rigsby was called out to assist documentation efforts at sites impacted by Hurricane Nicole.
- Viability
 - Ayers-Rigsby visited the Bahamas as part of an educational exchange with their National Museum in conjunction with the Coastal Heritage at Risk Task (CHART) Force program. The goal of this project is to create educational curriculum and an app to enhance visitor experiences at various historical sites around Florida through telling untold stories. As part of the trip, Ayers-Rigsby and staff from UM visited various sites in Nassau and met with educational leaders.