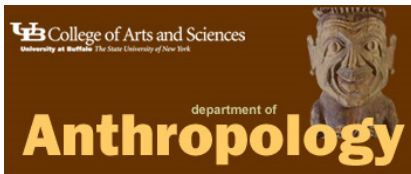





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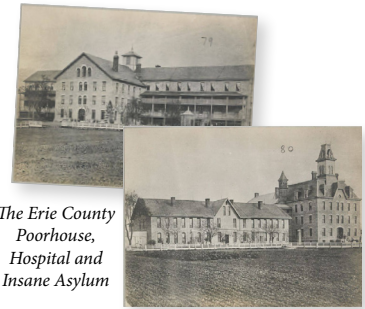
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The Erie County Poorhouse Cemetery Project

Featuring Anthropologists Douglas Perrelli, Ph.D.,
Joyce E. Sirianni, Ph.D. and Rosanne Higgins, Ph.D.

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*The Erie County
Poorhouse,
Hospital and
Insane Asylum*

Learn about the historic Erie County Poorhouse in this three-part presentation!

Discover:

- The story behind the Erie County Poorhouse Cemetery Project
- Archeological findings
- Archival research
- Skeletal analysis and what it can tell us about the lives of people at the poorhouse

The presentation is ideal for:

- Students
- Historians
- Anthropology enthusiasts
- Anyone interested in local history

About the project:



*Excavated burial sites from the Erie County Poorhouse
Cemetery Project*

In 2012, major infrastructure improvements brought about the need for an excavation of skeletal remains on what is now the University at Buffalo's Main Street Campus. The undertaking, named the Erie County Poorhouse Cemetery Project, was completed by archeological survey staff and physical anthropologists from the UB Department of Anthropology.

Out of 470 locations, 372 contained human remains, all of which are associated with the Erie County Poorhouse Cemetery (1851-1911).

Pairing knowledge gained from extensive historical records with their archeological discoveries, Drs. Douglas Perrelli, Joyce E. Sirianni and Rosanne Higgins are now able to present a critical analysis of human conditions at the Erie County Poorhouse.

Dr. Douglas Perrelli is an adjunct professor at the University at Buffalo who also serves as director and principal investigator for the UB Archeological Survey.

Dr. Joyce E. Sirianni is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor at UB whose research interests include physical anthropology and craniofacial growth and development.

Dr. Rosanne Higgins, who earned her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University at Buffalo, has taken part in extensive research on Poorhouses throughout Western New York. She is a novelist whose first book, entitled *Orphans and Inmates*, chronicles fictional accounts of Poorhouse residents inspired by historical data she has collected.

Registration encouraged. RSVP to 716.629.3626.