

**Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association  
November 6, 2007**

November 6th will be the next meeting of the the Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association, and you are all invited.

We are honored and excited to be hosting Dr. Sarah Chicone, of the Museum of the Earth, who will be presenting a talk on the the archaeology of poverty and the Ludlow Coal Field War. This lecture is free and open to the public, so please invite anyone who you think might be interested. The directions to our meeting are below. See you next week!

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"Houses, Shacks, and Tents: Sheltering Southern Colorado's Working Class Poor."

Progressive Era reformers and journalists showcased the imagination of poverty in the American consciousness. The sensational journalism of Jacob Riis (1890) and the social photography of Lewis Hine brought destitute specters directly into the parlors of middle class America. While nationwide attention and public policy focused on an unstable and rapidly growing urban immigrant population, the reality of American poverty extended beyond the ethnic tenements of the big coastal cities. The excavations carried out by the Ludlow Collective at both the Ludlow tent colony and the CF&I company town of Berwind provide an unique opportunity to move poverty studies beyond clichéd images of city slums, to question the very categorizations of poverty within working-class consciousness.

It can hardly be denied that poverty results in very real material consequences; given its relationship to material culture, archaeology is uniquely positioned to establish poverty as a useful category of analysis. This paper looks at housing before, during, and after the 1913-14 Southern Colorado Coal strike. It engages its materiality and the ideological constructions that surrounded its mobilization by competing interest groups within the rhetoric of the strike and the means by which shelter was engaged in processes of social transformation.

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