Applied Anthropology Laboratories News Release

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Applied Archaeology Laboratories becomes Applied Anthropology Laboratories

Effective July 1, 2013, the Applied Archaeology Laboratories has changed its name to the Applied Anthropology Laboratories.

Created in 1978 as the Archeology Resources Management Service (ARMS) in the Ball State University Department of Anthropology, the program emphasized procuring and executing archaeology based cultural resource management (CRM) projects and state-funded archaeological grants.

In August 2009, ARMS was renamed the Applied Archaeology Laboratories (AAL) to better reflect the mission as a student-focused archaeology research laboratory. AAL’s program has grown to include academic research activities, public education and student involvement. To further reflect this growth and departmental research collaboration, AAL became the Applied Anthropology Laboratories in 2013.

The new name reflects an engagement with the multi-faceted nature of Anthropology and its potential applications. As the AAL has become more student-oriented, we have realized opportunities to immerse students in hands-on activities in a variety of anthropological pursuits beyond archaeology, making for a more holistic, experiential learning environment.

The Applied Anthropology Laboratories (AAL) is one of several Centers and Institutes at Ball State University that focus on providing innovative and interdisciplinary research activities that expand beyond the borders of our campus. As an outreach branch of the Department of Anthropology that focuses on providing enrichment opportunities for students pursuing careers in anthropology and archaeology, the AAL seeks cultural resource management contracts in the public and private sector as well as conducting grant-funded academic research and public education in archaeology providing students with career experience.