Summer Course: GRS 495
Practicum in Archaeology
Excavating Ancient Eleon
May 29st – July 9th 2016

Project Overview
This project investigates an unexplored settlement in central Greece (Boeotia), dating primarily to the Mycenaean (ca. 1700-1150 BC) and Classical (6th-4th c. BC) periods. The site is ancient Eleon and operated within the orbit of the major Greek city of Thebes.

Volunteer Program
Student volunteers will participate in all aspects of fieldwork, learning stratigraphic excavation techniques, recording methods, and artifact analysis. The program offers experiential learning and is physically strenuous.

All student volunteers must be in good physical condition and able to participate in all aspects of the fieldwork.

Upon acceptance to the program, students are enrolled in GRS 495 Archaeological Field Work (3.0 Units) for university credit from the University of Victoria. Non-UVic students can get transfer credit to their home institution. The course will include training sessions in field techniques, topical lectures, and optional field trips. It is possible to participate as a volunteer in the excavation without enrolling in GRS 495 for credit. All participants, whether enrolled in GRS 495 or not, will be required to pay a $2400 program fee which will go toward room and board for six weeks. UVic tuition for GRS 495 is separate, as is transatlantic airfare. The excavation team lives in modest, shared apartments in the nearby town of Dilesi, which offers swimming in the Euboean Gulf, internet access, and public transportation to Athens, approximately 1 hour away.


Please contact Brendan Burke (bburke@uvic.ca) if you are interested or have any questions.