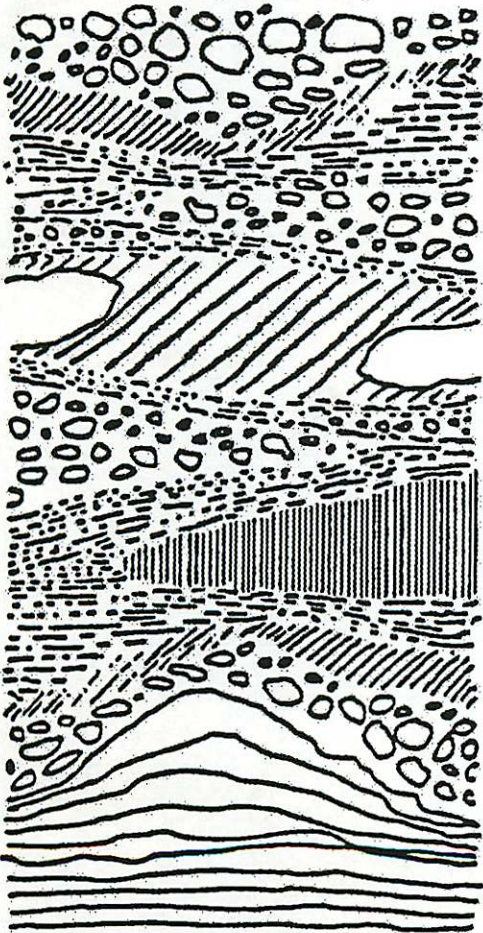


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# **ARCHAEOLOGY of NEW YORK CITY**

*open to the general public*



**An afternoon of slides and discussion of  
archaeology's contribution to understanding our city**

***Rediscovering the Past: the Little and Big Picture***  
**Twentieth Annual Symposium sponsored by the  
Professional Archaeologists of New York City (PANYC)  
in association with The Museum of the City of New York**

**Sunday, APRIL 16, 2000  
1:00 to 3:00 PM   ADMISSION FREE  
THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FIFTH AVENUE AT 103 STREET**

**PANYC is an organization of local professional archaeologists concerned with discovering and  
conserving our cultural heritage**

**PANYC PUBLIC PROGRAM**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2000**

1:00-1:15

***Opening Remarks and Welcome to  
PANYC's 20th Public Program***

Joan H. Geismar

1:15-1:30

***Archaeology a While Ago...***

Ralph Solecki, Renowned Archaeologist, Professor Emeritus Columbia University, a Founding Member of PANYC

Ralph Solecki has been exploring the New York-Metropolitan area through archaeology since boyhood. Today he will share some of his early experiences, perhaps showing that while everything has changed, nothing has changed.

1:30-1:45

***Michel Pette and the Americanization  
Process***

Robert Fitts, John Milner Associates

At the Queens Family Court site in Jamaica, Queens, John Milner Associates, Inc. excavated features associated with an Italian immigrant named Michel Pette. Pette arrived in New York nearly penniless, but became a successful real estate developer and community leader. Combining data from the archaeological excavations and Pette's autobiography allows us to examine the Americanization process.

1:45-2:00

***Children in the City - Toys from  
Five Points***

Rebecca Yamin, John Milner Associates

Although toys made up only a small portion of the artifacts recovered from excavations in the old Five Points neighborhood, they tell us about working-class play in the 19th-century city. Many children worked to help support their families, but they also found time to play games in the street that in many ways prepared them for their adult lives.

2:00-2:15

**Break**

2:15-2:30

***PANYC Awards***

Presented by Anne-Marie Cantwell

**PANYC Special Award**

Kathleen Benson

**Bert Salwen Student Prize**

Kelly M. Britt

2:30-2:45

***Re-examining New York's Archaeological  
Collections for Evidence of the City's  
Colonial African Past***

Diana diZerega Wall, The City College of New York

Archaeological collections excavated in New York City over the last 20 years are revealing more evidence of the strong African presence in the city in the 17th and 18th centuries. This talk explores how some of these discoveries are being made.

2:45-3:00

***Excavating Kings County's Rural Past:  
the Hendrick I. Lot Farmstead Project***

Christopher Ricciardi, Syracuse University

Excavations at this 18th - through early 20th-Century Dutch-American farmhouse has revealed new information about the daily lives of the early farmers, their servants, and possibly their enslaved Africans.

As always, we extend our thanks to the Museum of the City of New York for co-sponsoring this year's public program. Our special thanks to Steve Turtell, Manager of Adult and Academic Learning, and Kathleen Benson, Chair of Community and Family Programs. Also, thanks go to Linda Stone and Shelly Spritzer, for their assistance with the program, to the PANYC speakers, to our loyal audience, and to those who have attended the program for the first time. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.