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Misadventures in Archeology: Charles Conrad Abbott and the Evolution of a Discipline

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Coastal Carolina University anthropology professor and department chair Carolyn Dillian, Ph.D., joined CCU nearly a decade ago, beginning as an assistant professor of anthropology in the Department of History in 2010. In 2016, Dillian and her colleagues established a new academic department with a new major in anthropology and geography, and she serves as the department’s founding chair. She also is the co-director of the Baruch Institute for South Carolina Studies at Hobcaw Barony. Since joining CCU, Dillian published two edited volumes, one co-authored book, and more than 25 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, many resulting from projects that involved her students in research and fieldwork.

Most recently, Dillian earned the 2020 HTC Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer Award in recognition of her student mentoring, passionate and dedicated teaching practices, and intensive local, national, and international scholarly research.

Dillian has presented more than 75 scholarly research papers at regional, national, and international conferences. She has earned many prestigious awards, including several with Katie Stringer Clary (CCU Department of History) from the American Association for State and Local History, the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, and the Southeastern Museums Conference for their exhibit titled “Printing the Past: SC in 3D” at the Horry County Museum.

Dillian directs the CCU Prehistoric Archaeological Field School that provides hands-on, experiential learning in archaeological excavation and analysis at the Anne Tilghman Boyce Coastal Reserve. She teaches courses in prehistory, human evolution, archaeological methods, cultural resource management, and regional seminars in North American and African prehistory. Her research includes North American prehistory, hunter-gatherers in East Africa, geochemical characterization of archaeological materials, and trade/exchange.

Dillian earned a B.A. and M.S. from the University of Pennsylvania in anthropology, and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley.
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