

PRIOR PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Governors Island – New York, New York

Ms. Stone has conducted numerous archaeological projects on Governors Island since it was sold by the U.S. Coast Guard to New York in 2003. These include work in both the Governors Island National Historic Monument and the Governors Island Historic District. Therefore the projects have been subject to Section 106 review as well as city and state environmental quality review. Governors Island contains archaeological traces of prehistory, Dutch and English occupation and American military use. Given its current name in 1784 by virtue of its use by His Majesty's Governors, the Island was used for military purposes by the United States immediately after the Revolution through the 1960s when the Coast Guard took over. Two forts remain on Governors Island; Fort Jay and Castle Williams. They are within part of the Island that is a National Monument, administered by the National Park Service.



Fort Jay

Ms. Stone's projects on Governors Island range from site specific research to field testing. Archaeological evidence abounds on Governors Island, as does evidence of the modification to the Island's shoreline. In addition to unearthing evidence of the Island's prehistoric past, Ms. Stone has also identified several historic archaeological features and deposits. These include a nineteenth-century well, several brick features, a foundation and several loci of historic artifact concentrations. Her research projects have also included assessment of historic changes to the topography of the Island as they relate to archaeological potential and identifying and mapping all historic archaeological data. The results of Ms. Stone's work on Governors Island are currently being incorporated into preservation planning for the Island's future.



Monitoring excavations on the west side

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