

ATRIUM-Ringvorlesung im Wintersemester 2019/20

Zentrum für Alte Kulturen, Langer Weg 11, SR 1



Mother Catherine Seal, New Orleans, ca. 1925

Mittwoch, den 23.10.2019, 18.00 Uhr:

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A Midwife and a 'Mother': Archaeologies of Healing and Power in the Lives of Two New Orleans Women

The field of historical archaeology, the archaeology of the modern world, is pursued as a subfield of anthropology in North America, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary research on material culture. It provides an opportunity to examine the everyday lives of people whose stories go unrecorded in documents, or who are marginalized because of race, ethnicity, gender, or class. This presentation will draw upon archaeological work at two sites from the very recent past in New Orleans, Louisiana, as examples of the practice of historical archaeology in the United States. It will use archaeological and historical evidence to examine how two women of color in the early modern city were able to make new claims on citizenship and social power, even within the racist social structure of the segregated South.