



Harvard Yard, Engraving by Paul Revere, 1767. Courtesy Harvard University Archives

# ARCHAEOLOGY OF HARVARD YARD

## 2014

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**Harvard University Native American Program:**

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[www.ksg.harvard.edu/hpaied/hn\\_apply.htm](http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/hpaied/hn_apply.htm)

### EXCAVATION EVENTS

**Excavation** (Weather permitting)

September 11 through November 13, Thursdays  
1:00–4:00 pm

**Opening Ceremony**

September 11, 1:30 pm (Rain or shine)

**Archaeology Day Open House**

October 5, 12–3:30 pm (weather permitting)

**Results Day**

November 6, 1:30–3 pm (Rain or shine)

**Anthropology 1130: The Archaeology of Harvard Yard** is a collaboration of the Harvard Anthropology Department and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. The class will be excavating in Harvard Yard during Fall 2014 at the site of the seventeenth-century Harvard Indian College. It is the fourth excavation season in this area of the Yard. Four buildings comprised the seventeenth-century Harvard campus. Two of these early buildings were located in the area of the present excavation: the Old College and the Indian College. The Old College—a large, two-story, multi-purpose wooden structure—stood to the east from 1638 through the 1670s. The Indian College, the first brick building on Harvard's campus, stood at this location, from 1655 to 1698. The Indian College housed students from New England Native American tribes, English students, and the first printing press in the American colonies. The first Bible printed in British North America, known as the *Eliot Bible*, a translation into the local Algonquian language, was crafted here in 1663. A plaque located on the southwest corner of Matthews Hall commemorates the Indian College.

*"for all ... necessary provisions that may conduce to the education of the English and Indian youth of this country, in knowledge and godliness."*

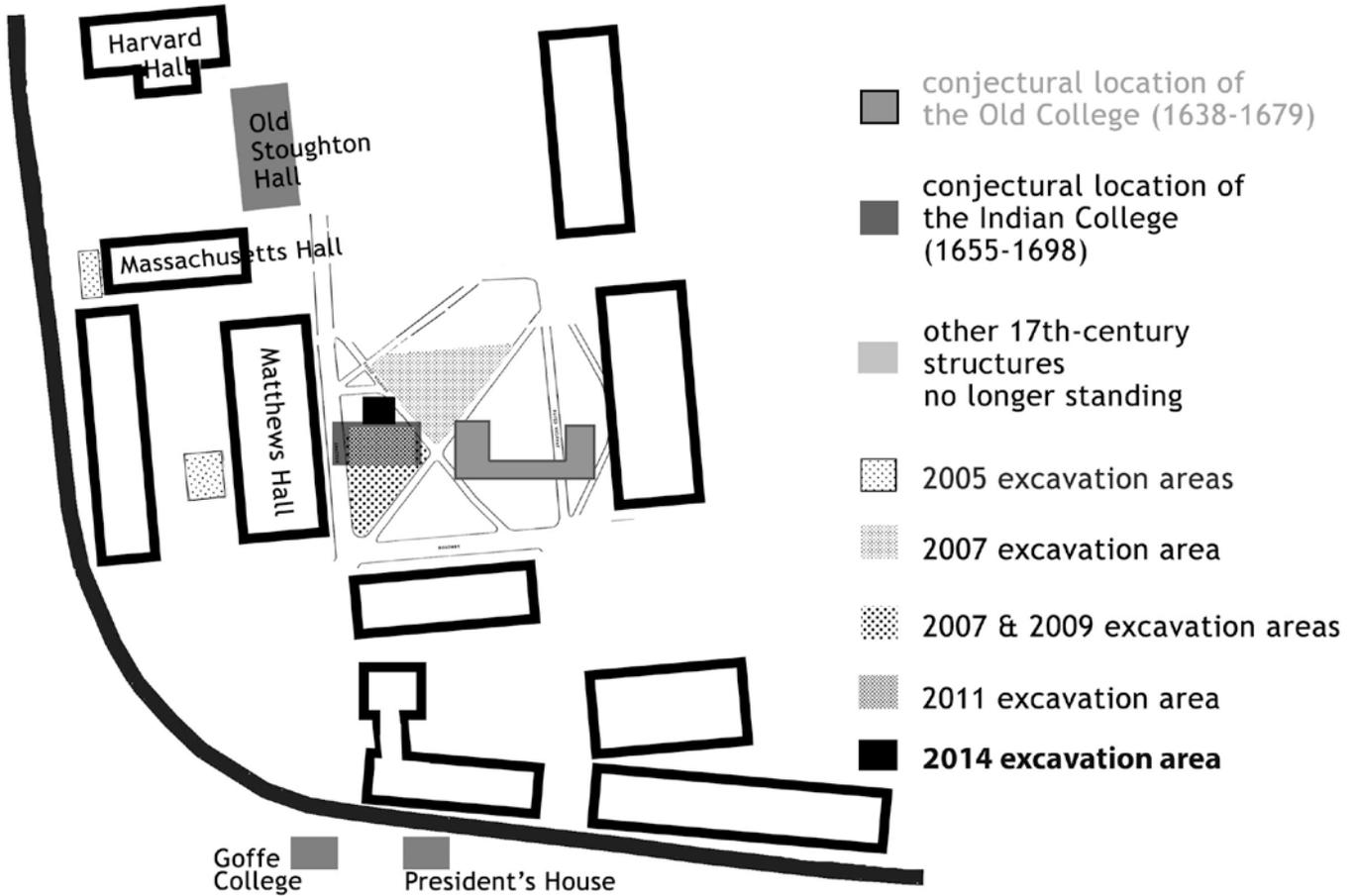
— Harvard College Charter of 1650



The class is excavating to gain a deeper understanding of Harvard's early days and mission. The legacy of the Harvard Indian College continues in the university's several initiatives with Native peoples, including the Harvard University Native American Program and the Honoring Nations program. An exhibition at the Peabody Museum curated by students, *Digging Veritas: The Archaeology and History of the Indian College and Student Life at Colonial Harvard* details some of the history of the Indian College and the excavations. The Peabody Museum and its partners regard the excavation area as an important nexus of cultures and ideas and a place for remembering Native Americans in Harvard's early history.



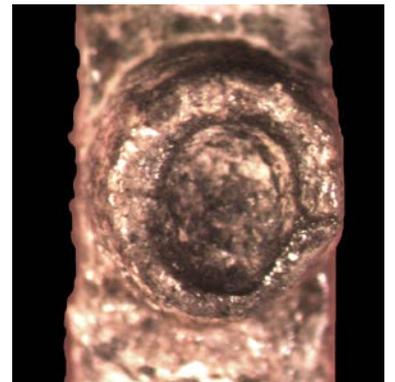
# OLD HARVARD YARD



In 2007, **ANTHRO 1130** students excavated in front of Matthews Hall. They found 17th-through 19th-century artifacts including 17th-century printing type from the first printing press in the nation.

This year, the students will be returning to the same general location in front of Matthews Hall to recover more artifacts related to early Harvard students and further document the Harvard Indian College building.

In 2009 and 2011, **ANTHRO 1130** students again excavated in front of Matthews Hall. They found more 17th- through 19th-century artifacts, as well as the foundation trench of the Harvard Indian College!



Findings unearthed from Colonial Harvard Yard. *Left:* a spectacle lens, cuff link or sleeve button, and a bone comb. *Center and right:* Pieces of metal print type from the first printing press in Colonial America at Harvard's Indian College. *Right:* Print type letter "o." *Front:* One of many white clay pipes recovered from the excavations. Left and center photos by Mark Craig.