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Title of Proposal: The Program in Maritime Studies Summer 2021 Field School:
An Exploration of the Shipwrecks and Settlements of Shackleford Island and Core Banks

Abstract: In 1982, the Program in Maritime Studies held one of its first field schools in the vicinity of Cape Lookout Lighthouse. Almost forty years later, the program returned to the area to investigate shipwrecks and shipwreck debris in the vicinity of Shackleford Island and Core Banks, and to seek terrestrial and maritime archaeological clues of past settlement and resource-extraction (e.g. whaling) within Lookout Bight, Barden's Inlet, and Back Sound. Additionally, participants worked with collections at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center. This presentation will outline a synopsis of activities, including targeted remote sensing explorations (via side scan sonar, magnetometry, and metal detection), the recording of submerged and beached shipwrecks, searches for residential and industrial archaeological sites along the shorelines of Shackleford Banks, and extensive three-dimensional modeling of archaeological and heritage resources.