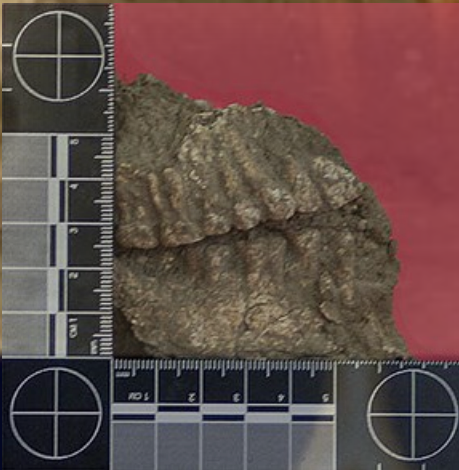


# INTENSIVE OSTEOLOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

## TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA

### MAY 22 – JUNE 11, 2016



Transylvania, Romania has been in a perpetual state of religious and political upheaval for centuries as outsiders have tried to force their identities on the people of the area. Despite this, the people of the area have a distinct culture, which is deeply rooted into their historic landscape. The on-going excavation of a medieval lost church from the village of Valeni, in Transylvania, Romania and its cemetery, have resulted in the exhumation of over 200 very well preserved individuals to date. The unexpected discovery of a pre-Christian cemetery underneath the church has extended the use of the funerary landscape back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century based on coins found associated with burials. Field estimations suggest that interments consist primarily of men and children, which is not unusual within the larger context of medieval burial practices in this area.

This is an intensive osteology course aimed to prepare students for field osteology, which is challenging in that one must be able to correctly identify, side, and age skeletal elements when minimal osseous material is visible, to properly plan the excavation of the burial. Goals of this three-week intensive osteology workshop include: identification of skeletal fragments (human and nonhuman); estimation of general age of the bones and whether one should expect epiphyses or other additional ossification centers during excavation; identification of element side; and evaluation of pathological and taphonomic modification to bone.

**DURATION:** 3 week mandatory

**COST:** US\$1685 for full workshop

**IT INCLUDES:**

- Project registration fee, taxes, lectures and most gear
- Housing in double/triple occupancy rooms in a newly renovated hotel, with private bathroom
- Breakfast and dinner, Monday-Friday

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