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## **Rodning to Speak at AIA**

Chris Rodning, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology, will speak to the New Mexico chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) on 9/21/2009. His lecture, "Native American Towns and Spanish Colonists in North Carolina, 1540-1568," is sponsored by the AIA's Doris Z. Stone New World Archaeology Lecture Fund. His talk summarizes recent finds from his collaborative archaeological investigations of Spanish contact with Native American groups in western North Carolina, and, specifically, excavations of a large Native American town that was also the location of the Spanish settlement of Fort San Juan. This ongoing research is and has been supported, in part, by grants from the Tulane University Committee on Research, the Tulane University Research Enhancement Fund, the National Geographic Society, and the National Science Foundation.

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