

AAAP 4/508 WORKSHOP: ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES: 06 FS

4-6 PM, Tuesday plus individual sessions, Room 263 La

3 credit hrs, optionally graded

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Diablo Dam, Skagit River, 1920's

The **2006 Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School** will be at North Cascades National Park next summer (<http://www.nps.gov/noca/index.html>). This beautiful park, located in Washington State near the Canadian border and east of Mt. Vernon, is one of the most rugged and spectacular areas of the Cascade Range of mountains. Today, the park is noted for its rugged peaks, fresh water lakes, abundant native vegetation, as well as recreational activities such as swimming, camping, boating and hiking.

The park was established somewhat recently, in 1968, and therefore has a wealth of early cultural resources from log fishing, hunting and miners cabins to Seattle City Light concrete constructions to Forest Service frame buildings. The Skagit River, used for power generation, flows through the main area of the park yielding numerous industrial complexes and sites. A selection of these aforementioned constructions; of log, wood frame, metal and concrete will be used for the course depending on class size and student interest.

This **assessment class** will be working with the National Park Service to evaluate the historic structures; buildings and site features, and publish a final **written report** with the following likely topics:

- 1) Some history of the park, including buildings, industrial constructions and cultural landscapes
- 2) Architectural descriptions, an inventory of structures, with character defining features
- 3) Physical assessment to document change over time of the structures and landscape features
- 4) Condition assessment of selected historic buildings, sites and landscapes and maintenance strategies for their continued use



Note: Class participants will be required to commit to a single site trip early in the term, an extended weekend inmid-April and perhaps later if needed. Food, lodging and transportation will be paid.