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o promote the little known story of America's first colonial capital, the Santa Elena Foundation is reliant upon a small but distinctive group of historians and archaeologists. This team assembled in Beaufort last week to craft a Santa Elena timeline, which will be the basis for future research.

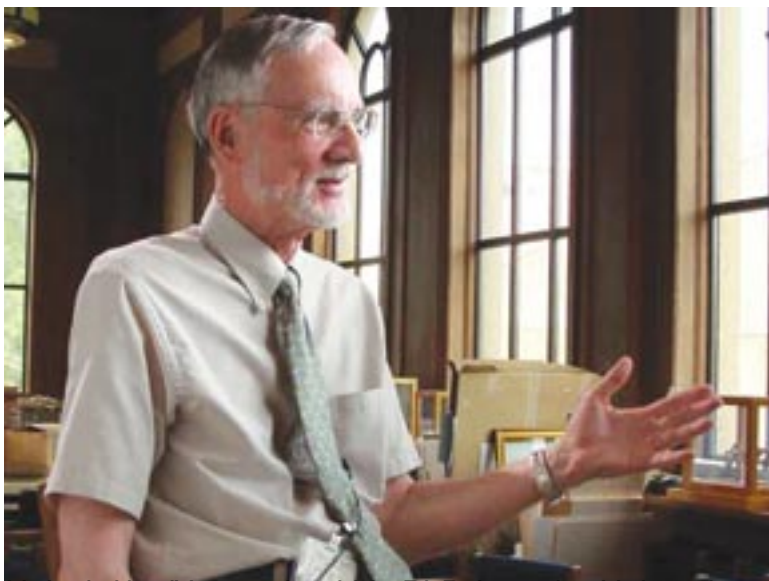
Dr. Karen Paar (above) is an archivist and historian. Karen Paar grew up in Raleigh, NC, attended Oberlin College in Ohio, and completed a Ph.D. in Latin American History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Paar wrote her dissertation on the Santa Elena colony. As Research Assistant Professor at the Institute for Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Paar continued her grant-funded research on Santa Elena. Dr. Paar returned to North Carolina and attended library school at North Carolina Central University while working at the North Carolina State University Libraries. Karen Paar currently lives in western North Carolina and is the Director of the Liston B. Ramsey Center for Regional Studies and Archivist of the Southern Appalachian Archives at Mars Hill University. She continues her research on Santa Elena in her spare time.

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