



The Vindolanda Field School

May 8 – June 5, 2027

Dr. Alexander Meyer

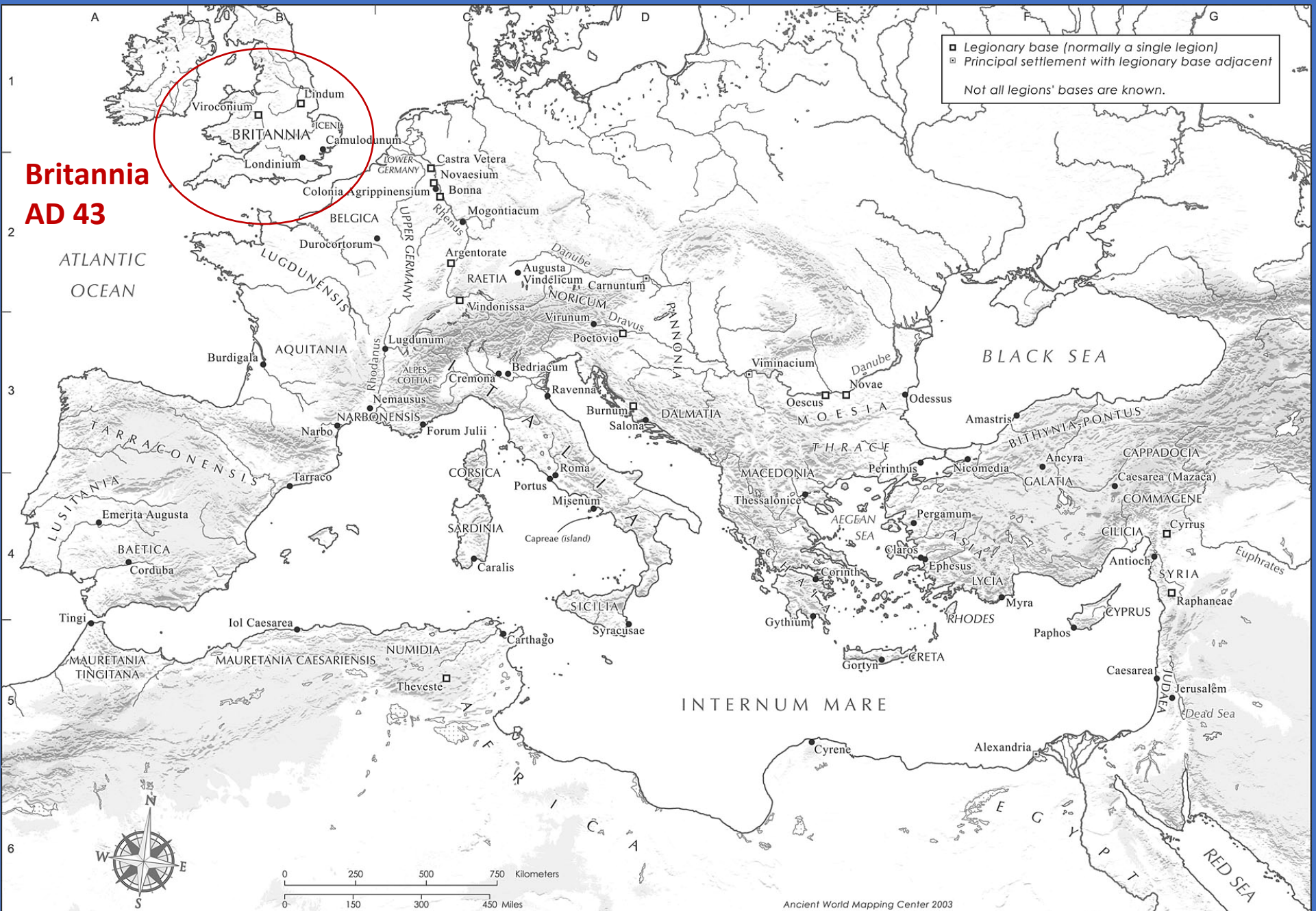


Dr. Elizabeth Greene



Program Schedule

- May 8: Arrival in London
- 1 week travel in London and York: May 8-15
- 1 week travel and site visits on Hadrian's Wall: May 15-22
- 2 weeks excavation at Vindolanda: May 24-June 4
- June 5: Departure from cottages



Travel in the UK: London

The British Museum



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The Walbrook Mithraeum



Travel in the UK: London Amphitheatre, City Walls,

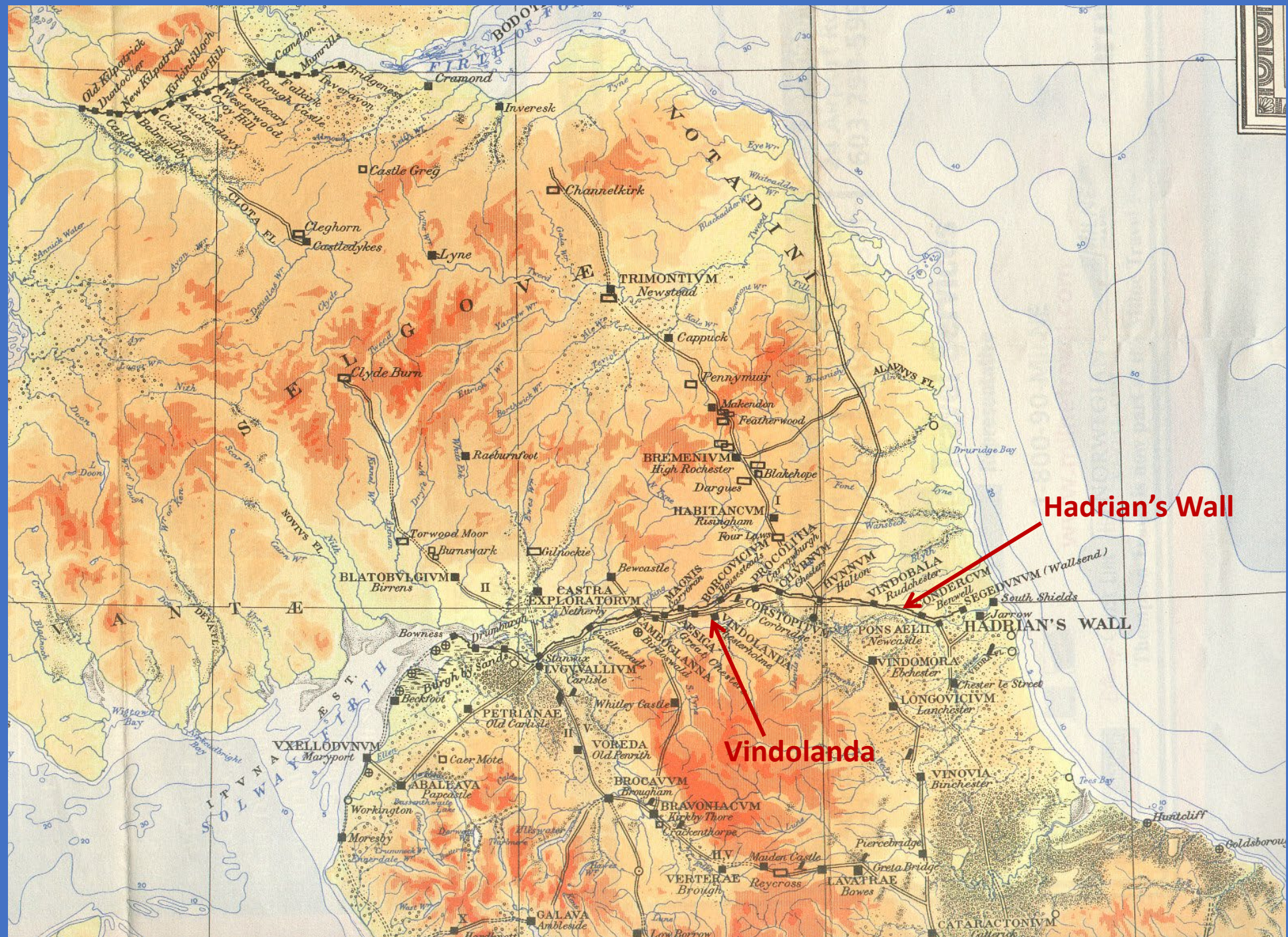


Travel in the UK: York

Museum, Legionary base, City walls



Hadrian's Wall



Hadrian's Wall, constructed 122-130 CE



Hadrian's Wall and the landscape around this Roman frontier will be our focus for exploration

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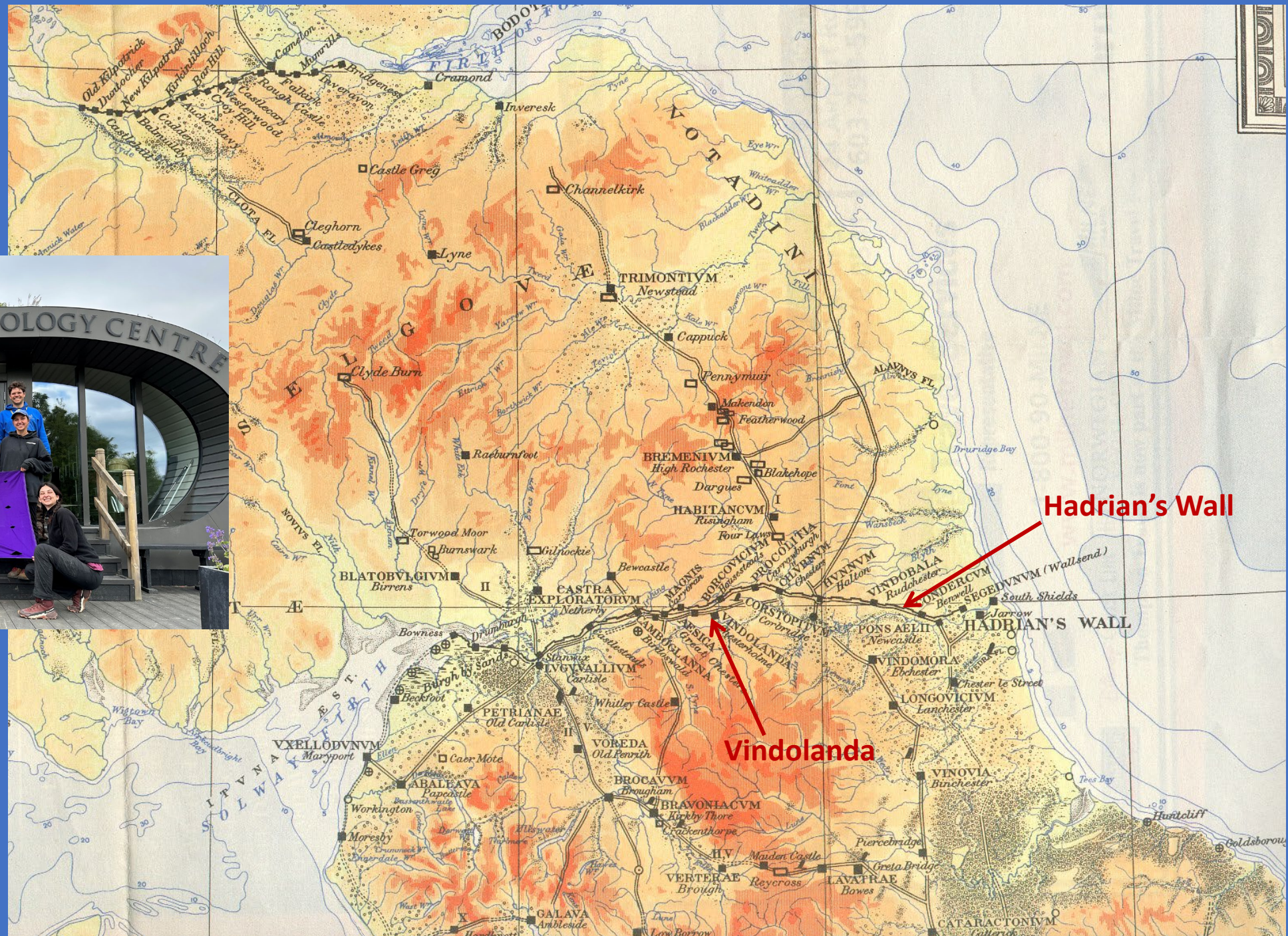
Hiking Hadrian's Wall



Travel and Site visits around Hadrian's Wall: Newcastle and Environs



And finally,
Vindolanda



The Vindolanda Trust and its Research Program



Vindolanda Roman Military fort and Settlement (center) with the museum and Vindolanda Trust offices and research center above.

The rest of the Vindolanda team



Dr. Andrew Birley,
Director of Excavations



Marta Alberti,
Deputy Director of Excavations

Collaborating with volunteer Excavators from around the world



Archaeological Excavation



Sieving through archaeological material



Finds Processing



Material analysis: students will learn how to recognize various types of Roman artefacts in the field and keep journals of daily records of their part of the excavation.

Finds processing: students will take part in processing archaeological material such as washing pottery and animal bone and learning to perform flotation on environmental samples



Artifacts and objects



Site Survey and Recording



The Vindolanda Museum



Learning from specialists in the field



Accommodation:
White Craig Cottages, Haltwhistle, Northumberland



Academic Expectations and Credit

- Register for a winter term course: CS 4580G
 - .5 credit for the course
- Winter 2027 semester: Preparatory meetings
 - 4-6 mandatory meetings
 - We will find a time that works for everyone participating
 - Discuss historical background, syllabus, academic components such as presentations and essays, and travel details and preparation
- Spring 2027: May 8-June 5
 - Study travel in London and York: May 8-15
 - Study travel and site visits on Hadrian's Wall: May 15-22
 - Field excavation: May 24-June 4
 - Monday through Friday we will be on site from 9am to 4pm
 - A few afternoon/evenings will be reserved for specialist lectures/courses
 - Possibly a Saturday field trip to historical sites
- Graded assignments include:
 - Site presentations
 - Excavation journal
 - Site recording assessment
 - Outreach participation (social media, blogs)

Program Fees: TBA but around \$3700

Includes:

- Accommodation for full 4-week program
- All session fees associated with taking part in excavation at Vindolanda, which includes excavation t-shirt, tea, coffee and cookies at breaks.
- 'Friends of Vindolanda' membership allows students access to the Vindolanda site and museum and The Roman Army Museum all year, 10% discount in shop and café, newsletters throughout the year.
- All ground travel during the 4-week program for travel to and from site daily, and travel and field trips around England
- Entrance fees to all museums and sites visited
- Specialist lectures and site/museum tours
- Books, course pack, and supplies such as site journals
- Courses on individual sub fields in archaeology (e.g. Bioarchaeology, Archaeological illustration) with specialists in each field

Does not include:

- Airfare between Canada and the UK (around \$1200-\$1500)
- Food while in the UK (around \$400-\$600 for 4 weeks depending on preferences)
- Spending money

Scholarships Available: Western internal opportunities

- Western Global Opportunities awards (GO):
 - https://international.uwo.ca/learning/go_abroad/global_opps_awards.html
 - \$1000-\$2000 scholarships available
 - Eligibility: open to all students on campus
 - 100-200 available scholarships each year
 - There are a few donor supported scholarships of \$2000 available specifically for some Field School participants
 - APPLICATIONS DUE: November 15th and February 15th
- International Learning Awards:
 - https://international.uwo.ca/learning/go_abroad/award.html
 - \$1000 scholarship available to cover students' travel abroad
 - Competition requirements: open to all students on campus (with some requirements like grade average of 70%)
 - All students are guaranteed this scholarship if they have the correct average
 - Can only receive one during career at Western

Scholarships for Classics Majors and Honors Specialization students

- **O'Donnell Traveling Fellowship**

- Scholarship for any study abroad program
- Competition requirements: For program students in Classics, French, and Comparative Literature departments
- 2-3 scholarships available each summer
- Amount varies depending on year and applications received

National and International Scholarships

- Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)
 - Archaeological Field School Scholarships
 - <https://www.archaeological.org/grant/waldbaum-scholarship/>
 - \$2000 per scholarship
 - Open to first-time excavators only
 - Must have begun 3rd year in university
 - Competition: Canada and USA wide
 - 8-10 scholarships available each year
 - Deadline: March 1, 2027 (announced in April)
- Toronto AIA Society Shaw Scholarships
 - \$500 scholarships available
 - Competition: Usually, applications come from students around the southern Ontario area
 - A few scholarships available (in the range of 2)

Application Details

- Available on the Department of Classical Studies website
 - <https://www.uwo.ca/classics/undergraduate/international-study/the-vindolanda-field-school.html>
 - Follow the link to Vindolanda Field School
 - The link to the 2027 application is active now
- Due on Friday, November 20 by 4pm
 - Please submit a single PDF by email with all components in one file
 - Email to: egreene2@uwo.ca AND alexander.meyer@uwo.ca
- Interviews: We may request an interview in December if we need more information
- Students will be notified before the start of Winter 2027 semester