# Colonial Walled Cities: Defending Europe's Atlantic World



## May 4, 2021 ~ Walled City of St Augustine

Dr. Roger Smith

Unconquerable St. Augustine: How Coquina, Earthworks, and Swamp Shaped Centuries of Conflict

St. Augustine is the oldest, continuously inhabited European settlement in the country. We'll explore how and why the residents of this Spanish settlement constructed not only the massive stone Castillo de San Marcos, but also the fortifications that enclosed this town.



## May 11, 2021 - Walled City of Charles Town

Dr. Nic Butler

Defining the First Phase of Charleston's "Walled City", 1703–1723 Charles Town was the only English walled city in America. Its first phase enclosed 62 acres of high ground, and protected the fledgling town from myriad threats. We'll explore Charleston's early history as a walled city and how this early infrastructure shaped the town for centuries.





### May 18, 2021 Walled City of Quebec

Eric Thomas

From Champlain's Fort to UNESCO World Heritage Site: the History of Québec City's Fortifications

The Fortifications-of-Québec National Historic Site of Canada is an elaborate system developed between 1608 and 1871 that protected the principal military stronghold of Canada in the colonial era. This talk will outline the evolution of the different defense systems of Québec City.



#### May 25, 2021 Fortifications of Bermuda

Dr. Brent Fortenberry

Fortress Bermuda: Defending the Atlantic Outpost over Four Centuries

The small island of Bermuda is one of the most heavily fortified islands in the Atlantic world. Over four centuries Bermudians invested in fortifications across its twelve-square miles in defense of an enemy that never came. This talk will explore the diverse and complicated history of Bermuda's fortifications.

