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**Education**

2016- in progress: PhD, Anthropology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (Archaeology track)

March 2020 ABD, Anthropology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

August 2016- MA, Anthropology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

December 2018 (Archaeology track)

August 2012- B.A., Anthropology. Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri

May, 2016 (Archaeology track). Minor in Psychology

**Publications**

Verstraete, Emma

In Press Soothing the Self: Medicine Advertisement and the Cult of Domesticity in Nineteenth-Century Springfield, Illinois. *The International Journal for Historical Archaeology* (invited issue).

Verstraete, Emma.

2016 Little Flat Creek Valley: What Happens When Archaeology Contradicts Local Lore? *Missouri Archaeological Society Quarterly.* 32(2): 21–24.

**Teaching Experience: Instructor of Record**

Spring Semester 2021 Instructor and Course Designer for ANTH 374: Anthropology of Science and Technology. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Spring Semester 2019 Instructor and Course Designer for ANTH 379: Medical Anthropology. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

January 2019-August 2019 Instructor and course administrator for “The Shipwreck Cipher”, Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Online course for advanced students in grades 4-6. Delivered weekly lectures on history, anthropology, archaeology, and shipwrecks as it pertained to the research ‘investigation’ students undertook.

July 2018 Primary Instructor and Course Designer for “Historical Epidemiology: Pathogens, Plagues, and Patient Zero” for Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) at Rice University. Created learning content and lesson plans at the introductory college level for 108 instructional class hours for gifted and talented teens. Also supervised a teaching assistant.

June-July 2017 Primary Instructor and Course Designer for “Historical Epidemiology” for Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) at Rice University. Created learning content and lesson plans at the introductory college level for 108 instructional class hours for gifted and talented teens. Also supervised a teaching assistant.

**Teaching Experience: Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2020 ANTH 220: Introduction to Archaeology. Duties included preparing content and leading lab sections, grading assignments, course website maintenance, and holding office hours.

Spring 2020 ANTH 106: Historical Archaeology of the Americas. Duties included assignment grading, exam administration, and holding office hours.

Fall 2019 ANTH 399: Virtual Reality. Duties included guest lectures, leading lab, and assisting with VR component.

Fall 2018 ANTH 180: The Archaeology of Death Duties included exam administration, guest lecturing, course website management, and acting as the primary point of contact for students.

Fall 2017 ANTH 180: The Archaeology of Death. Duties included exam administration, guest lecturing, course website management, and acting as the primary point of contact for students.

2016-2017 ANTH 103: Anthropology in a Changing World. Duties included assignment grading, exam administration, and acting as the primary point of contact for students via online portal.

**Archaeological Field and Lab Experience**

June 2019- Present Research Assistant for VRchaeology virtual reality project.

August 2017- January 2020 Public Service Archaeology and Architecture Program. Artifact

processing and field technician.

September 2016- May 2017 UIUC Historical Archaeology Lab. Artifact processing.

September 2016-May 2016 Lindenwood University Sibley Trash Dump Excavation. Student Manager.

August 2014- May 2016 Archaeological Laboratory Technician, Lindenwood University Archaeological Research Program.

May 2015- August 2015 Missouri History Museum Archaeological Collections Intern.

August 2014- August 2015 Marbut Farmstead Archaeological Excavation.

August 2014 Site Survey training with Missouri Archaeological Society, Arrow Rock State Historic Site.

June 2014 Lindenwood University Archaeological Field School.

June 2013 Site Survey training with Missouri Archaeological Society, Knob Noster State Park.

March 2013 Moore’s Mill Battlefield Survey Research Assistant, Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation.

**Anthropology and Archives Research and Field Experience**

May 2020-Present Research Assistant for Dr. Helaine Silverman on the Mythic Mississippi Project. Duties include writing research essays for website, creating lesson plans, designing virtual location tours, and directing the project’s social media outreach.

January 2018- May 2018 Research Assistant for Dr. Jenny Davis on the NAGPRA project. Primary research task was creating a database of over 700 documents pertaining to UIUC Department of Anthropology’s NAGPRA compliance.

May 2015- May 2016 Knowledge Management and Archaeological Curation Intern, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

October 2014- May 2015 Cultural Domain Analysis of Event Memory among Lindenwood Alumni with Dr. Christina Pomianek. Data Collection and Transcribing.

January 2013- June 2014 Library and archival research on historical building preservation and economic inequality in downtown St. Louis.

**Certifications**

Spring 2021 Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

July 2019- Present Register of Professional Archaeologists, Member # 18024

**Conference Presentations**

2021 *Investigating Choices: The Changing Medicinal Assemblage of the Carpenter Street Site in Springfield, Illinois.* Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, January 7. Virtual.

2020 *Contextualizing Consumption: Examining the Benefits of Multi-Site Discussion at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site.* Poster presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, January 11. Boston, MA.

2019 *Ancient Egyptian Curses and Bog Bodies: The Role of Pseudoarchaeology in Tumblr's Subculture.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 12. Albuquerque, NM.

2019 *“Soothing the Self: Medicine Advertisement, Identity, and the Cult of Domesticity.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. January 11, St. Charles, MO.

2018 *"For Sale By All Druggists": Healthcare and Consumption in Lincoln's Springfield.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Archaeological Society. September 15 , Champaign, IL.

2018 *"For Sale By All Druggists": A Historical and Archaeological Look at Healthcare and Consumerism in Lincoln's Springfield.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. January 4, New Orleans, LA.

2017 *The Creation of an In-House, Interactive, Bottle Identification Guide for Students* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. Fort Worth, TX.

2016 *Looking Through the Glass: Identification and Analysis of Glass Bottles Recovered at Lindenwood University.* Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Missouri Archaeological Society, April 2016, Springfield, MO.

2016 *Looking Through the Glass: Identification and Analysis of Glass Bottles Recovered at the Lindenwood University Campus Excavation.* Paper presented at the Lindenwood University Student Research Symposium and Exposition, April 2016, St. Charles, MO.

2016 *Looking Through the Glass: Identification and Analysis of Glass Bottles Recovered from a Campus Trash Dump.* Paper presented in the session titled: “Student, Orphans, and Criminals,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, January 7, Washington, DC.

2015 *Little Flat Creek Valley: Navigating When Archeology Contradicts Local History.* Poster presented at the 2015 Missouri Archaeological Society Spring Meeting. Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

2015 *Little Flat Creek Valley: When History and Archaeology Collide*. Paper presented at the 2015 Missouri Historical Society Spring Meeting. St. Louis, MO.

2015 *Daily Life in Little Flat Creek Valley*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. Seattle, WA.

2014 *Breaking Open the Black Box: The Evolution of Psychology and Archaeology in Regards to the Human Experience*. Paper presented in the session title “Non-empirical research”, 2014 Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference; St. Charles, MO.

2014 *Cultural Identity and Acculturation: An Anthropological Perspective on a Psychological Concept*. Paper presented at the 2014 Student Research Symposium at Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri.

2014 *Cultural Identity and its Effects on First and Second-Generation College-Age Immigrants in the United States*. Paper presented at the 2014 Sibley Day School of Sciences Presentation at Lindenwood University. St. Charles, MO.

2013 *Differences on Delmar: Analyzing the Effect of Economic Inequality on Historical Building Preservation and Restoration*. Poster presented at the 2013 Lindenwood University Student Research Symposium. St. Charles, MO.

2013 *Differences on Delmar: Analyzing the Effect of Economic Inequality on Historical Building Preservation and Restoration*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology. St. Louis, MO.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Verstraete, Emma

n.d. Ancient Egyptian Curses and Bog Bodies: The Role of Pseudoarchaeology in Tumblr’s Subculture. In *Archaeologists Were Baffled: The Digital World of Archaeology and Pseudoarchaeology,* edited by Sarah Head. Berghahn Books, New York. (submitted to editor)

**Grants, Honors and Awards**

2020 UIUC Anthropology Department nominee for the Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

2019 UIUC List Of Teachers Ranked As Excellent. Spring 2020. Received for teaching ANTH 374: Medical Anthropology.

2019 Dimitri Shimkin Award. Department of Anthropology Award for Outstanding graduate student research paper.

2018 Department of Anthropology Summer Research Grant to support research on the genealogy of Portuguese immigrants in Springfield, Illinois. Research conducted at the Madeira Heritage Archive in Portugal.

2014-2015 Jesse Wrench Memorial Undergraduate Research Grant, Missouri Archaeological Society.

2014 First Place in the Non-Empirical Research division. 2014 Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference. Paper titled: “Breaking

Open the Black Box: The Evolution of Psychology and Archaeology in Regards to the Human Experience.”

**Service**

August 2018- Present Archaeology liaison for the Graduate Anthropology Student Organization at UIUC

2018-2019 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference Planning Committee, Local Arrangements Chair

Acted as liaison between conference committee and local contractors. Coordinated arrivals and departures for all off-site tours and events.

November 2018 Archaeology Day Coordinator, a UIUC public outreach event to promote participation in archaeology and anthropology classes.

October 2018-Present Graduate Anthropology Student Association, UIUC, executive board member

August 2018- Present President of the UIUC Archaeological Graduate Student Society

November 2016 Archaeology Day Coordinator, a UIUC public outreach event to promote participation in archaeology and anthropology classes.

May 2016- August 2016 Badge Instructor, Ozarks Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. Taught students aged 11-18 a guided classroom and field curriculum on archaeology and its importance.

**Affiliations and Memberships**

August 2018- Present Illinois State Archaeology Survey

August 2016-Present UIUC Archaeological Student Society

October 2015-Present Lambda Alpha (Anthropology Honor Society)