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## EDUCATION

- 2016- in progress: PhD, Anthropology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Expected Summer 2022 (Archaeology track)  
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Christopher Fennell (chair), Dr. Susan Frankenberg, Dr. Stan Ambrose, Dr. Kate Clancy
- March 2020 ABD, Anthropology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- December 2018 MA, Anthropology. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- May, 2016 B.A., Anthropology. Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri (Archaeology track). Minor in Psychology

## PUBLICATIONS

Verstraete, Emma

Accepted Soothing the Self: Medicine Advertisement and the Cult of Domesticity in Nineteenth-Century Springfield, Illinois. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology*, invited issue on archaeology and health.

Verstraete, Emma

2021 Book Review: Challenging the Idea of Abundance. *Anthro Book Forum*.  
<https://anthrobookforum.americananthro.org/?book-review=challenging-the-idea-of-abundance>

Verstraete, Emma.

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

Verstraete, Emma

In Preparation Ancient Egyptian Curses and Bog Bodies: The Role of Pseudoarchaeology in Tumblr's Subculture. In *Public Archaeology*, invited article for invited issue titled "Archaeologists were Baffled: Pseudoarchaeology and the Public".

Verstraete, Emma

In Preparation *The Life Cycle of Memes: the interplay of public archaeology, digital culture, and the public*. In *The Routledge Handbook of Archaeology and Media in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, edited by Lorna Richardson. Routledge, London.

## **GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS.**

2021	UIUC Graduate College Summer Block Grant Fellowship to support research to build a guide on syllabi decolonization. \$1,500
2021	UIUC Department of Anthropology Summer Research Grant to support research at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. \$1,500
2021	Forest T Baker Award for American Archaeology. UIUC Department of Anthropology award for outstanding proposal. \$1,000
2020	UIUC Anthropology Department nominee for the Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.
2019	UIUC List Of Teachers Ranked As Excellent. Spring 2019. Received for teaching ANTH 374: Medical Anthropology.
2019	Dimitri Shimkin Award. Department of Anthropology award for Outstanding graduate student research paper. \$1,000
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. \$1,080
2014-2015	Jesse Wrench Memorial Undergraduate Research Grant, Missouri Archaeological Society. \$1,000

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor of Record**

Spring 2021	Instructor and Course Designer for ANTH 374: Anthropology of Science and Technology (online). Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Spring 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.
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 Assistantships**

Fall 2021	ANTH 220: Introduction to Archaeology. Duties included preparing content and teaching lab sections, grading, course website maintenance, and holding office hours.
Fall 2020	ANTH 220: Introduction to Archaeology (online). Duties included preparing content and teaching virtual lab sections, grading, course website maintenance, and holding office hours.
Spring 2020	ANTH 106: Historical Archaeology of the Americas. Duties included assignment grading and holding office hours.
Fall 2019	ANTH 399: Virtual Reality. Duties included guest lectures, leading lab, and assisting with VR component and lab design.
Fall 2017, 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.
2016-2017	ANTH 103: Anthropology in a Changing World (online). 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- May 2021	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 Excavation, funded by the Jesse Wrench Memorial Scholarship from the Missouri Archaeological Society
August 2014	Site Survey training with Missouri Archaeological Society, Arrow Rock State Historic Site.
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 EXPERIENCE**

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

January 2018- May 2018 Research Assistant for Dr. Jenny Davis' 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, St. Louis, MO.

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

## **TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS**

Summer 2021 Certificate for Technology Enhanced Teaching, University of Illinois Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

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

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2022 *"Since That Time We Haven't Had a Cut-rate Drug Store in Town": The Impact of Merchant Cooperation on the Consumer's Freedom of Choice in Springfield, Illinois.* Paper to be presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology.

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.

## **SERVICE**

- August 2021 Invited guest blog post. "The Lincoln Family and Pennyroyal: Re-Evaluating Medicines in the Archive and Beyond". *Points History*. <https://pointshistory.com/2021/08/31/the-lincoln-family-and-pennyroyal/>
- August 2021 Co-author on "Building Inclusive Classrooms", an internal guide for UIUC's Anthropology Department. Contributed section on decolonizing anthropology syllabi and resources to use
- August 2018- Present Archaeology liaison for the Graduate Anthropology Student Association at UIUC
- 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.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Register of Professional Archaeologists, Member # 18024
- Society for Historical Archaeology
- Illinois State Archaeology Survey
- American Institute for the History of Pharmacy