Emma Verstraete

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**Education**

In Progress University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

 PhD, Anthropology

May, 2016 Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri

 B.A., Anthropology, Archaeology emphasis, Minor in Psychology

**Honors and Awards**

2014-2015 Jesse Wrench Memorial Undergraduate Research Grant,

Missouri Archaeological Society

**Presentations**

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

*Looking Through the Glass: Identification and Analysis of Glass Bottles Recovered from a Campus Trash Dump.* Paper presented at Missouri Archaeological Society Annual Meeting, April 2016, Springfield, MO.

*Looking Through the Glass: Identification and Analysis of Glass Bottles Recovered from a Campus Trash Dump.* Paper presented in a session titled: “Student, Orphans, and Criminals.” At the 85th Conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology, January 7, 2015, Washington DC.

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

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

*Daily Life in Little Flat Creek Valley*. Poster presented at the 2015 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference; Seattle, Washington.

*Breaking Open the Black Box: The Evolution of Psychology and Archaeology in Regards to the Human Experience*. Paper presented at the 2014 Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference in a session on non-empirical research; St. Charles, Missouri. Earned first place in the Non-Empirical Research paper division.

*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

*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

*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. Earned second place in the School of Sciences division

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

**Publications**

Verstraete, Emma.

2016 Little Flat Creek Valley: What Happens When Archaeology Contradicts Local Lore? *MAS Quarterly.* 32(2): 21–23.

**Archaeological Field and Lab Experience**

September 2016- May 2017 UIUC Historical Archaeology Lab, 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 (Jesse Wrench Grant research project)

August 2014 Center for Archaeology Research Lab Volunteer

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

**Teaching Experience**

June 2017-July 2017 Primary Instructor for Historical Epidemiology for Duke 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.

October 2016-Present Teacher’s Assistant for ANTH 103, an introductory course to the four fields of anthropology. Graded assignments and exams and answered student emails and questions.

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.

**Anthropology and Archives Research and Field Experience**

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

October 2014- May 2015 Cultural Domain Analysis Event Memory in 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

**Affiliations and Memberships**

August 2016-Present UIUC Archaeological Student Society

* Treasurer for 2016-2017 year.

October 2015-Present Lambda Alpha

August 2014-Present Society for Historical Archaeology

* Student member of the Public Education and Interpretation Council