**Jesann M. Gonzalez Cruz**

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**Education**

2017-pres. **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)**

Ph.D. student, Anthropology

Advisor: Dr. Lisa J. Lucero

2013-17       **University of Central Florida**

B.A., Anthropology

Thesis: *A Formal Study of Applied Ancient Water Management Techniques in*

*the Present Water Crisis*

**Research Interests**

Environmental archaeology; political ecology; climate change and sustainability; resource management; urbanism; applied anthropology; GIS; public outreach; mentoring

**Teaching**

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant for Anth 278 (Climate Change and Civilization)

Instructor: Lisa Lucero

Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant for Anth 103 (Anthropology in a Changing World)

Instructor: Jeffrey Martin

Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant for Anth 101 (Introduction to Anthropology)

Instructor: Jayur Mehta

**Research & Field Experience**

2018 **Valley of Peace Archaeology Project**, Crew Chief, May 28-June 30, Cara Blanca and Yalbac, Belize

2017 **Cape Canaveral Archaeological Mitigation Project**, Field Archaeologist and Student, January 12-May 5, Cape Canaveral, Florida

2016 **Kerkenes Project**, Field Archaeologist and Student, May 16-July 18, Yozgat,

Turkey

**Presentations**

Larmon, Jean T., **Jesann Gonzalez Cruz**, and Amy L. Copper

2018 *Integrating the “Built” and “Unbuilt” Spaces of Cara Blanca*. Belize Archaeology Symposium, San Ignacio, Belize. June 26-June 30, 2018.

**Jesann Gonzalez Cruz**

2017 *From Maya to Mennonite: God(s), Nature, & Technology in the Maya Lowlands*

*of Belize*. Illinois Summer Research Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

2017 *A Formal Study of Applied Ancient Water Management Techniques in the Present Water Crisis*. Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence, University of Central Florida

Alexis Russell, **Jesann Gonzalez Cruz**, Maria Meza, Lucas Pettinati, Yasmin Jobarah

2017 *Cape Canaveral Archaeological Mitigation Project - 8BR85 (Burns Site)*. Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence, University of Central Florida

**Honors and Awards**

2018 **Department of Anthropology Summer Research Grant** ($1,000)

2018 **Tinker Foundation Field Fellowship.** *Disappearing Forests, Disappearing Culture: An Aerial Photo Analysis of Forest Depletion in Belize and the Impact on Maya Archaeological Remains* ($2,200)

2017 **1st Place EPA Campus Rainworks Challenge, Demonstration Category Team**

*Campus Hydro Redesigned*, Contributor. ($2,000 divided + $3,000 for faculty)

2017 **University of Illinois Summer Predoctoral Institute Fellowship.** *From Maya*

*to Mennonite: God(s), Nature, & Technology in the Maya Lowlands of Belize.* ($3,500)

**Public Outreach and Service**

2018 **Volunteer**, I-Promise Mentor, UIUC

2017-18 **Volunteer**, Champaign Urbana 1 to1 Mentoring Program, Champaign, IL

2017 **Guest Lecturer**, November 9, Introduction to Anthropology at UIUC: *Religion*

*and Worldviews*.

2017**Voluntee**r, Pen Pal Mentoring Program, UIUC

2017 **Volunteer**, Burnett Honors College Alumni Mentoring Program, University of

Central Florida

2017 **Volunteer**, November 4, Girl Scouts of America, IL: *Girl Scouts’ Indiana Jill:*

*Women in Archaeology*

**Media**

2018 **Maya Rituals Unearthed** by Gonzalez Cruz, J and Larmon J. August 14, 2018.

*UI News Bureau* ( https://news.illinois.edu/view/6367/682671 )

**Languages**

English (Native)

Spanish (Medium Proficiency)