

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- M.A. 2015 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL in anthropology
- B.A. 2005 Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN in anthropology with
archaeology emphasis
- B.S. 2005 (Aug.) Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN in geosciences with
geoarchaeology emphasis

Academic Positions

- 2018 (Jan-May): Instructor, *World Archaeology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
Department of Anthropology
- 2017 (Jan-Present): Substitute, Fargo Public Schools, Fargo, ND
- 2017 (Jan-May): Research Assistant, Professor Virginia Dominguez, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2016 (Feb-May): Instructor, *Introduction to Physical Anthropology*, Parkland College, Department of
Social Sciences and Human Services
- 2015 (Aug.-Dec.): Instructor, *Introduction to Archaeology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
Department of Anthropology
- 2015 (Jan.-May): Research Assistant, Professor Andrew Orta, Professor Ellen Moodie, and Professor
Brenda Farnell, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of
Anthropology
- 2014 (Aug.-Dec.): Teaching Assistant, *World Archaeology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
Department of Anthropology
- 2014 (Jan.-May): Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Anthropology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2013 (Aug.-Dec.): Teaching Assistant, *Food, Culture, and Society*, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2013 (May-July): Teaching Assistant, *Archaeology Fieldschool/Lab Analysis in Archaeology*, University
of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2013 (Jan.-May): Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Anthropology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, Department of Anthropology

- 2012 (Aug.-Dec.): Teaching Assistant, *Biology of Human Behavior*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2012 (May-July): Teaching Assistant, *Archaeology Fieldschool/Lab Analysis in Archaeology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2012 (Jan.-May): Teaching Assistant, *Biology of Human Behavior*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2003-2005 (May): Research Assistant, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Department of Anthropology

Professional Positions

- 2006-2016: Lithic Analyst, Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Champaign, IL
- 2005-2006: Lab/Field Technician, Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Champaign, IL
- 2002-2003: Lab Technician, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Department of Anthropology
- 2001-2002: Lab Technician, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Department of Anthropology

Invited Lecturer

- 2017 (Dec.): *Geosciences Senior Seminar*, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Department of Anthropology and Earth Sciences
- 2017 (Oct.): *Anthropology Senior Seminar*, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Department of Anthropology and Earth Sciences
- 2017 (Oct.): *Geoarchaeology*, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Department of Anthropology and Earth Sciences
- 2017 (Mar): *Introduction to Archaeology*, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Department of Anthropology and Earth Sciences
- 2016 (Feb.): *Climate Change and Civilization*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2015 (Oct.): *Ancient Cities, Sacred Land*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2015 (Oct.): *Illinois Archaeology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2014 (Nov.): *World Archaeology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2014 (Nov.): *Introduction to Anthropology*, Parkland College, Department of Anthropology
- 2014 (Sept.): *Ancient Cities, Sacred Land*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology
- 2012 (March): *Nature Religion*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Religious Studies

2011 (Oct.): *World Archaeology*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology

Grants, Awards, and Honors

- 2016 **Illinois Amateur Archaeology Association Grant** to the Archaeology Student Society for the installation of an interactive archaeology exhibit at the Orpheum Children's Science Museum. (\$400)
- 2013 **Conference Travel Award** from the Archaeology Student Society. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (\$95)
- 2013 **Student Cultural Programming Fee** to the Archaeology Student Society (President) for the event IndiVisible – Experience the Past, Engage the Future, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (\$2,508.80)
- 2013 **Student Affairs Program Coordinating Committee Award** to the Archaeology Student Society (President) for the event IndiVisible – Experience the Past, Engage the Future, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (\$605)
- 2012 **Summer Research Grant** from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology for preliminary dissertation fieldwork. (\$1475)
- 2012 **Conference Travel Grant** from the Archaeology Student Society, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (\$145)
- 2012 **Conference Travel Grant** from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology. (\$150)
- 2012 **Conference Travel Grant** from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate College. (\$150)
- 2011 **Conference Travel Grant** from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology. (\$150)

Publications

Book Chapters

- 2013 “Fields of Movement in the Ancient Woodlands of North America” With Sarah E. Baires, B. Jacob Skousen, and Timothy R. Pauketat. In Archaeology After Interpretation: Returning Materials to Archaeological Theory. Benjamin Alberti, Andrew Meirion Jones, and Joshua Pollard, eds. California: Left Coast Press, Inc.

Technical and CRM Reports (in print)

- 2015 “Lithic Remains” With Madeleine G. Evans and Brenda Beck. In Late Woodland Encampments at the Reilley Site in the Northern American Bottom. Andrew C. Fortier, ed. Illinois State Archaeological Survey Research Reports No. 32. Illinois State Archaeological Survey a Division of the Prairie Research Institute. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2015 “Lithic Assemblage” With Madeleine G. Evans and Brenda Beck. In The Fish Lake Report (11MO608). Andrew C. Fortier, ed. Illinois State Archaeological Survey Research Reports No. 28. Illinois State

Archaeological Survey a Division of the Prairie Research Institute. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- 2014 “Lithic Assemblage” With Madeleine G. Evans, Ian Fricker, Brenda Beck, Douglas K. Jackson, Stephanie Daniels, and Jennifer Howe. In The Hoxie Farm Site Fortified Village: Late Fisher Phase Occupation and Fortification in South Chicago. Douglas K. Jackson and Thomas E. Emerson, eds. Illinois State Archaeological Survey Research Reports No. 27. Illinois State Archaeological Survey a Division of the Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Technical and CRM Reports (in press)

- “Lithics” and “Radiocarbon Dating.” In The Early Woodland Component at Tree Row (11F53). Dale McElrath and Madeleine G. Evans, eds. Illinois State Archaeological Survey a Division of the Prairie Research Institute. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- “Lithics” With Madeleine G. Evans and Brenda Beck. In Orendorf Village (11F1284). Duane Esarey, Thomas Emerson, and Kjersti Emerson, ed. Illinois State Archaeological Survey a Division of the Prairie Research Institute. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- “Lithics” With Brenda Beck. In Buffalo Chip (11MG162). Dave Nolan, ed. Illinois State Archaeological Survey a Division of the Prairie Research Institute. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- “Lithics” With Madeleine G. Evans and Brenda Beck. In Hoxie Farm (11CK4): The Main Occupation Area. Douglas K. Jackson, ed. Illinois State Archaeological Survey a Division of the Prairie Research Institute. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Letter Reports

- 2004 “Magnetic Susceptibility Measurements of the North Sacred Circle at the Hopeton Site” With Rinita A. Dalan. Letter report dated 10 March 2004 submitted to the Midwest Archaeological Center, National Park Service, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 2004 “Magnetic Susceptibility Studies of the Hopeton Earthwork 2003 Excavations” With Rinita A. Dalan, M. Beer, and K. Lowe. Letter report dated 8 June 2004 submitted to the Midwest Archaeological Center, National Park Service, Lincoln, Nebraska

Interviews (given) in Print

- 2016 (July) Interview/story in Commercial-News. Writer: Mary Wicoff.
http://www.commercial-news.com/news/local_news/digging-into-the-past/article_bf4e8ed4-c799-563d-bd9d-52667d12e7ef.html
- 2014 (May) Interview/story in The News-Gazette. Writer: Tracy Moss.
<http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2014-05-01/vermillion-county-mounds-may-be-connected-cahokia.html>

Interviews (given) in Film/Video

- 2016 (July) Interview for Illinois State Archaeological Survey for the opening of the archaeology exhibit at the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum.
<https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisStateArchaeologicalSurvey/videos/1138454052864360/>
- 2013 (Aug) Interview for WCIA “Joe Do My Job” two-part news segment. Reporter: Joe Barlow

Blogs

- 2016 (July) “Parkland Students Dig Deeper into Archaeology.” Parkland College Go Ahead.
<http://blog.parkland.edu/2016/07/parkland-students-dig-deeper-into-archaeology/>

Archaeological, Geoarchaeological, and Geology Fieldwork

- 2016 (May-June): Principal Investigator and Instructor. Finding Ancient Religion Fieldschool in Midwestern Archaeology. Collins Complex, Danville, IL. Department of Social Sciences and Human Services.
- 2013 (May-June): Supervisor and Teaching Assistant. Finding Ancient Religion Fieldschool in Midwestern Archaeology. Collins Complex, Danville, IL. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2012 (May): Principal Investigator. Magnetometry survey of the Collins Complex. Initial remote sensing survey to aid in location of large features.
- 2012 (June-July): Supervisor and Teaching Assistant. Emerald Archaeological Project, Lebanon, IL. Examination of religious architecture and lunar alignments in the uplands of the American Bottom. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2011 (August): Field Technician. The East Saint Louis Mississippi River Project, East Saint Louis, IL. Salvage excavations of the East Saint Louis site, a metropolis of the ancient Native American city of Cahokia. Illinois State Archaeological Survey.
- 2004 (March): Geology Field School Student. San Salvador, Bahamas. Examination of marine fauna, sedimentary and stratigraphy identification, mapping, and ancient environment studies.
- 2003 (August): Geology Field School Student. Iowa, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. Undertook mapping, soil and rock identification as well as several sedimentary and stratigraphy projects.
- 2003 (May-June): Geoarchaeology Field School Student. Janey B. Goode Site, East St. Louis, IL. Conducted resistivity and magnetic susceptibility surveys to aid excavators in location of large features. Department of Anthropology, Minnesota State University, Moorhead.
- 2002 (May-June): Field School Student. Buffalo River Site, Moorhead, MN. Excavation of a Late Woodland hunting camp.

--plus 14 short-term phase I field surveys in Illinois.

Conference Presentations

Invited Symposia Presentations

- 2012 “Fields of Movement in the Ancient Woodlands of North America.” Co-presented with Sarah E. Baires at the Archaeology After Interpretation Conference and Workshop. Cotswolds, England. Co-author.
- 2012 “Playing Detective with Mississippian Period Axe-Heads: Detailing the results of a provenance study using portable X-ray Fluorescence.” Paper given at the East Central Illinois Archaeology Society January Meeting. Urbana, IL.
- 2011 “Up in Smoke: The Pipes of Orendorf.” Paper given at the East Central Illinois Archaeology Society November Meeting. Urbana, IL.
- 2010 “Profile of the Lithic Assemblage from a Central Illinois River Valley Mississippian Site.” Paper presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, St. Louis, MO. (Co-author (lead author).

- 2009 “Patrick Phase Lithic Resource Procurement and Tool Production Technology at the Fish Lake Site.” Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Iowa City, IA. Co-author (lead author).

Paper Presentations

- 2017 “The Mission, Should you accept it: The built space of a Mississippian mission.” Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeology Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2016 “A Mound with a Mission: New excavations at the Collins Site in East-Central Illinois.” Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeology Conference, Iowa City, IA.
- 2015 “The Collins Complex: salvaging an unexpected Cahokian mission.” Paper presented at the Southeast Archaeology Conference, Nashville, TN.
- 2015 “Mississippian Missionaries: a suite of traces within a religious landscape.” Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeology Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2012 “Playing Detective with Mississippian Period Axe-Heads: Detailing the results of a provenance study using portable X-ray Fluorescence.” Paper presented at Mississippian Conference, Cahokia Mounds, IL.
- 2012 “Pilgrims and Proselytizers: The Movers and Shakers of Mississippian Beginnings.” Paper presented by me at the Southeast Archaeological Conferences, Baton Rouge, LA. Co-author.
- 2011 “Playing Detective with Mississippian Period Axe-Heads: Detailing the results of a provenance study using portable X-ray Fluorescence.” Paper presented at Midwest Archaeological Conference, LaCrosse, WI.
- 2010 “The Rocks and Pots of Orendorf: A Look at the Material Culture of Settlement D.” Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Bloomington, IN. Co-author (lead author).
- 2010 “Up in Smoke: An Examination of the Abraded Blockpipes of Orendorf Settlement D and their Sociopolitical Significance.” Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeology Conference, Lexington, KY.

Posters

- 2014 “Walking the Orendorf Tightrope: Monumental Efforts for a Monumental Site.” Digital poster presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, Champaign, IL. October 2-4, 2014. Co-author (lead author).
- 2013 “Mississippians in the ‘Boonies’: New Investigations and Insights at the Collins Site.” Poster presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH. October 24-27, 2013.
- 2005 “Continuing Geophysics at Hopeton.” Poster presented at the Minnesota State University Moorhead Academic Conference, Moorhead, MN.
- 2003 “Seeing the Unseen; Using Geophysics at Hopeton.” Poster presented at the Minnesota State University Moorhead Academic Conference, Moorhead, MN.
- 2002 “Archaeology of the Buffalo River Site (21-CY-39).” Poster presented at the Minnesota State University Moorhead Academic Conference, Moorhead, MN.

Invited Speaking Engagements

- 2017 “Mounds and Missions: The archaeology of the Collins Site.” Invited speaker for the Illinois Natural History Survey Seminar Series, Prairie Research Institute. Champaign, IL
- 2016 “Medieval Missionaries: East Central Illinois and its Cahokia Connection.” Invited by the Medieval Studies department of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2014 “Connected to Cahokia: Native American Mounds in Central Illinois.” Presented at the Rock Springs Nature Center in Decatur, IL
- 2014 “Missionizing the Locals: Cahokia and East-Central Illinois.” Presented at the Kennekuk Cove County Park Staff Retreat, Danville, IL
- 2014 “Missionizing the Locals: Cahokia and East-Central Illinois.” Presented at the Audubon Society of Danville February Meeting. Danville, IL
- 2013 “Mississippians on a Mission: New Investigations and Insights at the Collins Site.” Presented at the Illinois State Geological Survey Seminar Series. Urbana, IL.
- 2013 “Mississippians on a Mission: New Investigations and Insights at the Collins Site.” Presented at the East Central Illinois Archaeology Society October Meeting. Urbana, IL.
- 2013 “Mississippians on a Mission: New Investigations and Insights at the Collins Site.” Presented at the Old Town Preservation Association of Danville September Meeting. Danville, IL.
- 2013 “Missionaries and Converts at Two Late Woodland/Mississippian Sites in Vermillion County.” Presented at the East Central Illinois Archaeology Society March Meeting. Urbana, IL.

Professional Memberships

- American Anthropology Association (current)
- Southeastern Archaeology Conference (current)
- Midwest Archaeology Conference (current)
- Society for American Archaeology (current)

Technical Skills

Bartington Instruments	MS2 meter, MS2B dual frequency sensor, MS2C, MS2D, MS2E, MS2F and MS2K sensors and the MS2H or Down Hole Magnetic Susceptibility Logger
Geophysical Equipment	RM-15 Resistance Meter EM38 Electromagnetic Conductivity Meter
Bruker Instruments	Bruker Tracer III-V+ Portable X-ray Fluorescence hand held machine
Computer Software	Trained to operate MULTISUS, software for laboratory measurements with MS2B, MS2C, MS2E, or MS2H sensors Trained to operate S1PXRF Version 3.8.30 software to be used with a Bruker Tracer III V +
Microsoft Office	Extremely proficient in Excel, Powerpoint, and Word

Volunteer Experience

- 2017 (Jan.-Dec.): Mentor/Lab Instructor. Mentored two Minnesota State University Moorhead undergraduates in the instruction of archaeological lab analysis. Moorhead, MN
- 2016 (May-June): Organizer and volunteer. Organized and volunteered in the construction of an archaeology exhibit for the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum. Champaign, IL
- 2013 (June): Speaker/Guide. Provided an “archaeology day” for the Boys and Girls Club of Danville, IL. Vermillion County Conservation District, IL
- 2013 (June): Speaker/Guide. Provided an “archaeology day” for the Conservation Youth Summit. Vermillion County Conservation District, IL
- 2012 (March): Graduate Mentor. Prepped Undergrads for Senior Capstone Conference. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2012 (March): Organizer and volunteer. Organized and volunteered at archaeology booths within the Archaeology Exhibit during the Naturally Illinois Expo, Prairie Research Institute, Urbana, IL.
- 2011 (March): Organizer and volunteer. Organized and volunteered at archaeology booths within the Archaeology Exhibit during the Naturally Illinois Expo, Prairie Research Institute, Urbana, IL.
- 2010 (March): Organizer and volunteer. Organized and volunteered at archaeology booths within the Archaeology Exhibit during the Naturally Illinois Expo, Prairie Research Institute, Urbana, IL.
- 2007 (Nov.): Guest Speaker. Visited classrooms to discuss archaeology awareness at the Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND

Elected Offices

- 2012-2013: President. Archaeology Student Society. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2012 (Fall): Strike Committee. Graduate Employee Organization. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Personal Background

Languages: Reading proficiency in Spanish

Affiliations:

- Archaeology Student Society
- Graduate Employee Organization