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**Education:** University of Kentucky Lexington, KY

 Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology August 2008 – Present

 GPA 3.917

 Research Areas: Kentucky Historic Period, Public Archaeology, Industry, Labor

University of West Florida Pensacola, FL

 Masters of Arts in Anthropology August 2005 – December 2008

 GPA 3.79

 Research Areas: Spanish Settlements in Florida, Hurricanes, Landscapes

 Tulane University, Tulane College New Orleans, LA

 Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Classical Studies May 2003

 GPA: 3.0 (last 67 hours), 2.760 (unadjusted)

**Experience:**

**University of Kentucky: Kentucky Archaeology Survey (KAS)** Lexington, KY

*Research Assistant* August 2009 - Present

* Wrote archaeological reports from various phases of excavations
* Assisted in geophysical survey of Adena earthworks in Fayette County, Kentucky
* Constructed and interpreted a display of historic artifacts from a mid-19th century privy
* Analyzed lithic assemblages from a Terminal Archaic / Early Woodland sites
* Monitored construction in downtown Lexington for Section 106 compliance
* Conducted outreach exercises with students of various ages from local schools
* Analyzed a lithic assemblages from a prehistoric rock shelter (15CN50)
* Trained work study students to process prehistoric artifacts from Fox Farm (15MS1)
* Prepared carbon samples for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry dating
* Processed heavy fractions from flotation samples
* Ran the KAS public booth at Living Archaeology Weekend in 2009 and 2010

**University of Kentucky: Program for Archaeological Research (PAR)** Lexington, KY

*Archaeology Technician / Lab Supervisor* May 2009 – August 2009

* Supervised processing of artifacts and paper work from several ongoing projects
* Participated in data recovery excavations in Cumberland and Estill Counties

**University of Kentucky Anthropology Department** Lexington, KY

*Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship* August 2008 – May 2009

**University of West Florida Anthropology Department** Pensacola, FL

*Teaching Assistant* August 2007 – May 2008

* Lectured on Archaeology Dating Techniques and South American Archaeology
* Graded essay tests for three classes of 30-60 undergraduate students

*Field School Field Director* April 2007 – August 2008

* Negotiated field school logistics to work at four sites near Pensacola, Florida and two sites on Sapelo Island, Georgia
* Instructed graduate supervisors how to teach their students excavation, mapping and remote sensing techniques
* Supervised the processing of excavation and remote sensing data to produce reports

*Crew Member for St. Michael’s Cemetery Remote Sensing* November 2007

* Operated an aerial thermal imaging apparatus to record unmarked grave data

*Supervisor at Lee House* April – May 2007

* Supervised crew members documenting resources in backhoe trench excavations
* Instructed crew in use of total station to layout excavation grid and tie in with the Pensacola master grid

*Field Director at Little Sapelo* March 2007

* Coordinated crew in a shovel test survey of the Little Sapelo Hammock
* Operated boat and completed boat safety course to transport crew during survey

*Conservation Lab Volunteer* January – May 2007

* Conserved wood, metal, glass, fabric, and ceramics from water-logged sites
* Made epoxy cast of metal concretions
* Reconstructed broken ceramic vessels

*Archaeology Technician for Romana Street Utility Project* October 2006

* Monitored the installation of drainage pipes
* Documented disturbed colonial deposits

*Crew Member in St. Michael’s Cemetery Excavation* August – September 2006

* Excavated test units based on remote sensing data to analyze site stratigraphy

*Field School Supervisor* May 2006 – May 2007

* Instructed field school students on Phase 3 excavation techniques and documentation
* Engaged site visitors through public archaeology tours and flyers
* Supervised students in Lab Methods class processing artifacts from the excavation
* Composed feature summaries when artifact analysis was completed

**National Park Service and Cane River National Heritage Area** Natchitoches, LA

*Archaeology Technician at Cane River Creole National Historical Park* Jan 2004 – July 2005

* Conducted archaeological projects throughout the 116,000 acre Heritage Area
* Drafted section 106 proposals detailing National Park Service plans for structure rehabilitation
* Conducted section 106 monitoring and excavation
* Generated reports detailing excavations, monitoring and data recovery
* Designed and conducted archaeological tours of Oakland and Magnolia Plantations
* Planned and hosted interpretive events with local school groups to increase awareness of cultural resources and methods of historic preservation
* Advised park laborers on proper methods of documenting cultural materials
* Provided expertise in project planning to minimize impact on archaeological resources
* Supervised volunteers in all areas of archaeological investigation
* Researched and implemented basic metal conservation techniques
* Collaborated with National Park Service Museum Technician to create standards for archaeological projects accessioning

**Northwestern State University Cultural Resource Office** Natchitoches, LA

*Assistant Crew Chief at Camp Beauregard* September 2003 – January 2004

* Assisted the crew chief with National Site Registry Eligibility forms
* Maintained survey equipment
* Participated in pedestrian shovel-test survey and site documentation

*Field Technician at Camp Beauregard* June-August 2001, May-July 2002, May-September 2003

* Participated in pedestrian shovel-test survey of the 15,000 acre training area
* Documented the location of prehistoric and historic cultural resources with site maps, GPS data, and field notes

*Field Technician at Melrose Plantation* July-August 2002

* Participated in a Phase-3 historical excavation with University College of London
* Utilized total station to plot units and artifacts into an extant map of Melrose Plantation

**National Center for Preservation of Technology and Training** Natchitoches, LA

*Cartographer* June-October 2002

* Led mapping project of the American Cemetery in Natchitoches, Louisiana
* Gathered over 3000 points during ten days of field work
* Processed plot data in Surfer 4.0 and Adobe Illustrator to create a grave plot map for public display

**Tulane University Anthropology Department** New Orleans, LA

*Archaeology Assistant Poverty Point State Park and Raffman Site* May - June 2001

* Trained in phase 2 and 3 excavation techniques: soil core sampling, laser transit mapping, excavation, and artifact recovery and organization
* Washed, labeled, and sorted artifacts in field lab
* Acted as site interpreter for visitors to the excavation sites

**Professional Presentations:**

* *A Landscape Becoming: Undercutting Discourse Materialized in Modern Landscapes*, presented at the 2011 Society of Historical Archaeology Meeting in Austin, TX.
* *Public Archaeology Interest Group Forum: Web Tools*, presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Lexington, KY, October 2010.
* *Terminal Archaic Rituals in Southern Kentucky: The Pierce Site*, co-presented by Michael Loughlin and David Pollack at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Lexington, KY, October 2010.
* *Archaeological Approaches to Engaging an Endangered Kentucky Landscape*, presented at the 2010 Anthropologist & Sociologists of Kentucky Meeting at Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, KY.
* *Public Archaeology 2.0: Facilitating Engagement with Twitter*, presented at the 4th Annual University of Kentucky Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference, April 9, 2010, Lexington, KY.
* *The Pierce Site (15CU96): A Terminal Late Archaic and Early Middle Woodland Camp in Southern Kentucky*, co-authored with Michael Loughlin, Donald Handshoe, David Pollack and Jack Rossen, presented at the Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference, March 2010.
* *Trauma Thresholds: Changing Perspectives of the First Spanish Pensacola Landscape*, presented at the University of Kentucky Anthropology Department Archaeology Roundtable, February 2010.
* *Choosing the Lesser Evil: Traumatic Events and Settlement Location Preference in First Spanish Period Pensacola*, presented at Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, January 2010.
* *A Landscape Analysis of First Spanish Pensacola*, presented during the Spring 2009 Rural and Development Seminar Series, April 10, 2009 at University of Kentucky
* *Hurricanes and Archaeology*, presented to the Cordova Rotary Club, March 9th, 2006.
* *Results of Archaeology Monitoring at Oakland*, presented during The Plantation Store: Taking an Inventory of Sundry Meanings, August 5th 2004 at the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

**Professional Posters:**

* *Archaeology of Kentucky Bourbon: Engaging the Endangered Bluegrass Cultural Landscape of Kentucky*, presented at the Southeastern Archaeology Conference in October 2010.
* *Archaeological Investigations at the Pierce Site (15CU96): Preliminary Interpretations of a Terminal Archaic – Early Woodland Site in Southern Kentucky*, co-authored with Michael Loughlin and David Pollack, presented at the Southeastern Archaeology Conference November 2009.

**Excavation Reports:**

* *Archaeological Assessment of the Proposed Site of Eastern State Hospital in Fayette County, Kentucky*, co-authored with Paul D. Noe and Greg J. Maggard. KAS Report No. 191. Kentucky Office of State Archaeology Permit Number 2010-25.
* *Phase I Archaeological Survey of Proposed Water Lines, Flow Meters, and Leak Detecting Meters in the Edmonson County Water District, Hart County, Kentucky*, co-authored with Christopher M. Gunn and Steven R. Ahler. UK –PAR Project No. 09-12. Kentucky Office of State Archaeology Project Registration Number FY09-6003.
* *Archaeological Investigation at the Famous Crystal River Site (8CI1) (2008 Field Season), Citrus County, Florida*, co-authored with Dr. Thomas J. Pluckhahn, Dr. Victor D. Thompson, Sarah Mitchell, Amanda Roberts, Adrianne Sams; Prepared for Bureau of Natural & Cultural Resources, Division of Recreation and Parks, Department of Environmental Protection 3900 Commonwealth Blvd. MS # 530 Tallahassee, Florida 32399.
* *Geophysical Investigations at 8BY26: A Weeden Island Site on Tyndall Air Force Base*, co-authored with Dr. Victor D. Thompson, Fall 2007; on file at the University of West Florida Archaeology Institute
* *Archaeological Investigations of the Magnolia Blacksmith Shop*, Spring 2005; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park.
* *Archaeological Investigations of the Oakland Main House*, Spring 2005; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park.
* *Archaeological Investigations of the Oakland Doctor’s House*, Spring 2005; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park.
* *Archaeological Investigations for Stabilization of North Tenant Cabin Chimney,* Spring 2005; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park
* *Archaeological Investigations of the Oakland Cotton Picker Shed*, Spring 2005; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park.
* *Archaeological Investigations of Gabe Nargot’s Ruins*, Spring 2005; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park
* *Oakland Plantation Perimeter Fence Survey*, Fall 2004; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park.
* *Archaeological Monitoring of Oakland Plantation Sign Installation*, Fall 2004; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park.
* *Archaeological Monitoring of the Store Accessible Ramp Construction*, Fall 2004; on file at Cane River Creole National Historical Park
* *Archaeological Investigations of the Hankins’ House*, Fall 2004; on file at the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission Office.
* *Map of American Cemetery*, Fall 2002; on file at the National Center for Preservation of Technology and Training

**Professional Workshops:**

* *Archaeology Merit Badge Clinic*. Graduate Students from University of West Florida teach Boy Scout troops basic information about Archaeology.
* *Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) using ArcView 8.x*, two day course sponsored by Cultural Resource GIS Facility, National Park Service

**Scholarships and Fellowships:**

*University of Kentucky*

* Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship awarded August 2008 and August 2010

*University of West Florida*

* Delores Auzenne Fellowship awarded August 2006
* Special Summer Program Scholarship awarded May 2006

*Tulane University*

* Alfredo Blanco and Albert Lawrence Loustalot Scholarship awarded December 1999

**Committees:**

2010 – 2012 Society for American Archaeology Public Education Committee

2010 – 2012 Society for Historical Archaeology Public Education and Interpretation Committee

2010 – 2012 Society for Historical Archaeology History Committee

2010 – 2012 Woodford County Heritage Committee

**Honors:**

Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology 2010 Student Paper Competition: Honorable Mention.

**Skills: Computer:** ERDAS Imagine Suite, Microsoft Office, Paradox, Quattro Pro, Surfer, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, ArcGIS, TerraSync Professional, Pathfinder Office, Mac OSX, Archaeosurveyer

 **Equipment:** Total Station (various models), Trimble GeoXT Handheld GPS Unit,

 RM-15 Twin Probe Resistivity Machine, Gradiometer, Ground Penetrating Radar

**Activities &** **Interest**

Anthropology Graduate Student Association:

 President 2010-2011

Anthropology Student Union of Tulane:

 President 2001-2003

Vice-President 2001

 Tulane Weekend Academy, Tutor, Spring and Fall 2002

 Start the Adventure in Reading, Tutor, Fall 2001

 Shaolin-Do Kung Fu, 1st Degree Black Belt, Fall 1996-2000

 7 Star Praying Mantis Kung Fu, 1st Degree Orange Belt, Fall 2003