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EDUCATION

2017 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Pacific Lutheran University | Tacoma, Washington

Senior Capstone: *Mitochondrial DNA, Gender, and Identity in the Ancestral Lineage of Bronze Age Britain*

2014 ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Highland Community College | Wamego, Kansas

2013 ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Highland Community College | Wamego, Kansas

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023 COLLECTIONS SPECIALIST

Illinois State Archaeological Survey | PRI, UIUC | Champaign, Illinois

- Assist in the inventory, rehabilitation, and reorganization of University collections
- Coordinate with NAGPRA Office staff to identify and document funerary contexts and associated items
- Manage collections data in a relational database
- Contribute to regular progress reports
- Supervise student employees

2022 CURATION ASSISTANT

Illinois State Archaeological Survey | PRI, UIUC | Champaign, Illinois

- Initiate investigations of Funerary Objects (FOs) among ISAS collections
- Assist with assessment and move of collections into new repository
 - Supervised student workers whilst participating in the assessment of collections throughout ISAS facilities (~20,000 boxes)
- Collaborate with Senior Collections Specialist to fulfill internal and external research requests and loans
 - Co-wrote the Standard Operating Procedure for the research request and return process

2021 **FIELD TECHNICIAN**

Illinois State Archaeological Survey | PRI, UIUC | Champaign, Illinois

- Participated in multiple Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Phase I surveys; including both shovel tests and deep augers and screening for artifacts
- Washed, identified, recorded, and labeled collected material
- Created field maps and sketch maps on ArcGIS Pro, and georeferenced historic maps with field and sketch maps to determine potential for historic sites
- Drafted Archaeological Short Survey Reports (ASSRs)

2016 **SPECIAL PROJECT ASSISTANT**

Metro Parks Tacoma | Tacoma, Washington

- Conducted satisfaction survey of ~20 city parks then analyzed and prepared collected data for presentation to the Board of Directors
- Managed inventories and reorders of supplies and uniforms
- Assisted budget supervisor in spend-plan management of a multi-million dollar budget and provided ad hoc analysis

2016 **ROCHE HARBOR HOMESTEAD FIELD SCHOOL**

Burke Museum | University of Washington | Seattle, Washington

- Conducted shovel probes, foot surveys, and excavation at an historic site
- Demonstrated to students how to open a test unit
- Collected historic artifacts
- Assisted in cataloging and preparation of collected materials for museum storage
- Continued research of site history via county and genealogical records

2015 **FIELD INTERN & TECHNICIAN**

Mount Rainier National Park | Department of the Interior | Ashford, Washington

- Executed constant volume samples and test unit excavations to complete CRM survey prior to the replacement of ~15,000ft of utility lines
- Identified and recovered lithic artifacts
- Took detailed field notes, sketched complex stratigraphic profiles and pace maps
- Interpreted the project to park visitors
- Worked with USGS laboratory to confirm identities of tephra samples for the employment of tephrochronology to relatively date recovered cultural material

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

2023 *Moving a Monster: Continuing to Preserve Cultural History in Perpetuity.* **Georgia Abrams** and Hannah Rucinski. Paper presented at the 79th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Chattanooga, Tennessee.

2022 *Community Shaped by Diversity: A Comparative Ceramic Analysis from Recent Excavations at Noble-Wieting.* **Georgia Abrams**, Kjersti Emerson, Hannah Rucinski, and Benjamin Skousen. Paper presented at the 66th Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference. La Crosse, Wisconsin.

2021 *Variations within Sponemann II Phase Lithics: New Evidence from the Sponemann Site.* **Georgia Abrams** and Madeleine Evans. Paper presented at the 65th Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference. Lansing, Michigan.

2017 *Colonization and Collaboration: Archaeological Research at the Roche Harbor Homestead, San Juan Island.* Paper presented at the 70th Northwest Anthropological Conference. Spokane, Washington.

2016 *Dating with Difficulties: The Use of Tephrochronology at Mount Rainier National Park.* Paper presented at the 69th Northwest Anthropological Conference. Tacoma, Washington.

Invited Lectures

2023 East Central Illinois Archaeological Society. *The Archaeology of Mount Rainier National Park: Tephrochronology at the Ohanapecosh Campground.* February 16, 2023.

2016 Explorer's Club, Pacific Northwest Chapter. *The Use of Tephrochronology at Mount Rainier National Park.* October 29, 2016.

Poster Presentations

2023 *Public archaeology in the Mirror: An Updated Model at the Illinois State Archaeological Survey.* **Georgia Abrams** and Hannah Rucinski. Poster displayed at the PRI Lightning Symposium. Champaign, Illinois.

2022 *Public archaeology in the Mirror: An Updated Model at the Illinois State Archaeological Survey*. **Georgia Abrams** and Hannah Rucinski. Poster displayed at the 66th Illinois Archaeological Society Annual Meeting. Springfield, Illinois.

2022 *Public archaeology in the Mirror: An Updated Model at the Illinois State Archaeological Survey*. **Georgia Abrams** and Hannah Rucinski. Poster presented at the 87th Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.

SERVICE

2023 Chair, ISAS Outreach Committee

2023 Outreach Committee Member, Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology

2023 Board Member, Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology

2016 Co-President, PLU Anthropology Club

2015 Activities Director, PLU Anthropology Club

OUTREACH

2023 Volunteer: ECIAS' "Explore Archaeology Day" at the Museum of the Grand Prairie

2023 Represented ISAS at PRI Trick or Treat event

2023 DREAAM Academy activities at ISAS Repository

2023 Volunteer: IAAA table during the Illinois State Fair

2023 Volunteer: ECIAS garage sale fundraiser preparations

RELEVANT COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

2017 Capstone Seminar: Anthropological Methods

Designed a major anthropological project and developed a grant proposal in the Wenner-Gren format, including budget, methodologies, and literature review. Wrote *Mitochondrial DNA, Gender, and Identity in the Ancestral Lineage of Bronze Age Britain*.

2016 Anthropological Theory

Focused on the development of anthropological theory and its subsequent use in archaeology. Wrote a paper analyzing the theoretical framework of "*Cannibal Talk: The Man-Eating Myth and Human Sacrifice in the South Seas*" by Gananth Obeyesekere.

2016 Archaeology of Ancient Empires

Focused on the emergence and challenges of complex societies and human-environment interactions. Wrote *The Mortuary Landscape of Yamato Japan: Evolution of the Burial Mound*.

2016 Aztecs, Mayans, and their Predecessors

Focused on understanding the cultures of ancient Mesoamerica through archaeological research. Wrote *Understanding Death in Aztec Society*.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for American Archaeologists

Illinois Archaeological Survey

Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology

East Central Illinois Archaeological Society