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Education

2013 MA Historical Administration, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
1998 BA Anthropology, Minor in History, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Professional Appointments

Historics Section Head: 2023 – Present

Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Responsibilities include the supervision of the Historics Section personnel in the survey, review, and evaluation of historic period archaeological and architectural resources for NRHP consideration; coordinating efforts between the ISAS and IDOT to produce documentation and reports to ensure preservation concerns are incorporated into the planning of proposed transportation projects. Additional responsibilities include conducting public engagement activities that highlight the historic preservation practices of IDOT, ISAS, PRI, and the University.

Senior Architectural Archaeologist: 2019 – 2023

Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Responsibilities included supervision of Architecture Section personnel in the survey, review, and evaluation of historical and architectural resources for NRHP consideration; coordinating efforts between the ISAS Statewide Office and IDOT to produce architectural inventories and research reports; and maintaining section project files and documentation. Additional responsibilities included assisting with the production of various ISAS and IDOT outreach projects as needed.

Cultural Resources Research Specialist: 2017 – 2019

Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Responsibilities included supervision of the collection, analysis, and evaluation of historical and architectural information for cultural resource research reports.

Lab Director: 2005 – 2017

Public Service Archaeology & Architecture Program, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois. Responsibilities included supervision of lab activities, analysis, and curation. Additional responsibilities included historic and architectural background research, report production, supervision of archaeological/architectural field survey and site testing.

Assistant Lab Specialist: 1999 – 2005

Public Service Archaeology & Architecture Program, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois. Responsibilities included processing and analysis of historic and prehistoric artifacts as well as archaeological field survey and site testing.

Exhibit Technician: 1998 – 1999

Kalamazoo Valley Museum, Kalamazoo Michigan

Responsibilities included the daily operation and maintenance of exhibits, as well as project assistance for the curator of design and the curator of collections.

Field Technician: 1996 – 1998

Southwest Michigan Historic Landscape Project, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University. Responsibilities included archival research, geophysical mapping, site excavation, processing and analysis of artifacts of the Fort St. Joseph (20BE23) and Warren G. Shepard (20CA104) sites.

Experience and Training

Remote Pilot Certification, FAA Part 107 certification test

Cemetery Restoration Workshop, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Section 106 Training Course, Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

Managing Archaeological Collections Course, U.S. Department of the Interior

ArcGIS I & II Workshops, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Archaeological Field School, Western Michigan University

Selected Publications and Reports

- 2025 Contributor. Thomas E. Emerson, Dale L. McElrath, and David J. Nolan (eds.) *Archaeology of Illinois: The Deep History of the Prairie State*. Studies in Archaeology No. 7. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2024 Contributor. Michael J. Aiuvalasit, John M. Lambert, Timothy R. Pauketat, and Andrew A. White (eds.) *An Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage in Illinois*. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2024 **Michael Smith** and Timothy Pauketat. On Recent History, Heritage, and Immigration. *Illinois Insight: Archaeology*, Blog, Post Sep 19, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois Urban-Champaign. <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/9269/671710633>
- 2023 Guest Reviewer. Special Issue: PostContact-Era Metro Chicago. Vol. 49, No 2. *The Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology*. Midwest Archaeological Conference.
- 2018 Contributor. *Re-envisioning Greater Cahokia, Story Map*. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. <https://univofillinois.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=a58c2043100d4f3a891dc83d9bc00c2e>
- 2013 Prehistory in the Local Museum: Making Connections. Technical Insert 185. *Illinois Heritage Association Newsletter* Vol. 31, No. 5. Illinois Heritage Association.
- 2012 Brian Adams, Alice Berkson, and Ilona Matovszki and **Michael Smith**. The Martin Homestead (11V924): Early Prosperity on the Wabash Border. *Illinois Archaeology* Vol. 24. Illinois Archaeological Survey.
- 2009 Doctor Syntax visits the Frontier: English Ceramic Exports to Illinois. *Illinois Antiquity* Vol. 44, No 3. Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology.
- 2007 Reborn from the Ashes: The Link between the Phoenix Button and Frontier Illinois. *Illinois Antiquity* Vol. 42, No 1. Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology.

Architecture Section Technical Reports and Report Components Submitted to IDOT

2025 20 submitted
2024 23 submitted
2023 14 submitted
2022 27 submitted
2021 47 submitted
2020 30 submitted
2019 18 submitted
2018 11 submitted
2017 22 submitted

38 public outreach videos and slideshows produced for ISAS from 2017 to the present.

Professional Presentations and Exhibitions

- 2026 Presentation delivered at the Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. *The Archaeology of German Immigrant Farms in Southwestern Illinois*. Detroit, MI.
- 2026 Erin Benson, Alleen Betzenhauser, Roberta Rogers, **Michael E. Smith**, Elizabeth Watts Malouchos, Miranda Yancey. Presentation delivered at the Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. *Collaborative Archaeology and Community History in Brooklyn, Illinois*. Detroit, MI.
- 2025 Sara Pfannkuche, **Michael E. Smith**, and Hannah Rucinski. Presentation delivered at the Annual Society for American Archaeology Meeting. *Curating Legacy Collections: How Dirty, Broken Dishes Can Advance Research and Create Citizen Scientists*. Denver, CO.
- 2024 Presentation delivered at the Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference. *Flooding Impacts on Historical Resources in Illinois*. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2023 Presentation delivered at the Annual Conference on Illinois History. *Seeking a Home: The Archaeology and Architecture of German Immigrant Farms in Southwestern Illinois*. Springfield, IL.
- 2022 Discussant at the Illinois Coastal Management Program Workshop. Sponsored by the Illinois Coastal Management Program and the Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Chicago Maritime Museum. Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Presentation delivered for the ISAS Brown Bag Lecture Series. *Re-examining 19th Century Brick Production in the Midwest* at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.
- 2018 Demonstration of the Emerald Acropolis site augmented reality app at the Ancient Cahokia Future Visions Conference at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.
- 2014 Discussant at the Annual Midwest Historical Archaeology Conference. *The Future of the Past at Fort St. Joseph*, Niles, MI.
- 2013 Exhibit Curator, *Experiences of the Illinois Civil War Soldier: Reflections through Art and Artifacts*. Exhibit featured at the Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL.
- 2011 Presentation delivered at the Annual Conference on Illinois History. *History from the Ground up: Archaeology and the Origins of the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site*, Springfield, IL.
- 2010 Co-organizer and Presenter of Eastern Illinois University's Historical Administration Symposium. *Reconstructing Lincoln Log Cabin: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Coles County*. Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, Lerna, IL.

- 2010 **Michael Smith** and Gregory Walz. Presentation delivered at the Annual Society for American Archaeology Meeting. *Fort Sully: Fortification in the Western Theater*, St. Louis, MO.
- 2006 Brian Adams and **Michael Smith**. Presentation delivered at the Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference. *The Martin Homestead: Early Prosperity on the Wabash Border*, Urbana, IL.

Selected Service Positions

- 2025 Hiring Manager, ISAS Search Committee to hire an Architectural Historian for the Central Offices
- 2025 Hiring Manager, ISAS Search Committee to hire a Scientific Specialist for the Central Offices
- 2024 Member, ISAS Search Committee to hire a Scientific Specialist for the Central Illinois Field Station
- 2024 Member, ISAS Search Committee to hire an Architectural Historian for the Central Offices
- 2023 Board Member, Illinois Archaeological Survey (2023-present)
- 2023 Member, ISAS Outreach Committee (2023-present)
- 2023 Member, ISAS Outreach Self-Evaluation Committee (2023-2024)
- 2021 Chair, ISAS Search Committee to hire Coordinator for the Central Illinois Field Station
- 2021 Coordinator for the ISAS *Ask an Archaeologist* Website and database (2120-present)
- 2020 Member, ISAS Website Update Committee (2020-present)
- 2020 Member, Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council (2020-2022)
- 2020 Member, ISAS Search Committee to hire an Architectural Historian for the Central Offices
- 2020 Member, ISAS Search Committee to hire a Coordinator for the Central Illinois Field Station
- 2018 Coordinator for the ISAS Brown Bag Speakers Series (2018-2019)
- 2018 Oversees the ISAS outreach collections (2018-2023)

Selected Community Engagement, Outreach and Collaboration

- 2025 Presentation delivered to the East Central Illinois Archaeological Society's Explore Archaeology Open House. *The Belle Street Privy: Local History and the Larger Patterns*. Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, IL.
- 2025 Assisted with the *Brooklyn, Illinois: Discovering America's First Free Black Town* Exhibit. PRI Expo: Bridging the Past & Future in Illinois. The Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- 2024 Assisted with outreach posts, public programming, and ISAS excavations for the Historical Society of Brooklyn, Illinois' annual *Gathering in the Wilderness History and Heritage Weekend*. Brooklyn, IL (2024-present).
- 2024 Assisted with the ISAS/East Central Illinois Archaeological Society Belle St. Privy Assemblage Project in Champaign, IL (2024-present).
- 2024 Assisted with the atlatl demonstration for iExplore program in Champaign, IL.
- 2023 Presentation delivered to the East Central Illinois Archaeological Society. *Seeking a Home: The Archaeology and Architecture of German Immigrant Farms* in Southwestern Illinois. Urbana Free Library, Urbana, IL.
- 2023 Presentation delivered to the Champaign County Forest Preserve. *Illinois Archaeology: A Legacy of Over 12, 000 Years*.
- 2022 Assisted with the archaeology display at the Allerton Family Camp-Out at Allerton Park in Monticello, IL (2019 & 2022).
- 2021 Assisted with the artifact identifications for a private collection at Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery in Champaign, IL.

- 2020 Demonstrated the Emerald Acropolis augmented reality app at the Prehistoric Artifact Show at the Dickson Mounds State Museum in Lewistown, IL.
- 2019 Demonstrated the Emerald Acropolis augmented reality app at the Illinois Archaeological Survey Annual Meeting at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville, IL.
- 2019 Demonstrated the Emerald Acropolis augmented reality app at the University of Illinois Illini Fest in Chicago, IL.
- 2018 Demonstrated the Emerald Acropolis site augmented reality app at the Pygmalion Festival Tech Demo, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2017 Assisted with Archaeology Day at the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum in Champaign, IL (2017-2018).
- 2017 Presented the archaeology curriculum to the East Central Illinois Master Naturalist training program (2017-2019).
- 2016 Assisted with archaeology presentations for the Anthropology Academy at the 4-H Illini Summer Academies at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (2016-2018).
- 2015 Assisted with supervision of the annual cross-curriculum Archaeology Day at St. Thomas Moore High School in Champaign, IL. (2015-2018).
- 2014 Volunteer Social Media coordinator for the East Central Illinois Archaeological Society (2014-present)
- 2011 Assisted collections staff with ethnographic research on new acquisitions at the Spurlock Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2011- 2013).
- 2005 Assisted with geophysical mapping and archaeological survey at the New Philadelphia site (11PK455), Pike Co. IL.

Professional Affiliations

Historical Administration Program Association
 Illinois Archaeological Survey
 Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology
 Midwest Archaeological Conference
 Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society
 Society for Historical Archaeology