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## EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D. in Anthropology, Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Dissertation: *Mississippian Community-Making through Everyday Items at Kincaid Mounds*

2005 M.A. in Anthropology, Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Thesis: *Architectural Variation at the Kincaid Mounds Site*

2002 B.A. in Anthropology with high honors, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Senior Thesis: *A Wasp's Tale: Using Mud Dauber Nests to Infer Upland Site Occupancy Patterns*

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023-Present *Section Head of Curation and Associate Research Scientist*, Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS), Prairie Research Institute (PRI), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

Create a curation program at ISAS, write and implement curation policy, facilitate NAGPRA compliance in coordination with the U of I NAGPRA Office and the Illinois Department of Transportation; manage ~36,000 ft<sup>3</sup> of archaeological collections; co-design and implement a relation database for collections management, facilitate research and loans; secure grants for research and collections care; conduct independent research, train staff and student workers

- Supervise staff of 5 professional, 1 graduate student, and 6 undergraduate students
- Proposals funded by IDOT for \$ 886,931 to complete a collections move and upgrade (2022-2023)
- Proposal funded by the Chancellor of UIUC for \$ 595,376 to rehabilitate and inventory University collections (2022-2025)
- Secured grants totaling \$ 67,800 from the IFR for teaching field schools in curation (2021-2022)

2020-2022 *Section Head of Curation and Assistant Research Scientist*, ISAS, PRI, UIUC

2018-Present *Adjunct Assistant Professor*, Department of Anthropology, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)

Serve on graduate committees for SIUC students in Anthropology: current students = 3 MA and 2 PhD candidates

2018-2020 *Curator*, Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC

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Implement NAGPRA for the CAI, Department of Anthropology, and University Museum Legacy Collections; manage curation facility and 9,000 ft<sup>3</sup> of archaeological collections; design and institute a relational database for collections management; develop and implement curation policy; facilitate research and loans, teach collections management courses; conduct independent research.

- Supervised a staff of 2 professional, 3 graduate students, and 4 undergraduates
- Secured 5 grants totaling \$286,926 during a 2-year tenure
- Curated one exhibit at the University Museum
- Published 1 co-edited book, 2 research reports (editor and author), one book chapter (lead author)

2015-2017 *Field Station Coordinator*, ISAS, American Bottom Field Station (ABFS)

Manage the day-to-day operations of ISAS American Bottom Field Station, including active field projects, personnel, vehicle fleet, facilities, and collections; act as liaison between ABFS and Central Offices; design research; manage ceramic and features analyses; complete ceramic and features analyses and reports, supervise field work.

- Supervised a staff of 30 full-time employees and 2 interns
- Published 1 research report (editor and author), 1 technical report (editor and author), 2 ATSRs, 1 scholarly article (co-author), and 1 popular article

2014 *Interim Field Station Manager*, ISAS, ABFS  
2013-2014 *Senior Research Archaeologist*, ISAS, ABFS  
2011-2013 *Research Archaeologist*, ISAS, ABFS  
2009; 2010 *Instructor*, Archaeological Field Schools, Department of Anthropology, SIUC  
2009 *Human Remains Excavation Crew*, Midwest Archaeological Research, Inc  
2007-2010 *Instructor and Director of the Archaeology Laboratory*, Department of Foreign Languages and Anthropology, Southeast Missouri State University  
2004 *Field Crew*, Panamerican Consultants  
2004 *Field Crew*, Parsons Engineering  
2002-2003 *Crew Chief*, Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program (ITARP), American Bottom Survey Division  
2001-2002 *Laboratory Technician*, North American Archaeology Lab, UIUC  
2001-2002 *Laboratory Technician*, ITARP, Central Office  
2002 *Field and Laboratory Supervisor*, UIUC 8-week Archaeological Field School  
2001 *Field Supervisor*, UIUC 8-week Archaeological Field School  
2000 *Field Crew*, UIUC 8-week Archaeological Field School

## TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2021 Instructor/Director. Field School in Archaeological Curation. Institute for Field Research.  
2019 Instructor. ANTH442 Working with Anthropological Collections, SIUC  
2019 Instructor. ANTH484 Internship in Curation, SIUC

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- 2018 Instructor. ANTH484 Internship in Curation, SIUC
- 2018 Instructor. ANTH496 Independent Study, SIUC
- 2010 Instructor/Director. ANTH496 Archaeological Field School, SIUC
- 2010 Instructor/Director. AN313 Archaeological Field School, SEMO
- 2009 Instructor/Director. ANTH496 Archaeological Field School, SIUC
- 2009 Instructor/Director. AN313 Archaeological Field School, SEMO
- 2009 Teaching Assistant. ANTH104 The Human Experience, SIUC
- 2008 Instructor. AN313 Archaeological Method and Theory, SEMO
- 2008 Instructor. UI100 Global Issues, SEMO
- 2008 Instructor/ Director. AN313 Archaeological Field School, SEMO
- 2008 Teaching Assistant. ANTH496 Archaeological Field School, SIUC
- 2007 Instructor. UI100 Global Issues, SEMO
- 2007 Instructor. AN313 Archaeological Field School, SEMO
- 2007 Teaching Assistant. ANTH104 The Human Experience, SIUC
- 2005 Teaching Assistant. ANTH496 Archaeological Field School, SIUC

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

### *Certifications*

- 2022 Certified Skeletal Analyst in the State of Illinois

### *Archaeology*

- 2019 SAA Seminar *Addressing Orphaned Collections: A Practical Approach*
- 2019 SAA Seminar *Deaccessioning Archaeological Collections*
- 2018 SAA Seminar *Employing Innovative Approaches to Curation and Collections Management: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Archaeological Curation Program*
- 2018 SAA Seminar *Outreach, Engagement, and Advocacy: The Importance of Reaching the Public Through Media*
- 2014 Section 106 training, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- 2012 OSHA trenching and shoring training
- 2005 Volunteer. Roman cemetery excavations at Gravina in Puglia, Italy with McMAsTer University.
- 2002 Volunteer. Unites States Parks Services excavations at Shiloh Mounds, Tennessee

### *Leadership and Management*

- 2022 *Academic Employee Performance Management*. University of Illinois HR Series.
- 2022 *The Performance Partnership Program*. University of Illinois HR Series.
- 2022 *Becoming a Leader the Future Needs you to Be*. Illinois Supervisory Skills Elective.

## PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

# TAMIRA K. BRENNAN

2022 Kessler, Nicholas V., Gregory L. Hodgins, Brian M. Butler, Pulari S. Kartha, Paul D. Welch, **Tamira K. Brennan**. Tree-ring-radiocarbon Dating Paraffin-conserved Charcoal at the Mississippian Center of Kincaid, Illinois, USA. *Radiocarbon* 65(1):173-191

2022 Kessler, Nicholas V., Paul D. Welch, Brian M. Butler, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Ronald H. Towner, Gregory W. L. Hodgins. Wiggle-Matched Red Cedar from a Pre-Monumental Occupation at Kincaid Mounds, Illinois, USA. *Tree-Ring Research* 78(2):100-112

2020 Thomas E. Emerson, Kristin M. Hedman, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Alleen M. Betzenhauser, Susan M. Alt, and Timothy R. Pauketat. Interrogating Diaspora and Movement in the Greater Cahokian World. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 27:54-71

2017 Lansdell, Michael Brent, Alleen Betzenhauser, and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Wings, Warriors, and Weeping Eyes: Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Ramey Incised Motifs at the East St. Louis Mound Complex. *Illinois Archaeology* 29:165-190.

2011 Koldehoff, Brad and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Exploring Mississippian Polity Interaction and Craft Specialization with Ozark Chipped-Stone Resources. *Missouri Archaeology* 71:132-164.

## *Edited Volumes*

### Editor

2018 Emerson, Thomas E., Brad H. Koldehoff and **Tamira K. Brennan** (editors) *Revealing Greater Cahokia, North America's First Native City: Rediscovery and Large-Scale Excavations of the East St. Louis Precinct*. Studies in Archaeology, No. 12. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2018 not listed: 1 chapter authored and 3 chapters co-authored within self-edited volume above

### Contributor

2021 Brennan, Tamira K. Making Mounds, Making Mississippian Communities in Southern Illinois. In, *Reconsidering Mississippian Communities and Households*, edited by Elizabeth Watts and Alleen Betzenhauser, University of Florida Press.

2019 **Brennan, Tamira K.** and Corin C. O. Pursell. Kincaid Mounds and the Cahokian Decline. In *Cahokia in Context: Hegemony and Diaspora*, edited by Charles McNutt and Ryan Parrish, pp. 87-104. University of Florida Press.

2007 Brennan, Tamira K. In-Ground Evidence of Above-Ground Architecture at Kincaid Mounds. In *Architectural Variability in the Southeast*, edited by Cameron H. Lacquement, pp.74-100. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

## *Edited Reports*

### Editor

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2019 **Brennan, Tamira K.**, Michael Brent Lansdell, and Alleen M. Betzenhauser (editors) *East St. Louis Precinct Mississippian Ceramics*. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 45. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

2019 not listed: 7 chapters co-authored in the 2019 self-edited volume above

2018 Brennan, Tamira K. (editor) *East St. Louis Precinct Mississippian Features*. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 43. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

2019 not listed: 7 chapters co-authored in the 2018 self-edited volume above

2016 Brennan, Tamira K. (editor) *Main Street Mound: A Ridgetop Monument at the East St. Louis Mound Complex*. Research Report No. 36. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2016 not listed: 4 chapters authored and 2 chapters co-authored in the 2016 self-edited volume above

## Contributor

2018 **Tamira K. Brennan** and Alleen Betzenhauser. Feature Analysis Methods. In *East St. Louis Precinct Terminal Late Woodland Features*, Alleen Betzenhauser, editor. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 46. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

2018 Alleen Betzenhauser and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Introduction. In *East St. Louis Precinct Terminal Late Woodland Features*, Alleen Betzenhauser, editor. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 46. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

2018 Alleen Betzenhauser and **Tamira K. Brennan**, Craig H. Kitchen, and Daniel F. Blodgett. Summary and Significance. In *East St. Louis Precinct Terminal Late Woodland Features*, Alleen Betzenhauser, editor. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 46. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

2018 Alleen Betzenhauser and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Introduction. In *East St. Louis Precinct Terminal Late Woodland Ceramics*, Alleen Betzenhauser, editor. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 42. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

2018 Alleen Betzenhauser and **Tamira K. Brennan**, and Michael Brent Lansdell. Analytical Methods and Recorded Variables. In *East St. Louis Precinct Terminal Late Woodland Ceramics*, Alleen Betzenhauser, editor. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 42. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

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2018 In *East St. Louis Precinct Terminal Late Woodland Ceramics*, Alleen Betzenhauser, editor. New Mississippi River Bridge Research Report No. 42. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

## *Unpublished Reports and Report Contributions*

### Editor

2018 Tamira K. Brennan. *The Russell Site (11MS672): A Mund Phase Seasonal Site and Moorehead Phase Ceremonial Node in the Northern American Bottom*. Technical Report No. 128. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2018 not listed: 3 co-authored chapters in the self-edited report above

### Author or Contributor

2021 **Brennan, Tamira K.** 2021 Summary Report of Institute for Field Research work completed on Center for Archaeological Investigations Collections. On file, Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2021 **Brennan, Tamira K.** The Illinois State Archaeological Survey's Collections Guide. Report prepared for the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. On file, ISAS.

2020 **Brennan, Tamira K.** 2018-2020 Curation Projects Report (41 pp). Report prepared for the Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. On file, CAI-SIUC.

2020 **Brennan, Tamira K.** For the Next Curator: Status Report and Facilities Guide to Curation at the CAI-SIUC (17 pp). Report prepared for the Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. On file, CAI-SIUC.

2020 Mazrim, Robert and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Summary Report on the 2017 Excavations at the Francois Valle II Site in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Submitted to French Colonial America, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Sangamo Archaeological Center Technical Report No. 20-1.

2019 Nash, Lenna, **Tamira K. Brennan** and Kristin M. Hedman. Description of Human Remains from the East St. Louis Site (11S706/5): EB 73 Main Street Mound. *Skeletal Report No. 2019-1*. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2017 **Brennan, Tamira K.**, Patrick R. Durst, and Daniel F. Blodgett. *Archaeological Investigations at the Seven Mile Ridge site (11AX622) for Cairo Regional Airport Fence Installation, Alexander County, Illinois*. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute. Archaeological Testing Short Report No. 477. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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2016 **Brennan, Tamira K.**, and Patrick R. Durst. *Archaeological Investigations at the Cottonwood Overlook site (11AX623) for Cairo Regional Airport Fence Installation*, Alexander County, Illinois. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute. Archaeological Testing Short Report No. 478, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2008 **Brennan, Tamira K.**, Brad Koldehoff and Charles R. Moffat. Lithic Artifacts. In *Archaeological Investigations at the Quicksilver Site: A Mississippian Homestead in the Silver Creek Headwaters Madison County, Illinois*. Charles R. Moffat, editor, pp. 63–84. Research Report No. 93. Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## *Popular and Other Writing*

2017 Recent Revelations About Ancient East St. Louis. In *Cahokian*. Summer, 2017, pp.3-5.

2013 Review of Practicing Archaeology, Second Edition by Nuemann and Sanford. *Southeastern Archaeology* 32:129

2010 The South Cape Site: A Fortified Mississippian Village in Southeast Missouri. *Missouri Archaeological Society Quarterly* 27:12-19.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### *Seminars*

2021 Instructor. Society for American Archaeology Online Seminar, *An Outline for Teaching Curation in the Classroom and in the Field*. December 1, 2021.

### *Conference Papers*

2022 *Curation as Field Work: Changing the Future of Collections through Curriculum*. Paper presented at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Little Rock, Arkansas.

2022 *The New ISAS Curation Database: Its Development, Beta Testing, and how it will Help Illinois*. Paper presented at the 2022 Illinois Archaeological Survey Annual Meeting Sara L. Pfannkuche, **Tamira K. Brennan**, And Michael Farkas

2022 *Orr-Herl: Sitting on Top of the Underworld*. Paper presented at the 2022 Illinois Archaeological Survey Annual Meeting. Steve Boles, Bob McCullough, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Benjamin Skousen and Erin Bensen

2022 *Curation as Field Work: Combating the Crisis through Curriculum*. Paper presented at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois.

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2019 *Building, Burying, Tearing Down: The Role of Destruction in Mississippian Mound Building*. Erin C. Nelson and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2019 *Discovering Buried Pasts: Illinois Transportation Archaeology and the Rediscovery of America's First Native City*. Thomas E. Emerson, Brad H. Koldehoff, **Tamira K. Brennan**, and Allen Betzenhauser. Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2017 *More than Diaspora: The Implications of Cahokian Precincts, Shrines, and Outliers*. Timothy R. Pauketat, Thomas E. Emerson, **Tamira K. Brennan**. Paper presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2016 *Kincaid's Rise and the Cahokian Decline*. **Tamira K. Brennan** and Corin Pursell. Paper presented at the Midsouth Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.

2016 *Making Mounds, Making Communities in the Mississippian Midwest*. Paper presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Orlando.

2014 *Ridge-Top Mounds and the East St. Louis Mound Complex*. **Tamira K. Brennan** and Sarah Baires. Paper presented at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Archaeology Conference, Champaign, IL.

2013 *The Changing Face of Place at Kincaid Mounds*. Paper presented at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Archaeology Conference, Tampa.

2013 *Top Knots and Forelocks: Mississippian Hairstyles as Depicted in Ceramic Form*. Sarah Harken, Aurora Bihler, **Tamira K. Brennan**. Paper presented at the Mississippian Conference in Cape Girardeau Missouri, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2013.

2012 *Feature 2000: A New Mississippian Mound at the East St. Louis Mound Complex*. **Tamira K. Brennan** and Steve Boles. Paper presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Archaeology Conference, Baton Rouge.

2012 *Mound Underground: Feature 2000 at the East St. Louis Mound Complex*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey.

2012 *Kincaid in the New Century—Recent Investigations of “A Prehistoric Illinois Metropolis.”* Brian Butler, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Corin Pursell. Paper presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis.

2011 *Conceptualizing Community in the Southeast*. **Tamira K. Brennan** and Erin Stevens Nelson. Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.



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- 2010 *The Big Implications of Small-Scale Changes: Intra-site Level Community and Identity*. Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> Southeast Archaeology Conference, Lexington.
- 2010 *2009-2010 Excavations at Kincaid Mounds*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Archaeological Survey, Bloomington, IL.
- 2009 *South Cape: A Fortified Mississippian Site in Southeast Missouri*. Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> Southeast Archaeology Conference, Mobile.
- 2009 *An Update on the Rise and Demise of Kincaid*. Brian Butler, Paul D. Welch, **Tamira K. Brennan**, and Corin Pursell. Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> Southeast Archaeology Conference, Mobile, Alabama.
- 2009 *Domestic Diversity at Kincaid Mounds*. Paper presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> Midwest Archaeological Conference, Iowa City. Awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize in the MAC Student Paper Competition.
- 2009 *What's New (and Old) at the South Cape Site*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Archaeological Society, Lake Ozarks, Missouri.
- 2008 *Mississippian Lithic Utilization at the Cahokia, Wickliffe, and South Cape Sites*. Brad Koldehoff and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Missouri Archaeological Society Lithics Symposium, Meramec State Park, Missouri.
- 2007 *The Built Environment at Kincaid*. Paper presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Knoxville.
- 2007 *Kincaid Ceramic Chronology Revisited*. Corin Pursell and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Paper presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Knoxville.
- 2005 *Architecture at the Kincaid Mounds Site*. Paper presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2003 *The Quicksilver site: A Mississippian Homestead in the Silver Creek Headwaters*. **Tamira K. Brennan** and Charles A. Moffat. Paper presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> Midwestern Archaeological Conference, Milwaukee.
- 2001 *A Wasp's Tale: Using Mud Dauber Nests to Infer Upland Site Occupancy Patterns*. Paper presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Chattanooga.

## ***Poster Presentations***

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2019 *Geophysical Survey of a Late Mississippian Site in Southeast Missouri (23Cg8)*. **Tamira K. Brennan**, Jennifer Bengtson and Robert McCullough. Poster presented at the Mississippian Conference, Dickson Mounds Museum, Lewiston Illinois July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

2019 *Appropriately Managing, Archiving, and Access to Culturally Sensitive Materials by Scientifically Valuable Digital Imagery*. Julie M. Winchester, Timothy M. Ryan, Joshua Wisor, Lynn Copes, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Mark J. Wagner, Doug M. Boyer. Paper presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Cleveland, Ohio.

2019 *Trenches to Rafters: The Archaeology and Architecture of Francois Valle II's Ste. Genevieve Home*. Poster presented at the Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, St. Charles, Missouri.

2017 *Wings, Warriors, and Weeping Eyes: Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Ramey Incised Pots at the East St. Louis Mound Precinct*. M. Brent Lansdell and Alleen Betzenhauser, **Tamira K. Brennan**. Poster presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Indianapolis, IN, and at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa, OK.

2013 *Non-Local Pottery from Stirling Phase Contexts at the East St. Louis Mound Complex*. Alleen Betzenhauser, Brent Lansdell, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Aurora Bihler, Ross Brady, Alexandra Freyer, Sarah Harken and Heather Nahmias. Poster presented at the Indiana Archaeology Council Spring Ceramics Conference, Indianapolis.

## ***Workshops/Fora***

2021 *The Future of Archaeological Repositories?* (Discussant). 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology.

2016 *The Importance of Being Explicit: Data Collection and Reporting for Replication* (Invited Presenter). **Tamira K. Brennan** and Alleen Betzenhauser. Roundtable Session: *Describing Collections for the Digital Age* at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Iowa City, Iowa.

2014 *Gender in Southeastern Archaeology* (Panelist), sponsored by the Southeastern Archaeological Conference's Student Affairs Committee. 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeast Archaeology Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

## ***Invited Lectures***

2022 East Central Illinois Archaeological Society lecture. *Kincaid Mounds: A Major Mississippian Center on the Lower Ohio River*. May 19, 2022.

2021 Illinois State Archaeological Survey's Brown Bag Series. *Late Mississippian Landscapes in Southern Illinois*. April 23, 2021.

2019 Lecture and tour guide for the Archaeological Conservancy's Anasazi Circle.

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Cahokia, Kincaid, and Wickliffe Mounds). October 4-6, 2019.

2019 Mound City Archaeological Society. St. Louis, MO. *Going Home: The Repatriation of Sacred Items from Black Mesa, Arizona*. Junior author, Melissa Litschi.

2018 Fermilab Colloquium Series. Fermilab, Batavia, IL. *The Archaeology of Greater Cahokia*. **Viewable here:** <http://vms.fnal.gov/asset/detail?recid=1955139>

2018 South Suburban Archaeological Society, Homewood, IL. *Insights on Greater Cahokia from the East St. Louis Precinct*

2017 Washington University St. Louis, World Archaeology Class. Dr. John Kelly, Instructor. *Insights on Greater Cahokia from the East St. Louis Precinct*

2017 Anthropology Graduate Student Association Lecture Series. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. *Digging Big: Transportation Archaeology and Greater Cahokia*

2017 Cahokia Mounds Winter Lecture Series. Collinsville, IL. *Insights and Updates on the East St. Louis Mound Complex*. **Viewable here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVt-NcIYSjk>

2014 Cahokia Archaeological Society. Collinsville, IL. *Kincaid Mounds: A Major Mississippian Center on the Lower Ohio*

2013 US Forest Service Beneath the Surface Lecture Series. Carbondale, IL. *Beneath the Surface: Archaeological Investigations in Your Backyard*

2013 Program speaker, Wood River Rotary Club

2012 Missouri Archaeological Society, Mounds City Chapter. St. Louis, MO. *Recent Archaeological Investigations at the East St. Louis Mound Center*.

## CREATIVE WORKS

### *Curated Exhibits*

2018 *The Center for Archaeological Investigation's 40th Anniversary Exhibit*. University Museum, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

## SERVICE

2021-present Prairie Research Institute (PRI) Collections Committee  
2021 Search Committee, PRI-ISAS Senior Scientific Specialist – Collections Specialist  
2021 Search Committee, OVCRI NAGPRA Office Post-doctoral Research Associate  
2021 Program Committee Member, Society for American Archaeology 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
2020-2023 Board Member, Illinois Archaeological Survey

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2020-2024 Board Member, Illinois State Museum  
2020 PRI Committee on Diversity Recruitment. member  
2020 Referee, *Southeastern Archaeology* and *Illinois Archaeology*  
2020 Referee, *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*  
2019-2021 Standards Board Alternate, Register of Professional Archaeologists, member  
2018-2020 Executive Officer, Midwest Archaeological Conference  
2017 PRI Distinguished Awards Selection Committee, member  
2017 Article Referee, *Southeastern Archaeology*  
2016 Grant proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation  
2015-2017 Board Member, Illinois Archaeological Survey  
2013 Article Referee, *Illinois Archaeology*

## OUTREACH

2020 Interview with Southern Illinoisan for article on Black Mesa collections and NAGPRA:  
[https://thesouthern.com/news/local/siu/returning-home-sacred-artifacts-held-by-siu-carbondale-reburied-with-hopi-navajo-ancestors/article\\_198831a5-1552-5f21-be9f-1e88cba03eaa.html](https://thesouthern.com/news/local/siu/returning-home-sacred-artifacts-held-by-siu-carbondale-reburied-with-hopi-navajo-ancestors/article_198831a5-1552-5f21-be9f-1e88cba03eaa.html)  
2019 Pro-bono consultant on new interpretive panels at Kincaid Mounds State Historic Site  
2019 Activity day and tour of CAI-SIUC curation facility for Rainbow's End childcare center  
2018 Kincaid Mounds Support Organization, Lecture and tour for Archaeology Field Day  
2017 Interviewed for nightly news regarding excavations at the Francois Valle II site in Ste. Genevieve, MO  
2017 Interviewed on Fox2 News regarding ISAS' finds at the East St. Louis Precinct:  
<https://fox2now.com/2017/02/26/attend-insightful-lecture-covering-the-latest-archaeological-dig-findings/>  
2017 Interviewed by the Belleville News Democrat regarding ISAS' finds at the East St. Louis Precinct: <https://www.bnd.com/living/magazine/article134720339.html>  
2017 Prairie Research institute interview for "Women in Science Profiles"  
<https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/7283/471711>  
2016 Facilitated collections and databases access of ISAS materials for SIUC M.A. student research  
2016 Pro-bono consultant for author Mark Leach for forthcoming book *The Pyramids of Cahokia Mounds*  
2016 Interview for Public Access TV show regarding excavations at the Francois Valle II site in Ste. Genevieve, MO  
2015 Staffed the archaeology table at the Illinois State Fair for the IAAA  
2014 Advised two interns at the Illinois State Archaeological Survey  
2012 Prairie Research Institute's Naturally Illinois Expo, Champaign, IL  
2009 Creation of a ceramic teaching collection for use at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

## GRANTS

### *Research*

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2022 *Archaeological Curation from Field to Lab: A Collaborative Project With The IFR, Missouri State University, and The Illinois State Archaeological Survey.* Institute for Field Research. **(\$37,440)**

2021 *Field School in Curating Archaeological Collections.* Institute for Field Research. **(\$30,360).**

2021 *Adding the Black Bottom Survey Site Files to the Illinois Inventory of Archaeological Sites.* Illinois Association or the Advancement of Archaeology **(\$400).**

2008 *Funding Proposal for the South Cape Site.* Lyman, Barnhill, Irving Fund for Archaeological Research. Missouri Archaeological Society **(\$650).**

## ***Contracts***

2022 *Rehabilitation and Inventory of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Archaeological Collections held by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey.* Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, UIUC. **(\$567,075)**

2022-2024 *Request to Expend Funds on Curation Upgrade for IDOT Collections.* Co-PD, Timothy Pauketat. Illinois Department of Transportation. **(\$886,931)**

2020-2025 *Inventory of USDAFS Archaeological Collections for NAGPRA-related Items.* United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. **(\$15,000)**

2019-2020 *Bureau of Indian Affairs Archeological Collections and Association Documentation Curated at the Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Center for Archaeological Investigations: Identifying, Cataloging, Photographing, and Rehousing Collections.* Bureau of Indian Affairs **(\$32,969).**

2020 *The Rehabilitation of the Black Mesa Archaeological Project Collections (2020 supplement).* Peabody Energy. **(\$99,518).**

2019 *The Rehabilitation of the Black Mesa Archaeological Project Collections (2019 supplement).* Peabody Energy. **(\$79,439).**

2018 *The Rehabilitation of the Black Mesa Archaeological Project Collections.* Peabody Energy. **(\$60,000).**

## ***Education***

2004-2007 Southern Illinois University Carbondale, graduate school tuition remission through a Doctoral Fellowship (see below)

## ***Other***

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2021 *Grant to Attend the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.* Academic Professional Development Fund, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. **(\$1,000)**

2016 *Grant to present at the Society of American Archaeologists Annual Meeting.* Academic Professional Development Fund, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. **(\$1,000).**

2012 *Grant to present at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.* Academic Professional Development Fund, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. **(\$980).**

2007 *Keeping Pace: Resource Upgrade in the Anthropology Graduate Computer Lab.* SIUC Graduate Technology Enhancement Grant. **(\$4,639).**

## AWARDS

2009 Midwest Archaeological Conference Graduate Student Paper Prize, Second Place for paper titled: *Domestic Diversity at Kincaid Mounds.*

2004 3-year Delyte and Dorothy Morris Doctoral Fellowship, Southern Illinois University Carbondale (\$57,000 plus tuition remission)

2002 Patricia O'Brien Award for an outstanding undergraduate thesis. University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign.

## SELECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSES

2018-2020 Evaluation and inventory updates of NAGPRA collections at CAI-SIUC

2019-2020 Design relational database in FilMakerPro for managing the CAI-SIUC collections

2013-2017 Ceramic analysis: East St. Louis (Terminal Late Woodland – Mississippian period mound precinct in SW Illinois)

2013-2017 Feature analysis: Mississippian period features at East St. Louis

2009 Ceramic and lithics analysis of select contexts at Kincaid Mound (Mississippian period mound center in southernmost Illinois)

2009 Ceramic and lithic analysis of the South Cape site (late Mississippian period village in SE Missouri)

2007 Osteo-biography of plantation era human remains from Barbados

2007 Faunal analysis of Rockhouse Hollow (Archaic rock shelter site in southern Indiana)

## SELECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

### *Data-Recovery Excavations*

2022 PD/Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School Excavations at the South Cape site (late Mississippian village in SE Missouri)

2020 co-PI, Ground-truthing geophysics at the South Cape site

2012 Burial crew, ISAS Phase III excavations at the Broglio site (Archaic occupation in southern IL)

2011-2012 Site Supervisor for ISAS Phase III excavations at East St. Louis (Terminal Late Woodland – Mississippian Mound Center, southern IL)

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- 2010 Burial crew, Midwest Archaeological Center excavation at the Peoria Public Library (19<sup>th</sup> c Euroamerican cemetery)  
2007-2010 PI/Instructor, SEMO summer excavations at the South Cape site  
2005-2010 PI/Instructor (2009, 2010), TA (2005, 2008), SIUC summer excavations at Kincaid Mounds (Mississippian mound and village)  
2002-2003 Crew Chief at ISAS Janey B. Goode excavations (LW-Mississippian village)  
1999-2002 crew, UIUC summer excavations throughout the uplands of the American Bottom

## *Curation Field Work*

- 2021 PD/Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School in Curation at the Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC Carbondale

## *Survey*

- 2019-2020 co-PI, Geophysical survey of the South Cape site  
2008 PI, large-scale systematic coring at Kincaid Mounds  
2004 crew, Phase I and II survey with Panamerican Consultants on Fort Benning, Georgia  
2004 crew, Phase I and II survey with Hanson Engineering on Avon Park Airforce Base, Florida

## **SELECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL COURSEWORK**

- 2022 Human Osteology, UIUC (auditing)  
2005 Human Osteology, SIUC (graduate)  
2001 Human Osteology, UIUC (undergraduate)

## **INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- 2020-present Reporting legacy survey sites throughout the Black Bottom of southernmost IL  
2020 Documenting private collections in the Black Bottom of southernmost IL  
2007-2010; 2019-present Investigations at the South Cape site

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Register of Professional Archaeologists. ID 989894  
Mounds City Archaeological Society  
Midwest Archaeological Conference  
Illinois Archaeological Survey  
Missouri Association of Professional Archaeologists  
Missouri Archaeological Society  
Society for American Archaeologists  
Southeastern Archaeological Conference  
Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology

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