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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 Wasps' 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)

Oversee the Curation Section at ISAS, write and implement curation policy and procedure, facilitate NAGPRA compliance in coordination with the U of I NAGPRA Office and the Illinois Department of Transportation; manage ~30,000 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 11 professional staff and 10 undergraduate students
- Proposal funded by IDOT for \$ 886,931 to complete a collections move and facility upgrade (2022-2023)
- Proposal funded by the Chancellor of UIUC for \$ 595,376 to rehabilitate and inventory University collections (2022-2025)
- Secured grants totaling \$ 125,966 from the IFR for teaching field schools in curation (2021-2024)

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 in Anthropology.  
Graduated students: 2 MA and 2 PhD from SIU Carbondale  
Current students: 1 PhD University of Florida

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2018-2020 *Curator and Research Scientist, Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC*

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-today 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, review all draft reports produced at the field station

- 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

# TAMIRA K. BRENNAN

2024, 2022, 2021	Instructor/Director. Field School in Excavation and Archaeological Curation. Institute for Field Research
2021	Instructor/Director. Field School in Archaeological Curation. Institute for Field Research
2019	Instructor. ANTH442 Working with Anthropological Collections, SIUC
2019, 2018	Instructor. ANTH484 Internship in Curation, SIUC
2018	Instructor. ANTH496 Independent Study, SIUC
2010, 2009	Instructor/Director. ANTH496 Archaeological Field School, SIUC
2010, 2009, 2008, 2007	Instructor/Director. AN313 Archaeological Field School, SEMO
2009, 2007	Teaching Assistant. ANTH104 The Human Experience, SIUC
2008	Instructor. AN313 Archaeological Method and Theory, SEMO
2008, 2007	Instructor. UI100 Global Issues, SEMO
2008, 2005	Teaching Assistant. ANTH496 Archaeological Field School, SIUC

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

### *Certifications*

2026	JULIE training
2022-present	Certified Skeletal Analyst in the State of Illinois
2024	First Aid/CPR
2012	OSHA trenching and shoring competent person

### *Archaeology*

2018	Attendee. SAA Seminar <i>Outreach, Engagement, and Advocacy: The Importance of Reaching the Public Through Media</i>
2014	Attendee. Section 106 training, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
2012	Attendee. 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

### *Archaeological Curation*

2026	Attendee: Indigenous Collections Care Series <i>Rethinking Collections Stewardship</i>
2019	Attendee. SAA Seminar <i>Addressing Orphaned Collections: A Practical Approach</i>
2019	Attendee. SAA Seminar <i>Deaccessioning Archaeological Collections</i>
2018	Attendee. SAA Seminar <i>Employing Innovative Approaches to Curation and Collections Management: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Archaeological Curation Program</i>

### *Leadership and Management*

2025	<i>Finding our Time Management Style</i> . LinkedIn learning
2025	<i>Employee Assistance II: Recognizing the Troubled Workgroup</i> . HR Series for Supervisors and Managers, University of Illinois

# TAMIRA K. BRENNAN

- 2024 *Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue Program*. IHR, University of Illinois  
2023 *Illinois Supervisory Skills Program*. University of Illinois  
2022 *Academic Employee Performance Management*. HR Series for Supervisors and Managers, University of Illinois  
2022 *The Performance Partnership Program*. HR Series for Supervisors and Managers, University of Illinois  
2022 *Becoming a Leader the Future Needs You to Be*. Illinois Supervisory Skills Elective

## *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*

- 2025 *NAGPRA in Practice (3/26-4/16/2025)*. Center for Collections Care at Beloit College

## *Other*

- 2026 *Artificial Intelligence Professional Development Series*, Illinois Human Resources

## PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

- 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*

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*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

In progress (2026) Southeast Missouri and the South Cape Site. In, *Oxford Handbook of Mississippian Archaeology*. Jacob Skousen and Timothy Pauketat, editors. Oxford University Press.

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, pp.32-49. 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

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

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2024 Lambert, John M., Brian Adams, Michael G. Farkas, and **Tamira K. Brennan**. What, Where, and When are Heritage Resources – and Why Should we Care About Them? In, *An Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on Cultural Resources in Illinois*, Michael J. Aiuvalasit, John M. Lambert, Timothy R. Pauketat, Adnrew A. White, editors. Illinois State Archaeological Survey.

2024 Michael J. Aiuvalasit, John M. Lambert, Andrew A. White, Elizabeth Watts Malouchos, Michael E. Smith, Thomas J. Loebel, Kristin M. Hedman, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Michael G. Farkas, Clare Tolmie, David G. Anderson, and Timothy R. Pauketat. What to Do Now. In, *An Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on Cultural Resources in Illinois*, Michael J. Aiuvalasit, John M. Lambert, Timothy R. Pauketat, Adnrew A. White, editors. Illinois State Archaeological Survey.

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.

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

# TAMIRA K. BRENNAN

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

2024 **Brennan, Tamira K** and Sara Pfannkuche. *Annual Report: Archaeological Curation from Field to Lab, Illinois, USA*. On file, Institute for Field Research.

2022 **Brennan, Tamira K** and Jennifer Bengtson. *Annual Report: Archaeological Curation from Field to Lab: A Collaborative Project With The IFR, Missouri State University, And The Illinois State Archaeological Survey 2022 Field School*. On file, Institute for Field Research.

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***

2024 Revisiting the Black Bottom Survey Files. **Tamira K. Brennan** and Bradley Husemann. In, *Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology*. Volume 59(3):1-3.

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**

### ***Political Engagements***

2023 Hosted Illinois Representative Mark Walker, the Director of the Illinois Department of Transportation Natalie Finney, IDOT Cultural Resources Unit Manager Joe Galloy, and Vice Chancellor for Research Dr. Susan Martinis on a tour of the IDOT Repository. September 20, 2023.

2023 Hosted the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Burgundy Fletcher, on a tour of the University Collections and IDOT Repository. May 16, 2023.

### ***Seminars***

2023 Instructor. Society for American Archaeology Online Seminar, *An Outline for Teaching Curation in the Classroom and in the Field*. November 29, 2023

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

### ***Conference and Symposium Papers***

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2025 *Revisiting FAI-270 Project Collections Fifty Years Later*. Hannah Ruckinsi, **Tamira K. Brennan**, Mary Hynes. Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Iowa City, Iowa.

2024 *Curation as Field Work and the Power of Partnership*. Paper presented at the 70<sup>th</sup> Midwest Archaeological Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

2024 *Challenges and Changes in ISAS Data and Collections Care*. **Tamira Brennan** and Michael Farkas. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Champaign, IL, September 21, 2024.

2024 *For all Illinoisans, Forever*. Prairie Research Institute Lightning Symposium. Champaign, Illinois. January 24, 2024.

2023 *Riverside Adventures in Archaeology*. Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Chattanooga, Tennessee Oct 27, 2023

2023 *Makers, Materials, and Methods: Pottery Production in Urban Cahokia*. Alleen Betzenhauser, co-author. Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Chattanooga, Tennessee

2023 *Orr-Herl: Living Large on the Lower Ohio*. Steve Boles, **Tamira Brennan**, Robert McCullough, Jacob Skousen, Erin Benson. Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Chattanooga, Tennessee

2023 *Moving a Monster: Preserving Illinois' Cultural History in Perpetuity*. Hannah Rucinski, Georgia Abrams, and **Tamira K. Brennan**. Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. October

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, Champaign, Illinois.

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

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Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.

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> Southeastern Archaeological 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/Panels***

2023 *Curations*. Panel at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Chattanooga, Tennessee

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***

2024 Chicago Archaeological Society lecture. *Kincaid Mounds: A Major Mississippian Center on the Lower Ohio River*. February 25, 2024

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2023 Guest lecture for Connecticut College ANTH 301: Practicing Archaeology. Oct 23, 2023.

2023 South Suburban Archaeological Society lecture. *Kincaid Mounds: A Major Mississippian Center on the Lower Ohio River*. May 19, 2023

2022 East Central Illinois Archaeological Society lecture. *Kincaid Mounds: A Major Mississippian Center on the Lower Ohio River*. March 16, 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. (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

# TAMIRA K. BRENNAN

## *Curated Exhibits*

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

## SERVICE

### *National-level*

2024 Grant proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation  
2021 Program Committee Member, Society for American Archaeology 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
2019-2021 Standards Board Alternate, Register of Professional Archaeologists, member  
2016 Grant proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation

### *Regional-level (Midwest/Southeast)*

2026-current Editor, *Illinois Archaeology*  
2024-current Executive Board Member (Secretary), Illinois State Museum  
2025 Article Referee, *Illinois Archaeology*  
2020-2024 Board Member, Illinois State Museum  
2020-2023 Board Member, Illinois Archaeological Survey  
2020 Article Referee, *Southeastern Archaeology* and *Illinois Archaeology*  
2020 Article Referee, *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*  
2018-2020 Executive Officer, Midwest Archaeological Conference  
2017 Article Referee, *Southeastern Archaeology*  
2015-2017 Board Member, Illinois Archaeological Survey  
2013 Article Referee, *Illinois Archaeology*

### *University- level (University of Illinois)*

2024-current NAGPRA Advisory Board, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
2021 Search Committee, OVCRI NAGPRA Office Post-doctoral Research Associate

### *Institute- level (PRI)*

2024-2026 Prairie Research Institute (PRI) Collections Plan & Policy Committee  
2021-2024 Prairie Research Institute (PRI) Collections Committee  
2020 PRI Committee on Diversity Recruitment  
2017 PRI Distinguished Awards Selection Committee

### *Survey-level (ISAS)*

2026 Search Committee, PRI-ISAS Section Head – Special Projects  
2025 Search Committee, PRI-ISAS Senior Scientific Specialist – Collections Specialist  
2024-present Member, Data and Collections Use Committee

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2024-present Chair, PRI Collections Plan & Policy ISAS sub-committee  
2020-2024 Chair, ISAS Research and Collections Committee  
2021 Search Committee, PRI-ISAS Senior Scientific Specialist – Collections Specialist

## OUTREACH

2026 Consultant for Dirt Nerds team LEGO challenge competition (middle school group)  
2025 Guest Lecture for ANTH 157: *Archaeology of Southern Illinois*  
2025 Consultant for Eager Eagles team LEGO Challenge competition (middle school group)  
2024 Hosted outreach event for DREAAM at the IDOT Repository, Urbana, IL  
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*

2026 *Archaeological Curation from Field to Lab*. Institute for Field Research. Co-PI Teresa Palomares.

2024-2025 *Native Life and Enduring Connections Near the Confluence*. Co-PI Dr. Jennifer Bengtson. Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative Grant, National Park Service. **(\$20,105)**

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2024 *Archaeological Curation from Field to Lab*. Co-PI Sara Pfannkuche. Institute for Field Research. **(\$27,971)**

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 for 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***

2022-2026 *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***

2025 Scholarship to attend Center for Collections Care *NAGPRA in Practice* training **(\$250)**

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

## *Other*

2025 *Grant to Attend the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.* Academic Professional Development Fund, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. **(\$1,000)**

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.*
- 2004-2007 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**

- 2025 Mud Dauber analysis for the Grossmann site (Mississippian site in the Cahokian Uplands)
- 2018-2020 Evaluation and inventory updates of NAGPRA collections at CAI-SIUC
- 2019-2020 Design relational database in FilmMakerPro 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)

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## SELECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

### *Data-Recovery Excavations*

- 2026 Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School Excavations at the Noble-Wieting Site (Langford site, central Illinois)
- 2024 PD/Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School Excavations at the Temple site (experimental archaeology site, central Illinois)
- 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)
- 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*

- 2026 PD/Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School in Curation at the University of Illinois-OVCRI project
- 2024 PD/Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School in Curation at the Illinois State Archaeological Survey IDOT Collections Repository, UIUC
- 2022 PD/Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School in Curation at Southeast Missouri State University
- 2021 PD/Instructor, Institute for Field Research Field School in Curation at the Center for Archaeological Investigations Curation Center, 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)

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## **INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

2020-2024     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

