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Education

2023 Ph.D. in Anthropology, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Dissertation: “Formative Pottery Production and Exchange in the Emergence of Social Complexity in Mesoamerica: Tayata and the Mixteca Alta in Macroregional Perspective”

2013 M. A. in Anthropology, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
Thesis: “The Oaxaca Barrio in Teotihuacan: Mortuary Customs and Ethnicity in Mesoamerica’s Greatest Metropolis”

2007 B. A. in Archaeology with high honors, National School of Anthropology and History, Mexico. Senior Thesis: “Zapotec Occupation in Tlailotlacan, Teotihuacan. A study about identity and adaptation in TL1 domestic unit”

Professional Appointments

2023-Present *Senior Scientific Specialist in Archaeological Collections*, Illinois State Archaeological Survey (ISAS), Prairie Research Institute (PRI), University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC)

Assist in completing the physical and digital inventory, rehabilitation, and reorganization of managed collections. Coordinate with the section head/curator, senior curation staff, and NAGPRA office to identify and document funerary contexts, deposits, and associated items held within the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign collections pertinent to compliance with NAGPRA and consultation with tribes and other stakeholders. Assist in planning and implementing major collections projects and facilitate access to collections and data. Assist in managing collections data in a relational database format to improve the accessibility and care of collections. Assist in producing regular progress reports on active projects for the section head/curator. Supervise and mentor hourly and student assistants, this includes task assignment and training. Represent the Survey and PRI at meetings and other venues in areas of expertise.

2023 Research III, Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC)

Assist in the Black Mesa Archaeological Project (BMAP) funded by Peabody Energy, performing the organization and transfer of collections to the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA), following NAGPRA regulations after consultation with Hopi and Navajo tribes.

Coordinate the future of the collection with the head of curation and representatives from MNA and the consulting tribes. Assist in producing regular progress reports on active projects for the head/curator. Supervise and mentor hourly and student assistants, this includes task assignment and training.

2019-2022 Curation Assistant, Center for Archaeological Investigations (CAI), Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC)

Curation facility checks, curation of archaeological objects and their associated documents, update on a cross-indexed digital database, update on the NAGPRA inventories, and research related tasks. Assist to U.S. Forest Service-Shawnee National Forest staff for upgrading information about collections, from different archaeological sites, hold at CAI.

2011-2013 Research Assistant, Archive of University Museum, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC)

Loans process, inventories, and collections research.

2011 Research Assistant, Archaeological Project: Old Slave House, South of Illinois.

Center for Archaeological Investigation, SIUC, summer 2011.

Excavation and analysis of archaeological artifacts.

2009-2010 Field Coordinator, INAH – Teotihuacan, Mexico.

Archaeological Project: The Urban System in La Ventilla, Teotihuacan Site.

Excavation and report writing. Supervise and mentor hourly and student assistants, this includes task assignment and training.

2007-2009 Research Assistant, Archaeological Project of Tayata and the Emergence of Social Complexity in the Mixteca Alta, Oaxaca. INAH - Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

Survey, mapping, analysis of archaeological artifacts, and report writing.

2007 Research Assistant, Renovation of the local Museum in Huamelulpan community, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Museology and archaeological collection management. Global Heritage Fund.

2002-2007 Research Assistant, INAH – Teotihuacan, Mexico.

Conservation and Protection of Archaeological Monuments in Teotihuacan area.

Excavations, analysis of archaeological materials, survey, archaeological evaluation and mitigation, report writing, and outreach activities/events.

2002 Field Coordinator, INAH - University of Iowa. Archaeological Project in Axapusco, Mexico.

Excavation and report writing. Supervise hourly assistants, this includes task assignment.

2000 Field Coordinator, INAH – Oaxaca. Archaeological Salvage Project in Santa Teresa site, Huajuapán de León, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Excavation, report writing and analysis of artifacts. Supervise and task assignment to hourly assistants and/or fieldworkers.

1999 Research Assistant, INAH – Oaxaca. Archaeological Salvage Project in Iglesia Vieja site, Cuicatlán, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Excavation and report writing.

1998 Curation Assistant, Templo Mayor Museum - INAH, Mexico City.

Curation of archaeological objects and their associated documents, including inventories, descriptions, and research.

Teaching Appointments

Summer 2022 Teaching Assistant, Archaeology Field School, Ft. Kaskaskia I and II in Southern Illinois, Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC.

Summer 2021 Teaching Assistant, Archaeology Field School, Ft. Kaskaskia I and II and Miller Grove Site in Southern Illinois, Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC.

Summer 2020 Virtual Archaeology Field Methods Course Design, Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

Summer 2019 Teaching Assistant, Archaeology Field School, Ft. Kaskaskia I and II and Miller Grove Site in Southern Illinois, Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC.

Spring 2019 Instructor, Introduction to Anthropology (Anth-104 Human Experience). School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, SIUC.

Fall 2018 Instructor, Introduction to Anthropology (Anth-104 Human Experience). School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, SIUC.

Summer 2018 Instructor, Introduction to Anthropology (Anth-104 Human Experience, online class). School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, SIUC.

Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Anthropology (Anth-104 Human Experience). School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, SIUC.

Fall 2017 Instructor, Introduction to Anthropology (Anth-104 Human Experience). School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, SIUC.

Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Anthropology (Anth-104 Human Experience). School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, SIUC.

Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Anthropology (Anth-104 Human Experience). School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, SIUC.

Fall 2014 Instructor, Elementary Spanish (SPAN-140A). Foreign Languages and Literature, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

Summer 2014 Instructor, Intensive 1st year Spanish (SPAN-141B). Foreign Languages and Literature, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

Fall 2013 Instructor, Elementary Spanish (SPAN-140A). Foreign Languages and Literature, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

Publications

Balkansky, Andrew K., and **Maria T. Palomares R.**

In press The Mixteca Alta Formative. *The Oxford Handbook of the Olmecs*. Oxford University Press.

Best, Kaleigh C., **Maria T. Palomares**, and Jessica R. Spencer

2020 Book Review: Experiencing Archaeology: A Laboratory Manual of Classroom Activities, Demonstrations, and Minilabs for Introductory Archaeology. Lara Homsey-Messer, Tracy Michaud, Angela Lockard Reed, and Victoria Bob editors. *Midcontinental J of Archaeol.* 45.

Palomares Rodríguez, María T.

2013 Cerámica foránea: Presencia multiétnica. *Teotihuacan, Nueva Mirada al Pasado. Arqueología de Salvamento*. Editorial Académica Española, 93-108.

Balkansky, Andrew K., Felipe Nava Rivera, and **Maria T. Palomares Rodriguez**

2009 Los Orígenes de la Civilización Mixteca. *Arqueología Iberoamericana* No. 2, April - June 2009, 25-33. Electronic magazine in PDF format, <http://www.laiesken.net/arqueologia/>

Balkansky, Andrew K., **Maria T. Palomares R.**, and Felipe Nava Rivera

2008 Huamelulpan y Tayata, Oaxaca. *Revista Arqueología Mexicana*, Vol. XV – No. 90, March – April 2008, 36-37.

Charlton, Thomas H., Raúl García, Cynthia O. Charlton, Verónica Ortega, David Andrade, and **Maria T. Palomares R.**

2005 Salvamento arqueológico reciente en el valle de Teotihuacan. Sitio TC-83, San Bartolomé el Alto. La arquitectura teotihuacana. *Arquitectura y urbanismo: pasado y presente de los espacios en Teotihuacan. Memoria de la Tercera Mesa Redonda de Teotihuacan*. INAH – Mexico, 343-372.

Ortega Cabrera, Verónica, and **María T. Palomares Rodríguez**

2003 Nuevas evidencias sobre el Barrio Oaxaqueño de Teotihuacan. *Revista Arqueología Mexicana*, Vol. XI – No. 61, May – June 2003, 6.

Professional Presentations

- 2024 Brennan, Tamira K., **Maria T. Palomares Rodriguez**, Georgia Abrams, and Hannah Rucinski. “The Ethics and Outcomes of Using Archaeological Collections for Education” at SAA 89th Annual Meeting at New Orleans. LA. Invited to the Symposium of Ideas, Ethical ideals, and Museum Practice in North American Archaeological Collections.
- 2023 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** “Early/Middle Formative pottery production and exchange in the emergence of social complexity in the Mixteca Alta” at SAA 88th Annual Meeting at Portland, OR. Invited to the Symposium of Checking the Pulse: Current Research in Oaxaca.
- 2021 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.**, and Andrew K. Balkansky. “Origins of the One-room Temple. An interregional perspective during the Middle Formative between the Mixteca Alta and the Oaxaca Valley” Monte Albán Virtual Symposium INAH, December 2021.
- 2021 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** “Pottery Production and Exchange during the Formative in Mesoamerica: Tayata and the Mixteca Alta, a macro-regional perspective” Participation in the online seminar of Pottery Technologies and Archaeometry, organized by the University of Granada, Spain, and the Yucatán University of Mexico, October 2021.
- 2020 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.**, Whitney A. Goodwin, and Michael D. Glascock. “Application of portable XRF and INAA on pottery from the Mixteca Alta: Complementary analyses for Mesoamerican Formative pottery production and exchange” Poster presentation with collaboration of MURR researchers. Virtual Meeting held by the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research at the University of Cambridge, November 2020.
- 2018 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** “Formative pottery at the Tayata site, Mixteca Alta: a regional and macro-regional perspective” Midwest Conference on Mesoamerican Archaeology and Ethnohistory, University of Chicago, March 2018.
- 2013 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.**, and Felipe Nava Rivera. “Manufacture of Shell Objects in a Formative Site in Oaxaca Mexico” 35th Annual Midwest Mesoamericanists Meeting, Loyola University of Chicago, March 2013.

- 2011 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** "Recent excavations in the Oaxaca Barrio at Teotihuacan: New data on burials, urns, and the origins of the enclave" 34th Annual Midwest Mesoamericanists Meeting, University of Iowa, March 2011.
- 2006 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** "Funerary practices in Teotihuacan" 1st Symposium of Archaeology. Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, April 2006.
- 2004 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** "A Zapotec household in Teotihuacan" XXVII Mesa Redonda de la Sociedad Mexicana de Antropología. Xalapa, Veracruz, August 2004.
- 2004 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** "Prácticas funerarias como elemento de identidad cultural en el enclave zapoteca. Tlailotlacan, Teotihuacan" Cuarta Mesa Redonda de Monte Albán. Bases de la Complejidad Social en Oaxaca. Oaxaca-INAH, July 2004.
- 2004 **Palomares Rodriguez, Maria T.** "Ceramic of the Zapotec settlement in Teotihuacan" Cuarta Mesa Redonda de Monte Albán. Bases de la Complejidad Social en Oaxaca. Oaxaca-INAH, July 2004.

Guest lecturer

Spring 2021 "Religion, Ritual and Death: The Celebration of the Day of the Dead in Mexico," guest-lecturing in World Cultures course, instructor Dr. Kayeleigh Sharp. Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.

Spring 2018 "Teotihuacan Civilization," guest-lecturing in Anth 304: Origins of Civilization, instructor Dr. Izumi Shimada. Department of Anthropology, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Outreach

2024 "Curation and Museums in Mexico" Talk to Field School Archaeological Curation From Field to lab (Arch 300). ISAS-IFR, Champaign, IL Summer 2024

2023 DREAAM Academy. Outreach activities to 8 – 12 Middle Schoolers. ISAS-IDOT, Curation-Repository facility, Urbana, IL.

2022 "Mesoamerican civilizations" Talk to 6th graders at Unity Point School District 140, Carbondale, IL.

2021 "What is Archaeology?" Talk to 4th graders at Unity Point School District 140, Carbondale, Illinois.

2013 “Archaeology from Mexico” Foreign Language Day 2013, Southern Illinois University.

2009 Official Guide to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and members of the Dutch royal family. Archaeological Site of Teotihuacan, Mexico. November 6th, 2009.

2002 Official Guide to the Heroic Military Academy of Mexico
Archaeological Site of Teotihuacan, Mexico. January 27th, 2002.

Awards

2021-2022 Dissertation Research Assistantship, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
Amount \$18,000

2019 NSF-Subsidy for instrumental activation analysis of 60 ceramic samples,
Archaeometry Laboratory Research Reactor Center MURR. Amount \$ 3,600

2012-2013 Scholarship-Abroad Studies, FONCA, Mexico. Amount \$14,000

2011-2012 Scholarship-Abroad Studies, FONCA, Mexico. Amount \$14,000

2005-2006 Scholarship-Center for Teotihuacan studies-INAH, Mexico. Amount \$3,000

Selected Archaeological Analysis

2020-2023 Ceramic analysis, applying portable X-ray fluorescence analysis to 141 ceramic samples for elemental composition. Materials from Tayata site, Mixteca Alta, Mexico. Formative period-Mesoamerica.

2011 Analysis of historic materials, Archaeological Project: Old Slave House, South of Illinois. Center for Archaeological Investigation, SIUC.

2007-2009 Analysis of archaeological materials (lithic, ceramic and fauna), Archaeological Project of Tayata and the Emergence of Social Complexity in the Mixteca Alta, Oaxaca. INAH - Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

2002-2007 Analysis of archaeological materials (ceramic and lithic). INAH – Teotihuacan, Mexico. Classic period-Mesoamerica.

2000 Analysis of archaeological materials (ceramic and lithic). Archaeological Salvage Project in Santa Teresa site, Huajuapán de León, Oaxaca, Mexico.
Establishing a new chronological sequence for the site during the Formative period-Mesoamerica.

Selected Archaeological Fieldwork

2022 TA, Archaeology Field School, Ft. Kaskaskia I and II in Southern Illinois, CAI, SIUC.

2021 TA, Archaeology Field School, Ft. Kaskaskia I and II and Miller Grove Site in Southern Illinois, Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC.

2019 TA, Archaeology Field School, Ft. Kaskaskia I and II and Miller Grove Site in Southern Illinois, Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC.

2011 Crew, excavation. Archaeological Project: Old Slave House, South of Illinois. Center for Archaeological Investigation, SIUC.

2009-2010 Site supervisor-Field Coordinator, INAH – Teotihuacan, Mexico. Archaeological Project: The Urban System in La Ventilla, Teotihuacan Site.

2007-2009 Crew, survey and mapping. Archaeological Project of Tayata and the Emergence of Social Complexity in the Mixteca Alta, Oaxaca. INAH - Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

2002-2007 Crew Chief, excavation and survey. INAH – Teotihuacan, Mexico. Conservation and Protection of Archaeological Monuments in Teotihuacan area.

2002 Crew Chief, excavation, INAH - University of Iowa. Archaeological Project in Axapusco, Mexico.

2000 Crew Chief, excavation. INAH – Oaxaca. Archaeological Salvage Project in Santa Teresa site, Huajuapán de León, Oaxaca, Mexico.

1999 Crew, excavation. INAH – Oaxaca. Archaeological Salvage Project in Iglesia Vieja site, Cuicatlán, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Other

Translations from English to Spanish

2016 Inka Imperial Intentions and Archeological Realities in the Peruvian Highlands.
Author R. Alan Covey

2016 Tracing the Origin of Inka People through Ancient DNA Analysis.
Author Ken-ichi Shinoda

2016 Ceramic and Metallurgy: Complementary, Competition, Symbolology, and Value
Author Izumi Shimada

Reviewer

2022 Outside reviewer for the MURR Archaeometry Program mini-proposals, NSF subsidy program. Reviewing the proposal “Politic-economic Strategies in the Eastern Lower Papaloapan Basin, Southern Veracruz, Mexico, AD 300-900”

Professional Affiliations

Society for American Archaeologists