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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology, 2003

Master of Arts, Anthropology, 1997

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology, 1994

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Full Professor, Department of Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts (2014–present)

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts (2009–2014)

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts (2005–2009)

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Richard Carley Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (2004–2005)

UNLV FACULTY HONORS

Nevada System of Higher Education Regents' Rising Researcher Award (2011)

College of Liberal Arts William Morris Award for Excellence in Scholarship (2010)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Faculty Undergraduate Research Teaching Institute Fellow (2010)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Barrick Scholar Award (2009)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community and interdisciplinary engaged research; Alaskan and Midwest U.S. rural communities and development, technology, food, health, and well-being

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Frink, L. 2016. *A Tale of Three Villages: Indigenous-Colonial Engagements in Southwestern Alaska, 1740–1950*. University of Arizona Press. (paperback, 2025)

“Frink’s work shows us that we have an opportunity to move our shared discipline in a new trajectory that **values the knowledge produced by Indigenous scientists and establishes communities as equal partners in research** that knows about, and cares about the past.” *Canadian Journal of Archaeology*.

“The work is one of the most significant in the literature of Arctic anthropology, archaeology, and ethnohistory.” *Journal of Anthropological Research*.

“Frink’s history foregrounds the perspective of the Yup’ik community itself. In this way, it is the **opposite of a conventional study of colonial history**, which categorizes indigenous lives as worthy of commentary only insofar as they feature in the manifest destiny triumphalist narrative. This text is remarkable in its capacity for descriptive visualization of pre-industrial Yup’ik lifeways. And while colonialism is certainly not minimized in this narrative, it is complexified, by attending to the tides of indigenous community life prior to and throughout Christian proselytizing.” *Journal of Jesuit Studies*.

“*A Tale of Three Villages* reflects an agile, resourceful approach to anthropological research. It draws on a variety of evidence, especially local knowledge in way that has come to define **how good collaborative archaeology works today**, and the result is a richly-informed diachronic account of Yup’ik place-making and identity.” *Ethnoarchaeology*.

Hart, S. M., M. Oland, and L. Frink (eds.). 2012. *Decolonizing Indigenous Histories: Exploring Prehistoric/Colonial Transitions in Archaeology*. University of Arizona Press. CHOICE Magazine’s Annual Outstanding Academic Title list.

“These integrative essays emphasize the usefulness of global perspectives in understanding complex processes of cultural interaction and transformation over time, while also **suggesting that archaeology can (and should) contribute to contemporary efforts toward social justice.**” *Collaborative Anthropologies*.

“The essays in this collection make major contributions to the archaeology of colonialism, the interpretation of the colonial experience, and the decolonizing of anthropology.”—*Choice Magazine*

“The theoretical exploration offers a fine-grained view of history that moves beyond written texts for understanding and complicates our view of Native cultures’ responses to colonial incursions.”—*Western American Literature Book Reviews*

"This book amply illustrates archaeology's vital role in the decolonization of Indigenous pasts, and will be **required reading for students of post-colonial studies, modern historical archaeology, and Indigenous archaeology.**" *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*.

Frink, L. and K. Weedman (eds.). 2005. *Gender and Hide Production*. AltaMira Press.

“The volume succeeds in illuminating hide working as a complex process affecting many aspects of life beyond its productive and economic roles; the

chapters paint past peoples' activities as vibrant components of social practice, religion, tradition, and change.” *American Anthropologist*.

Frink, L., R. S. Shepard, and G. A. Reinhardt (eds.). 2002. *Many Faces of Gender: Roles and Relationships through Time in Indigenous Northern Communities*. University Press of Colorado and University of Calgary Press.

“This book's value lies in the interesting themes and issues it raises about the **recursive relationship between ideology, action and spatial relations.**”
Études/Inuit/Studies.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Harry, K.G., M. De Cespedes Molina, L. Frink, J.K. Covington, C.O. Seymour, D. Perez, and B.P. Hedlund. 2025. Exploring Potential Lime Use in Hide Processing on the Shivwits Plateau: An Archaeological, Experimental, and Microbiological Approach. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 32:50.
2. Frink, L. and C. Giordano. 2015. Women and subsistence food technology: The Arctic seal poke storage system. *Food and Foodways: Explorations in the History and Culture of Human Nourishment* 23:1–22.
3. Frink, L., D. Glazer, and K. Harry. 2012. Canadian Arctic soapstone cooking technology. *North American Archaeologist* 33(4):429–449.
4. Knudson, K.J. and L. Frink. 2011. Nitrogen isotope analysis of ethnoarchaeological soils: Arctic fish processing on Nelson Island, Alaska. *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* 9(2):17–54.
5. Knudson, K.J. and L. Frink. 2010. Ethnoarchaeological analysis of Arctic fish processing: Chemical characterization of soils on Nelson Island, Alaska. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 37:769–783.
6. Knudson, K.J. and L. Frink. 2010. Soil chemical signatures of a historic sod house: Activity area analysis of an Arctic semisubterranean structure on Nelson Island, Alaska. *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences* 2:265–282.
7. Frink, L. and K.J. Knudson. 2010. Using ethnoarchaeology and soils chemistry to examine herring and salmon fisheries on the Arctic Alaskan coast. *North American Archaeologist* 31(2):221–248.
8. Frink, L. 2009. The identity division of labor in Native Alaska. *American Anthropologist* 111(1):21–29.
9. Frink, L. 2009. The social role of technology in coastal Alaska. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 13(3):282–302.
10. Harry, K. and L. Frink. 2009. The Arctic cooking pot: Why was it adopted? *American Anthropologist* 111(3):330–343.
11. Harry, K.G., L. Frink, B. O’Toole, and A. Charest. 2009. How to make an unfired clay cooking pot: Understanding the technological choices made by Arctic potters. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 16:33–50.

12. Harry, K., L. Frink, C. Swink, and C. Dangerfield. 2009. An experimental approach to understanding Thule pottery technology. *North American Archaeologist* 30(3):291–311.
13. Frink, L. and K. Harry. 2008. The beauty of “ugly” Eskimo cook pots. *American Antiquity* 73(1):103–120.
14. Frink, L. 2007. Storage and status in precolonial and colonial coastal western Alaska. *Current Anthropology* 48(3):349–374.
15. Knudson, K. J., L. Frink, B.W. Hoffman, and T. D. Price. 2004. Chemical characterization of Arctic soils: Activity area analysis in contemporary Yup’ik fish camps using inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 31:443–456.
16. Frink, L., B.W. Hoffman, and R.D. Shaw. 2003. Ulu knife use in western Alaska: A comparative ethnoarchaeological study. *Current Anthropology* 44(1):116–122.
17. Frink, L., D. Corbett, A. Rosebrough, and M. Partlow. 2001. The archaeology of St. Matthew Island, Bering Sea. *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* 1(1):137–143.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

18. Frink, L. and K. Harry. 2019. Subsistence cooking technology systems: Arctic hunter-gatherer ceramic and soapstone cooking pots. In *Circumpolar Ceramics: Hunter Gatherer Pottery Technology and the ‘Foraging Spectrum’*, eds. K. Gibbs and P. Jordan, pp. 152–157. Cambridge University Press.
19. Oland, M., S.M. Hart and L. Frink (eds.). 2012. Introduction to decolonizing indigenous histories. In *Decolonizing Indigenous Histories: Exploring Prehistoric/Colonial Transitions in Archaeology*, pp. 1–18. University of Arizona Press.
20. Frink, L. 2010. Collective identity and religious colonialism in coastal western Alaska. In *Across the Great Divide: Continuity and Change in Native North American Societies, A.D. 1400–1900*, eds. M. Mitchell and L. Schieber, pp. 239–257. Amerind Series. University of Arizona Press.
21. Frink, L. 2006. Social identity and the Yup’ik Eskimo village tunnel system in precolonial and colonial western Alaska. In *Integrating the Diversity of 21st Century Anthropology: The Life and Intellectual Legacies of Susan Kent*, eds. W. Ashmore, M. Dobres, S. Nelson, and A. Rosen, pp. 109–125. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association 16(1).
22. Frink, L. 2005. Gender and the hide production process in colonial western Alaska. In *Gender and Hide Production*, eds. L. Frink and K. Weedman, pp. 128–151. AltaMira Press.
23. Frink, L. and K. Weedman (editors). 2005. Introduction to gender and hide production. In *Gender and Hide Production*, pp. 1–19. AltaMira Press.
24. Frink, L. 2002. Fish tales: Women and decision-making in western Alaska. In *Many Faces of Gender: Roles and Relationships through Time in Indigenous Northern*

Communities, eds. L. Frink, R.S. Shepard, and G.A. Reinhardt, pp. 93–110. University Press of Colorado and University of Calgary Press.

25. Frink, L., R.S. Shepard, and G.A. Reinhardt (editors). 2002. Many faces: An introduction to gender research in Native Northern North America. In *Many Faces of Gender: Roles and Relationships through Time in Indigenous Northern Communities*, pp. 1–12. University Press of Colorado and University of Calgary Press.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

The Leakey Foundation (2017, \$23,692) “What drives sleep flexibility? A comparative investigation of circumpolar and equatorial hunter-gatherers” Co-PI with PI D. Samson, University of Toronto, Mississauga

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2015–2016; \$25,156; #1504550) “Storage and processing in Alaskan Yup’ik cuisine and the influence of persistent organic pollutants” (Graduate student, C. Giordano)

National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs (2011–2013; \$232,750; #1106362) “Ethnoarchaeological and experimental examination of the Alaskan seal poke storage system”

National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs (2007–2009; \$129,613; #0710687) “Archaeological activity area analysis in western Alaska through soil chemistry and ethnoarchaeology” PI with Co-PI K.J. Knudson, ASU

National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs (2005; \$38,265; #0452900) “Elder knowledge and ceramic production: Combining ethnoarchaeological and experimental techniques for evaluating and reconstructing the manufacture, use, and meaning of pottery in western Native Alaska” PI with Co-PI K. Harry, UNLV

The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (2004–2005; \$30,000) Richard Carley Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2001; \$12,500; #0094664) “A Tale of Three Villages: Archaeological Investigation of Late Prehistoric and Historic Culture Change in Western Alaska” PI, T.D. Price; Frink graduate student, University of Wisconsin–Madison

COMMUNITY, FIELD, ARCHIVE, AND MUSEUM RESEARCH

2019 Jesuit Archives & Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri. Archive research.

2019 Bethel and Tununak, Alaska. Leakey Foundation sleep study consult with Yukon-Kuskokwim Health District and local community partners.

2013 Tununak, Alaska. NSF funded seal poke project research.

2010 Tununak, Alaska. Community consultations on Coastal Arctic Soils Project and discussions of seal poke storage project.

2009 Tununak, Toksook Bay, and Bethel, Alaska. Report on NSF funded Coastal Arctic Soils Project. Preliminary discussions of seal poke storage research.

2007 Tununak, Alaska. Co-Principal Investigator (with lead Principal Investigator K. Knudson, Arizona State University), NSF Arctic Soils Project. Excavation of historic sod house. Accompanied by two (University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Arizona State University) graduate students.

2006 Alakanuk, Alaska. Interview with Elders. Cheforak, Alaska. Invited to attend winter dance (Yuraq).

2005 Tununak, Alaska. Lead Co-Principal Investigator (with Co-Principal Investigator K. Harry, University of Nevada, Las Vegas), NSF Western Alaska Ceramics Project ceramic production research combining ethnoarchaeological and experimental research. Fairbanks, Alaska. Collections research at the Museum of the North, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

2004 Chevak and Tununak, Alaska. Elder interviews (ceramics project). Anchorage, Alaska. Collections research at Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

2003 Chevak, Alaska. Ethnoarchaeological research at subsistence fish camp focusing on soils chemistry project.

2002 Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. Archival research at Jesuit Oregon Province Archives Special Collections, Foley Library. Washington, D.C. Edward Nelson Collection research, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.; Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Archival research, Marquette University Memorial Library Special Collections. Chevak, Alaska, Consultations with village Elders.

2001 Chevak and Anchorage, Alaska. National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant research at three ancestral Chevak villages; invited to stay at fish camp. Archival research at Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Repository, United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, Anchorage.

1999 Chevak, Alaska. Interviews with Yup'ik Elders with focus on subsistence technologies and food knowledge.

1998 Chevak, Alaska. Ethnoarchaeological research at Yup'ik family fish camp.

1997 Chevak, Alaska. Consultations with Yup'ik elders concerning life at three ancestral villages. St. Matthew Island, Bering Sea. Conducted survey of northeastern side of island and test excavated Late Thule feature.

1996 Chevak, Alaska. Meeting with Chevak Traditional Council and discussion of proposed Ph.D. research project.

1995 Unimak Island, Aleutian Archipelago, Alaska. Peterson Lagoon Archaeological Project, student volunteer (8 weeks).

1996 Unimak Island, Aleutian Archipelago, Alaska. Peterson Lagoon Archaeological Project, student volunteer (9 weeks).

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2024 Harry, K.G., M. DeCespedes Molina, L. Frink, J. Covington, C.O. Seymour, and B.P. Hedlund. Fire-Processed Limestone and Hide Processing on the Shivwits Plateau, Northwestern

Arizona. Paper presented at the 10th Biennial Three Corners Archaeological Conference, Las Vegas.

2020 Frink, L. Feeding the mission: Child labor at St. Mary's Akulurak Mission in western Alaska, 1900–1950. Invited paper presented at the Warfare, Environment, Social Inequality, and Pro-Sociability Biennial Conference at the Center for Cross-Cultural Study, Seville, Spain.

2019 Frink, L. Lightning talk on Indigenous child labor, fishing technology, and exploitation in the Jesuit mission system. Paper presented at the American Archaeology meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2017 Frink, L. The seal poke storage system. Lightning talk at the Annual Society for American Archaeology meeting, Vancouver, Canada.

2015 Frink, L. and C. Giordano. Nutritional ecology and material culture in Indigenous Alaska. Invited paper. Annual Society for American Archaeology meeting, San Francisco, California.

2015 Giordano, C. and L. Frink. Storage and processing in Alaskan native cuisine: The influence on nutrition and food contaminants. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2014 Harry, K. and L. Frink. Investigating the earliest appearances of pottery in the Alaskan Arctic. Invited paper. International Union of the Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences, Atapuerca, Spain.

2014 Giordano, C. and L. Frink. The effects of the traditional Yup'ik seal poke storage system on the safety of seal oil consumption. Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.

2014 Giordano, C. and L. Frink. An investigation of the Native Alaskan seal poke food storage system. Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2013 Frink, L. and K. Harry. An experimental examination of central Canadian Arctic pottery and soapstone containers. Invited paper in symposium Hunter-Gatherers and Pottery. Society for American Archaeology, Hawaii.

2013 Giordano, C. and L. Frink. Women's work in the Arctic: What happens between the catch and the meal. Society for American Archaeology, Hawaii.

2010 Frink, L. The hard and soft of technology. Invited paper in symposium Gendered Labor in Specialized Economies. Society for American Archaeology, St. Louis, Missouri.

2009 Glazer, D., L. Frink, and K. Harry. An experimental examination of Arctic soapstone cooking technology. Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, Georgia.

2008 Frink, L. and K.J. Knudson. Using ethnoarchaeology and soil chemistry to examine herring and salmon fisheries on the Arctic Alaskan coast. Invited paper. Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia.

2008 Frink, L. Invited Forum Discussant for Women Reaching Out: Strategies and Contexts for Mentoring in Archaeology. Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia.

2007 Frink, L. Is simple technology really so simple? Identity difference and technological expertise. American Anthropological Association, Washington, District of Columbia.

2007 Frink, L. Social technology and identity in coastal Alaska. Alaska Anthropological Association, Fairbanks, Alaska.

- 2007 Frink, L. Invited Forum Discussant, *The Discipline of Archaeology*. Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.
- 2007 Frink, L. *Little Sisters of the Snow in a field of colonial change*. Invited paper. Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.
- 2006 Frink, L. *Materials and the transformation of relationships in colonial coastal western Alaska*. Society for American Archaeology, Puerto Rico.
- 2006 Roth, B. and L. Frink. *Writing gender*. Invited paper. Society for American Archaeology, Puerto Rico.
- 2006 Frink, L. and K. Harry. *The beauty of “ugly” Eskimo cook pots*. Alaska Anthropological Association, Kodiak, Alaska.
- 2005 Frink, L. *Gender and intra-site tunnels in precontact and colonial western Alaska*. Alaska Anthropological Association, Anchorage, Alaska.
- 2004 Frink, L. *Gender, space, and storage in colonial western Alaska*. Invited paper. Society for American Archaeology, Montreal.
- 2003 Frink, L. *Trading identity: Gender, change, and production in western Alaska*. Fifth World Archaeological Congress, Washington, District of Columbia.
- 2002 Frink, L. and B.W. Hoffman. *“Poor fish”: A comparative ethnoarchaeological study of ulu use in western Alaska*. Alaska Anthropological Association, Anchorage, Alaska.
- 2001 Frink, L. and B.W. Hoffman. *Women, production, and management: The ethnoarchaeology of fish camp, western Alaska*. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2001 Frink, L. Invited Forum Discussant, *Archaeology as Anthropology*. Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1998 Frink, L. *Fish tales: Women and decision-making in western Alaska*. 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, The College of William & Mary.
- 1997 Frink, L. *The sexual division of labor and space in western Alaska*. Alaska Anthropological Association, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- 1996 Frink, L. and B.W. Hoffman. *Gender, space, and the division of labor: Women’s activities in eastern Aleutian prehistory*. 4th Gender and Archaeology Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL SYMPOSIA CHAIRED & ORGANIZED

- 2019 *Technology, Labor and Identity*. Co-Chair and Co-Organizer, Lightning Talk session. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2017 *Recent Ethnoarchaeology, Experimental Studies, and Culture Studies*. Co-Chair and Co-Organizer, Lightning Talk session. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2007 *Gender and Material Culture*. Co-Chair and Co-Organizer. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.

2007 Anthropology of Colonialism in the Arctic. Chair and Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Fairbanks, Alaska.

2006 Transitions: Beyond Origins in Archaeological Research. A Symposium in Honor of T. Douglas Price. Co-Chair and Co-Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Puerto Rico.

2003 Gender and Hide Production: Archaeological, Biological, and Ethnological Perspectives. Co-Chair and Co-Organizer. Fifth World Archaeological Congress, Washington, D.C.

1999 Stone Tools, River Beds, and Interviews: Research Diversity in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region. Co-Chair and Co-Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Anchorage, Alaska.

1997 Gender in the Past. Co-Chair and Co-Organizer. 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, College of William & Mary.

1997 Gender in the North. Chair and Organizer. Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Fairbanks, Alaska.

EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARLY SERVICE

Book Series Editor

Archaeology of Indigenous-Colonial Interactions in the Americas, University of Arizona Press (2016–present) L. Frink, A. Cannon, B. Voss, S. Wernke, and P. McAnany, editors
Formerly: The Archaeology of Colonialism in Native North America, University of Arizona Press (2007–2016) L. Frink and A. Cannon, co-editors and series co-creators

International Journal Editor

Ethnoarchaeology: Journal of Archaeological, Ethnographic and Experimental Studies, Left Coast Press (2008–2013) Co-creator and Co-editor with K. Arthur; journal sold to Maney Publishing in 2014)

Contributing Editor

Ethical Currents Column, American Anthropological Association *Anthropology News* (March 2009–December 2011)

FEDERAL FUNDING REVIEW PANELS

National Science Foundation virtual review panel for student funding (2018, 2019, 2021)

National Science Foundation Research Traineeship Program review panel (2017, 2018, 2019) and in-person second stage panel review, Washington, District of Columbia (2019)

Council for International Exchange of Scholars; Fulbright United States Scholar Program virtual review panel (2016)

International Group of Funding Agencies for Global Change Research Belmont Forum Funding Review Panel, Washington, District of Columbia (2014)

National Science Foundation Arctic Natural Science Postdoctoral Funding Review Panel, Washington, District of Columbia (2011)

National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs Funding Review Panel, Washington, District of Columbia (2009, 2010)

AD HOC PEER REVIEW FOR FUNDING AGENCIES

National Geographic Society

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Associated Council of Learned Societies Reviewer for Dissertation Completion Fellowships

National Science Foundation (multiple reviews)

National Science Foundation Arctic Sciences Section, Office of Polar Programs (multiple reviews)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

Journal of Social Sciences (2020–present)

Archaeology of Food and Foodways (2019–present)

Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory (2018–present)

Ethnoarchaeology: Journal of Archaeological, Ethnographic, and Experimental Studies (2013–2025)

Journal of Alaska Anthropology (2006–2009)

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEES

Warfare, Environment, Social Inequality and Pro-Sociability Biennial Conference, Sevilla, Spain — Invited Reviewer (2021)

Society for American Archaeology Board Sexual Harassment Task Force (appointed, 2016–2018)

American Anthropological Association Ethics Committee (elected, 2008–2011)

American Anthropological Association Archaeology Program Editor, Archaeology Division (elected, 2006–2008)

Alaska Anthropological Association Executive Board (elected, 2005–2008)

Alaska Anthropological Association Awards Nomination Committee (elected, 2003–2006)

Society for American Archaeology Committee on the Status of Women in Archaeology (appointed graduate student member, 1999–2001)

SOLICITED PEER REVIEWER FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

American Anthropologist

American Antiquity

Asian Perspectives: Journal of Archaeology for Asia and the Pacific

Cambridge Archaeological Journal

Current Anthropology
Ethnoarchaeology
International Journal of Historical Archaeology
Journal of Alaska Anthropology
Journal of Anthropological Archaeology
Journal of Asian Archaeology
Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory
Journal of Archaeological Science
Journal of Archaeological Research
Journal of Ethnobiology
Oxford Bibliographies Online
PaleoAnthropology
Quaternary International
SAGE Open (Article Editor)
Southeastern Archaeology
Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice

TENURE AND PROMOTION AND PROGRAM EXTERNAL REVIEWER

Tenure: Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee

Tenure: Department of Anthropology, Oberlin College

Tenure: Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University

Tenure: Department of Anthropology, Southern Methodist University

Promotion: Department of Anthropology, University of New Hampshire

Promotion: Department of Anthropology, University of California, Merced

Promotion: Department of Anthropology, University of Calgary

SERVICE LEADERSHIP — NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Program Officer, Manager of the Arctic Social Sciences Program. Arctic Social Sciences

Program supports research on all Arctic social science disciplines funded by the National Science Foundation Directorate of Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences.

Lead, Office of Polar Programs Arctic Community Engagement Initiative (2022–2025)

Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (2022–2025)

Federal Co-Lead Chair for Participatory and Indigenous Led Research Foundational Activity, Interagency Arctic Research Plan Committee (2022–2025)

Non-Federal Co-Lead Tribal Consultation & Effective Processes committee (IARPC) (2025–present)

Navigating the New Arctic cross-directorate working group (2022–2023)

National Science Foundation Tribal Community Engagement Working Group member (2023–2025)

Belonging and Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion group member (2022–2025)

National Science Foundation Academy Leadership and Problem Solving Workshop training participant (2024)

Chair and member, Geosciences Directorate EMpowering BRoader Academic Capacity and Education Program (EMBRACE) for supporting non-R1 PI

UNLV CAMPUS EVENTS CREATED, COORDINATED, AND FACILITATED

Co-Creator and Co-Facilitator (with T. Herold, Department of Criminal Justice) UNLV Get That Grant Program (2018, 2019, 2020). Grass-roots program serving faculty and graduate students with comprehensive funding processes training and personalized support. Offers holistic training modules, concierge-style services, mentoring, writing, and review community. UNLV Research Week Kickoff Event (2015, 2016, 2017) Designed and led program featuring faculty and community and industry partners sharing research and community interactions in lightning talk format.

Office of Undergraduate Research Undergraduate Slam (2017)

Co-sponsored by Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada and the Honors College.

Research Skills Academy (2017–2018)

For high school and first-year University of Nevada, Las Vegas students.

Fall, Spring, and Summer Undergraduate Research Forums (2015–2018)

Co-sponsored by Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada and Honors College.

Office of Undergraduate Research Week Gala (Fall 2017)

Co-sponsored by the College of Education, Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, and University Admissions.

Academic and Administrative Faculty First Annual Fall Mentor Mixer (Fall 2017)

Integrated social event for the Faculty Research Mentor Program, Administrative Faculty Peer-to-Peer Program, and Faculty Affairs Group Mentor Program. (2019)

Faculty Mentor Program President's Welcome Reception for Senior-Junior mentor teams (2012)

CAMPUS INITIATIVES

Co-Leader, creation and building of Graduate College grants search program for graduate students (Spring 2021)

Facilitated implementation of Consolidated Students of Nevada Senior Editor position for Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal (2016–2018)

Facilitated implementation of Consolidated Students of Nevada Creative Arts Journal (2017–2018)

Creation, fundraising, and implementation of Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Undergraduate Research Funding Program (2016–2018)

Established Office of Undergraduate Faculty Research Mentor Award (2016)

Established Office of Undergraduate Research Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award (2016)

Contributed to creation and implementation of the first Vice President for Research and Economic Development Research Week (2016)

Creation of Office of Undergraduate Research Travel Funding Awards (2016)

Reorganized and reimagined campus-wide new faculty onboarding and orientation (2012)

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

How to Effectively Identify and Get Funding (2016–2018)

How to Write an Effective Statement of Purpose (2017–2018)

How to Successfully Apply for a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2017–2018)

Career Preparation Essentials for Successful Application to Medical, Dental, and Law Schools (2016–2018)

How to Present a Professional Lightning Talk (2016–2018)

How to Create an Effective Curriculum Vitae (2015–2018)

Essential Skills for Presenting an Engaging Conference Paper or Poster (2015–2018)

Professional Etiquette Training (2016–2018)

Graduate Professional Student Association workshop presenter

How to Succeed in Your First Year of Graduate School (2016)

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Get That Grant Group seed program, grant writing development workshop series (2019)

How to Write an Efficient and Effective Letter of Recommendation (2017)

Faculty Promotion and Tenure Training with Office of Faculty Affairs, general campus and Dental and Medical Schools (2017–2018)

How to Involve Undergraduates in Research, co-sponsored by College of Education (2017)

Tea-Searching: Integrating Research into the Classroom, presentation by Dr. Paul Wertheimer, Davidson College, co-sponsored by Department of History (2015)

Introducing Early Career Faculty to the Annual Evaluation Process (2012–2013)

Provost Faculty Mentor Program Faculty Working with Faculty Grants Training (2013)

Publish and Flourish: Become a Prolific Scholar workshop with Tara Gray, Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University (2012)

New Faculty Orientation: Balancing Research, Service, and Teaching (2012)

COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY SERVICE

National 500 Women Scientists Community Event
Creator and Facilitator of Funding Workshop (2019)

Training workshop Preparing Students for Higher Education and Research Opportunities
developed for Clark County School District Career Counselors (2018)

Las Vegas Rotary invited featured speaker for Annual Clark County School District High School
Valedictorian Luncheon (2018)

Mentoring and Your Future Career Success

Training workshop How to Write an Effective Letter of Recommendation for Engelstad
Scholarship community and industry partner internship mentors (2018)

Placed high-achieving high school students with University of Nevada, Las Vegas research
faculty (2015–2018)

BROADENING PARTICIPATION SERVICE

Worked with Consolidated Students of Nevada to professionalize application process, increase
funding, and increase accessibility for underrepresented and underserved students through
Undergraduate Research Stipend and Research Scholarship programs (2015–2018)

Workshop How to Write an Effective Statement of Purpose for Engelstad Scholars (2017)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas ADVANCE (National Science Foundation) Contributor and
External Review and Coaching Session Organizer and Chair (2017–2018)

Member, QUNLV (2017)

Participant, Inclusive Workplace Workshop, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Women's Center
(2017)

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Faculty Research Mentor Program
sponsored lunches (2017, 2018)

Nevada System of Higher Education Annual Diversity Summit
Organized and facilitated panel on Integrating Students with Disabilities into Research (2016)

Provost Faculty Mentor Program junior faculty lunches with Provost (2012, 2013)

Provost Faculty Mentor Program junior faculty networking lunches (2012, 2013)

UNLV STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Undergraduate Admissions Native American Recruitment Committee member (2022–2023)

Clark County School District to University of Nevada, Las Vegas event coordination with Office
of Undergraduate Research and Honors College (2016, 2017)

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UNLV CAMPUS EVENTS CREATED, COORDINATED, AND FACILITATED

Co-Creator and Co-Facilitator (with T. Herold, Department of Criminal Justice)
UNLV Get That Grant Program (2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024). Grass-roots program serving faculty, staff, and graduate students with comprehensive funding processes training and personalized support. Offers holistic training modules, concierge-style services, mentoring, writing, and review community.

UNLV Research Week Kickoff Event (2015, 2016, 2017)
Designed and led program featuring faculty and community and industry partners sharing research and community interactions in lightning talk format.

Office of Undergraduate Research Undergraduate Slam (2017)
Co-sponsored by Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada and the Honors College.

Research Skills Academy (2017–2018)
For high school and first-year University of Nevada, Las Vegas students.

Fall, Spring, and Summer Undergraduate Research Forums (2015–2018)
Co-sponsored by Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada and Honors College.

Office of Undergraduate Research Week Gala (Fall 2017)
Co-sponsored by the College of Education, Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, and University Admissions.

Academic and Administrative Faculty First Annual Fall Mentor Mixer (Fall 2017)
Integrated social event for the Faculty Research Mentor Program, Administrative Faculty Peer-to-Peer Program, and Faculty Affairs Group Mentor Program.
Faculty Mentor Program President's Welcome Reception for Senior-Junior mentor teams (2012)

UNLV CAMPUS INITIATIVES

Co-Leader, creation and building of Graduate College grants search program for graduate students (Spring 2021)
Facilitated implementation of Consolidated Students of Nevada Senior Editor position for Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal (2016–2018)
Facilitated implementation of Consolidated Students of Nevada Creative Arts Journal (2017–2018)
Creation, fundraising, and implementation of Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Undergraduate Research Funding Program (2016–2018)
Established Office of Undergraduate Faculty Research Mentor Award (2016)
Established Office of Undergraduate Research Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award (2016)
Vice President for Research and Economic Development Research Week (2016)
Creation of Office of Undergraduate Research Travel Funding Awards (2016)
Reorganized campus-wide new faculty onboarding and orientation (2012)

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

How to Effectively Identify and Get Funding (2016–2018)
How to Write an Effective Statement of Purpose (2017–2018)
How to Successfully Apply for a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2017–2018)
Career Preparation Essentials for Successful Application to Medical, Dental, and Law Schools (2016–2018)
How to Present a Professional Lightning Talk (2016–2018)
How to Create an Effective Curriculum Vitae (2015–2018)
Essential Skills for Presenting an Engaging Conference Paper or Poster (2015–2018)
Professional Etiquette Training (2016–2018)
Graduate Professional Student Association workshop presenter
How to Succeed in Your First Year of Graduate School (2016)

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Get That Grant Group seed program, grant writing development workshop series (2019)

How to Write an Efficient and Effective Letter of Recommendation (2017)

Faculty Promotion and Tenure Training with Office of Faculty Affairs, general campus and Dental and Medical Schools (2017–2018)

How to Involve Undergraduates in Research, co-sponsored by College of Education (2017)

Tea-Searching: Integrating Research into the Classroom, presentation by Dr. Paul Wertheimer, Davidson College, co-sponsored by Department of History (2015)

Introducing Early Career Faculty to the Annual Evaluation Process (2012–2013)

Provost Faculty Mentor Program Faculty Working with Faculty Grants Training (2013)

Publish and Flourish: Become a Prolific Scholar workshop with Tara Gray, Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University (2012)

New Faculty Orientation: Balancing Research, Service, and Teaching (2012)

COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY SERVICE

National 500 Women Scientists Community Event Creator and Facilitator of Funding Workshop (2019)

Training workshop Preparing Students for Higher Education and Research Opportunities developed for Clark County School District Career Counselors (2018)

Las Vegas Rotary invited featured speaker for Annual Clark County School District High School Valedictorian Luncheon (2018) “Mentoring and Your Future Career Success” (2018)

Training workshop How to Write an Effective Letter of Recommendation for Engelstad Scholarship community and industry partner internship mentors (2018)

Placed high-achieving high school students with University of Nevada, Las Vegas research faculty (2015–2018)

BROADENING PARTICIPATION SERVICE

Worked with Consolidated Students of Nevada to professionalize application process, increase funding, and increase accessibility for underrepresented and underserved students through Undergraduate Research Stipend and Research Scholarship programs (2015–2018)

Workshop How to Write an Effective Statement of Purpose for Engelstad Scholars (2017)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas ADVANCE (National Science Foundation) Contributor and External Review and Coaching Session Organizer and Chair (2017–2018)

Member, QUNLV (2017)

Participant, Inclusive Workplace Workshop, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Women’s Center (2017)

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Faculty Research Mentor Program sponsored lunches (2017, 2018)

Nevada System of Higher Education Annual Diversity Summit
Organized and facilitated panel on Integrating Students with Disabilities into Research (2016)

Provost Faculty Mentor Program junior faculty lunches with Provost (2012, 2013)

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UNLV STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Undergraduate Admissions Native American Recruitment Committee member (2022–2023)

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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS SERVICE

Faculty Senior Senator (elected, 2020–2022)
Personnel Committee (elected, 2018–2019)
Full Professor Review Committee, Department of Interdisciplinary, Gender, and Ethnic Studies
(2019)

Religious Studies Degree Committee (2019)
Mid-Full Faculty Committee, Department of Interdisciplinary, Gender, and Ethnic Studies (2019)
Faculty Affiliate, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary, Gender, and Ethnic Studies (2018)
Faculty Affiliate, American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary, Gender, and Ethnic Studies (2018)
Executive Board Member (elected, 2009–2011)
William Morris Award for Scholarship Selection Panel (2011)
Diversity Committee (2009–2010)
Dean Search Committee (elected, 2008)
Tenure Review Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies Program (appointed, 2013)
Mid-Tenure Review Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies Program (appointed, 2011)
Academic Standards Committee (elected, 2007–2009)

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY SERVICE

Scholarship Committee (2025-2026)
Archaeology Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Search, Chair (2021–2022)
Department Liaison to College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2021–2022)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Chair (2021–2022)
Ad Hoc Department Executive Committee (2020–2021)
Social Media and Website Committee, Chair (2020–2021)
Graduate Assessment Committee, Chair (2020–2021)
Online Major and Minor Committee (2020–2021)
Undergraduate Coordinator (2014–2015; 2018)
Get That Grant Group for anthropology faculty and graduate students (2018)
Co-Chair, Faculty-in-Residence Assistant Professor Search (2019)
Developer and Facilitator, AnthAlumn Non-Academic Career Speaker Series (2019–2020)
Faculty Editor of ANTHaccess resource newsletter (2019–2022)
Early Career Tenure-Track Faculty Mentor (assigned by chair, 2018)
Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Chair (2015)
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Graduate Student Mentor Program, Founding Faculty Advisor (2013–2016)
Curriculum Assessment Committee (2013–2014)

Scholarship Committee, Chair (2008–2009)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Chair (2006–2008)
Assistant Professor Search Committee (2007–2008)
Personnel and Merit Committee (2006–2008)
Department Retreat Committee, Chair (2005–2009)
Archaeology Post-Doctoral Search Committee (2006)
Graduate Student Review Committee, Chair (2006–2008)
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Committee (2005–2011)
Archaeological Institute of America Treasurer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Chapter (2005–2006)

COURSES TAUGHT

100-Level Undergraduate

Introduction to World Archaeology
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

200-Level Undergraduate

Honors College Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

300-Level Undergraduate

Cultures of Exploitation, Slavery, and Terrorism
Science, Technology, and Development in the Arctic

400-Level (Seminar-Based Graduate/Undergraduate Courses)

Archaeological Theory
Archaeology of Technology
Debt, Development, and Disaster
Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion

700-Level Graduate Seminars

Indigenous North American Ethnography
Ethnoarchaeology
Archaeology of Gender
Ethnohistory and Indigenous-Colonial Interactions in the Americas
STEM Grants (cross-campus seminar)

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Ph.D. Committee Chair

Joseph Curran
External Funding: Newberry Institute for Research and Education, Newberry Library Fellowship (2021)

Celeste Giordano (Co-Chair)

External Funding: National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs Arctic Social Sciences
Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2017)

Ph.D. Committees (Completed)

Jesse Scott (Psychology, 2020)

Animikha Dutt (2012)

Katie Baustian (2015)

Sarah Evans (Geoscience, 2016)

Anna Osterholtz (2015)

Alison Sloat (Geoscience, 2014)

Yulia Gavrilova (Psychology, 2018)

Christopher Plant (Psychology, 2019)

Maryann Calleja (2019)

Sarah MacIntosh (2019)

Alicia Schrenk (2018)

Caryn Tegtmeyer (2017)

William Willis (2023)

Ph.D. Committees (Current)

Christie Ra (Criminal Justice)

Ben VanAlstyne

Ph.D. Committee Member and Examiner

Matthew Walls (University of Toronto, 2013)

Donald Butler (University of Calgary, 2015)

M.A. Chair (Completed)

Alina Aquino (2015)

Shannon Hannahs (2013)

Cara Connolly (2011)

Brynn Torrelli (2009)

M.A. Committees (Completed)

Eudora Claw (School of Community Health Sciences, 2014)

Lindsey Daub (2013)

Leilani Espinda (2007)

Corinne Griffing (Geoscience, 2010)

Julie Kachinski (2010)

Denise Ruzicka (2010)

Glendee Ane Osborne (2009)

Eric Pacl (2012)

Ellen MacDonald (2012)

Sarah MacIntosh (2015)

Justin DeMaio (2013)
Paige Bockman (2016)
Sharlyn Anderson (2016)
Lindsay Entwistle (2017)
Ashley Lauzon (2016)
Danielle Romero (2015)
Brenna Wilkerson (2014)
Jesse Scott (Psychology, 2017)
Alex Carmer (2020)
Emily Swett (2022)
Manuel De Cespedes (2022)
Alexxandria Martinez (2022)

Master of Arts Committee (Current)

Haley Dougherty

Honors College Research Theses

Francesca Manz (2018–2019)
Daniel DeLuca (2016–2018)
Temple Forsythe (2006–2007) — Chair

Undergraduate Mentorship and Supervision

Undergraduate Internship Supervisor
Carla Ferriero, Internship with Las Vegas Seven Magazine (2010)
Undergraduate Anthropology Forum Presentations (Faculty Research Mentor)
Gabrielle Guerro and Raquel Cruz (Poster)
Samantha Slinkard (PechaKucha)
Undergraduate Research Assistants
Kritsia Owens (2021–2022)
Natalie Martinez (2021)
Dashielle Glazer (2011; Frink, Glazer, and Harry 2012)