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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Post-colonial theory, Indigenous-colonial interactions, conflict, borderlands studies, museum and archival studies, community archaeology, experimental archaeology, biomechanics, Southwest, California, North America

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Department of Anthropology, with an emphasis in Archaeology. ABD
- M.A. California State University, Los Angeles. Department of Anthropology, with an emphasis in Archaeology. Degree received August 2017.
- B.A. California State University, San Bernardino. Department of Anthropology, with an emphasis in Archaeology. Degree received September 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Positions

- 2021 - Present Graduate Research Assistant, Graduate College, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2017 - 2021 Graduate Research Assistant, Graduate Assistant and Part Time Instructor, Department of Anthropology University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2018 - 2021 Co-Editor, ANTHaccess Newsletter, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2014 Graduate Assistant, Anthropology Department, California State University, Los Angeles
- 2015 Field Director, California Coastal Field School, Anthropology Department, California State University, Los Angeles

Non-Academic Professional Experience

- 2016 - 2017 Principle Investigator, Tetra Tech, San Bernardino, CA.
- 2013 - 2017 Crew Chief, ESA, Los Angeles, CA.

- 2015 Urban Archaeology Corps Crew Lead, National Parks Service, Santa Monica Mountains, CA.
- 2014 - 2015 Archaeological Field Technician, Sapphos, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2014 - 2015 Archaeological Field Technician, SWCA, San Gabriel, CA.
- 2011 - 2012 Archaeological Field Technician, ECORP, Desert Center, CA.
- 2011 Archaeological Field Technician, Garcia & Associates, Big Bear, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 - 2020 Lecturer. Department of Anthropology University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- Physical Anthropology Laboratory (distance course)
- 2017 - 2020 Teaching Assistant. Department of Anthropology University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.
 - Introduction to World Archaeology.
 - Introduction to Physical Anthropology
 - A Global Crisis: Food, Human Health, and Climate.
 - Peoples and Cultures of the Near East.
 - Zooarchaeology Laboratory

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- In Progress Archival analysis of digital collections at the Newberry Library, IL for current research project on warfare in the Lower Colorado River Basin.
- 2020 GIS and database analysis of the Neolithic settlement of Masis Blur in Armenia for Masis Blur Archaeological Project, UCLA Cotsen Institute of Archaeology and University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Anthropology.
- 2018 Pedestrian survey of Virgin Branch Pueblos on the Shivwits Plateau, Arizona for the Shivwits Plateau Research Project, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Anthropology.
- 2016 Museum analysis of clubs at the Peabody Anne Hearst Museum, University of California, Berkeley, in Berkeley, CA for MA Thesis Research, California State University, Los Angeles.
- 2015 Interdisciplinary analysis of War Clubs with the Biomechanical Engineering Lab, California State University, Los Angeles
- 2014 Archaeological and Paleontological Investigation for the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, in San Quentin, Baja California.
- 2013 - 2014 Lithic analysis of expedient tools for California Coastal Archaeological Lab, California State University, Los Angeles, CA.

- 2012 - 2015 Excavation of shell mounds in Santa Monica Mountains, California for the California Coastal Archaeological Lab, at California State University Los Angeles.
- 2014 - 2015 Bioarchaeological Investigations at San Gabriel Mission, San Gabriel, CA for SWCA.
- 2014 Bioarchaeological Investigations in Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, California for SWCA.
- 2014 Archaeological investigation and pedestrian survey on San Nicolas Island, California for the U.S. Naval Air Systems Command.
- 2014 Curation and Preservation Research on prehistoric sites in Orange County, California for the California Coastal Archaeological Lab, at California State University Los Angeles.
- 2012 - 2016 Laboratory Analysis for the California Coastal Archaeological Lab, at California State University Los Angeles.
- 2012 Remote Sensing of Earthworks in Uganda for the Anthropology Department, California State University, San Bernardino.
- 2011 Excavation and Pedestrian Survey of Pre-historic and Historic Sites in the San Jacinto Mountains, California for the San Bernardino National Forest Service Applied Archaeology Field School.

FUNDING & AWARDS

External Research Funding

- 2021 *Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies (NCAIS) Graduate Student Fellow.* The Newberry Library. \$3,000.
- 2021 - 2022 *CDIP Dissertation Fellowship.* The California State University Office of the Chancellor. \$5,000.
- 2017 – 2018 *The Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program.* The California State University Office of the Chancellor. \$30,000.
- 2017 *Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Summer Internship.* The California State University Office of the Chancellor. Awarded \$6275.
- 2016 *Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar Fellowship.* The California State University Office of the Chancellor. Awarded \$3000.
- 2012 *San Manuel Student Scholarship.* San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Awarded \$4000.

Internal Research Funding

- 2020 *Friends of World Anthropology Scholarship.* University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Anthropology. Awarded \$1050.
- 2019 *Access Grant.* University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate College. Awarded \$2000.

- 2019 *Liberal Arts General Scholarship*. University of Nevada, Las Vegas College of Liberal Arts. Awarded \$3000.
- 2018 *GPSA Travel Grant Fall 2018*. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Graduate & Professional Student Association. Awarded \$277.
- 2018 *Access Grant*. UNLV Graduate College. Awarded \$2000.
- 2015 *Travel Support Grant for Student Presentations to San Francisco, CA*. Department of Graduate Studies, California State University, Los Angeles. Awarded \$387.

Awards

- 2015 - 2016 *Special Recognition in Graduate Studies*. College of Natural and Social Sciences, California State University, Los Angeles.
- 2015 *Golden Eagle Award of Excellence*. Center for Student Involvement. California State University, Los Angeles.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2021 Curran, Joseph B. and David E. Raymond. Warclubs in Southern California: An Interdisciplinary Study of Blunt Force Weapons and Their Impact. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*.

Unpublished Theses

- 2017 Joseph Curran. Blunt Impact: The Role of War Clubs in Prehistoric Warfare. MA Thesis. Department of Anthropology, California State University Los Angeles.
- 2012 Joseph Curran. Discovering Monuments of the Past: Uncovering Earthworks in Uganda. Honor's Thesis. Department of Anthropology, California State University San Bernardino.

ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA

- 2020 Joseph Curran and Rene Vellanoweth. From Borderlands to Bordered Lands: Current Research of California's Borders. *Society for California Archaeology 54th Annual Conference Spring 2020* (Conference cancelled due to COVID-19)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Joseph Curran. Maintaining Tradition in the Face of Colonialism: Indigenous Practices of Warfare among Yuman Speakers. Submission accepted. *2021 Newberry Consortium for American Indian and Indigenous Studies (NCAIS) Graduate Student Conference*.
- 2020 Joseph Curran. Weapons of Trauma: New Approaches to Analyzing the Material Record of Violence in the Lower Colorado River Basin. Poster Presentation. *17th Biennial Southwest Symposium Archaeological Conference*.

- 2019 Joseph Curran. Identities of War: An Analysis of Patterns of Conflict in the Proto-historic Colorado River Basin. *8th Biennial Three Corners Conference*.
- 2019 Joseph Curran. Charging the Enemy: Recording Interpersonal Violence in Proto-historic California. *3rd Annual Archeo Nevada Society Anthropology Conference*.
- 2019 William Willis, Joseph Curran, Eric Fries and Haley Dougherty. Specialized Production Sites among the Virgin Branch Puebloan People? New findings in Shivwits Plateau Archaeology on the Parashant National Monument. *Society for American Archaeology 82nd Annual Conference*.
- 2019 Joseph Curran and William Willis. Filling the Void: Understanding Archaeological Survey Using Comparative Ethnography in the Grand Canyon. *Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum*.
- 2018 Joseph Curran. Blunt Force: Interpreting Violence in the Past. *Rebel Grad Slam 2018*.
- 2018 Joseph Curran. Ritual and Raiding: Recording Interpersonal Violence in California. *Fields of Conflict 10th Biennial International Conference*.
- 2018 Joseph Curran. Blunt Force: The Impact of War Clubs in California. *Society for California Archaeology 52nd Annual Conference*.
- 2018 Joseph Curran. Blunt Force: The Interdisciplinary Analysis of War Clubs in Hunter-Gatherer Societies. *47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross Cultural Research*.
- 2017 Joseph Curran, and David Raymond. The Impact of War Clubs: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of War Clubs. Poster Presentation. *Society for American Archaeology 81th Annual Conference*, 2017.
- 2016 Joseph Curran and David Raymond. Blunt Impact: The Role of War Clubs in Prehistoric Californian Warfare. *Society for American Archaeology 80th Annual Conference*.
- 2016 Joseph Curran and David Raymond. The Effect of War Clubs: The Experimental Archaeological Analysis of Blunt Force Trauma. *Society for California Archaeology 50th Annual Conference*.
- 2015 Joseph Curran. The Warrior Code: The Influence of Martial Ethics on Reenactors. *Southwestern Anthropological Association 86th Annual Conference*.
- 2015 Joseph Curran, Jessica Rosales, Anthony H. Morales (undergraduate), Hannah R. Jacobsen (undergraduate), René L. Vellanoweth. A Significant Cultural Feature From CA-VEN-395, Big Sycamore Canyon, Santa Monica Mountains, California. *Society for California Archaeology 49th Annual Conference*.
- 2015 Anthony H. Morales (undergraduate), Joseph Curran, René L. Vellanoweth. Preliminary Analysis of Expedient Tools from Danielson Ranch (CA-VEN-395), Santa Monica Mountains, CA. *Society for California Archaeology 49th Annual Conference*.
- 2014 Joseph Curran, René L. Vellanoweth, and Patricia Martz. The Historical Significance and Need for Preservation of CA-ORA-58. *Society for California Archaeology 48th Annual Conference*.

- 2014 Joseph Curran. Reconstructing Identity: How Reenactors Connect to Their Past. *Southwestern Anthropological Association 85th Annual Conference*.

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 Joseph Curran. A World in Upheaval: An Analysis of Patterns of Conflict in the Proto-historic Lower Colorado River Basin. Invited Speaker for ANTH 1700: Archaeology and World Prehistory, Department of Anthropology, California State University, Los Angeles.
- 2019 Joseph Curran. Origins of Agriculture. Invited Speaker for ANTH 105: Introduction to World Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2018 Joseph Curran. Applications of Experimental Archaeology. Invited Speaker for ANTH 105: Introduction to World Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2018 Joseph Curran. Archaeological Methods. Invited Speaker for ANTH 441 C: Peoples and Cultures of the Near East, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2018 Joseph Curran. An Interdisciplinary Study of War Clubs. Invited Speaker for ANTH 105: Introduction to Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2017 Joseph Curran. Close Combat: Archaeological Studies of Violence. Invited Speaker for ANTH 473R: Anthropology of Violence, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2016 Joseph Curran. Cultural Resource Management and Academic Archaeology. Invited speaker for the Department of Anthropology, Cal Poly Pomona.
- 2016 Joseph Curran. Excavations at CA-VEN-395: A Summer in the Santa Monica Mountains. *The Santa Monica Mountains Conservation Authority Chautauqua Series*.
- 2015 Joseph Curran. A Summer in the Santa Monica Mountains at CA-VEN-395. *SAMO Science Day 3rd Annual Symposium*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020 - 2021 Mentor, CSUN/GPSA Student Mentorship Cooperative, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2018 - 2019 Board Member. Archaeo-Nevada Society, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2018 - 2019 Anthropology Salon Organizer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Anthropology.
- 2019 Anthropology Department Open House Photographer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Anthropology.
- 2019 Anthropology Department Open House Volunteer. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Anthropology.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

American Institute of Archaeology

Society for American Archaeology

Society for California Archaeology

Archaeo-Nevada Society

Lambda Alpha National Honors Society

Southwestern Anthropological Association

California State Parks Site Stewards

California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance