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CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois-Chicago
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Visiting Instructor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Alma College
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EDUCATION

Northwestern University
Field: Anthropology
Areas of Concentration: Archaeology, Warfare, Maya Culture, Community Archaeology, Maya Hieroglyphic Writing
Ph.D. Awarded September 2017
Dissertation: Methodologies in the Archaeology of Warfare: Toward a Study of Practice and Social Relations at Tzunun, Chiapas, Mexico

Northwestern University
Field: Anthropology
M.A. Awarded December 2014

University of Illinois at Chicago
Major: Anthropology
Minor: History
Graduated with a B.A. Cum Laude and College Honors in December 2009

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External Grants and Fellowships

2017	National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (\$138,000)
2015	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$20,000)
2013	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (3 years)
2013	National Geographic Young Explorers Grant (\$5,000)

Internal Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- 2017 Northwestern University Fellowship in Leadership (\$3,000)
2015 FAN Foster Summer Research Grant (\$1,000)
2014 Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies: Graduate Student
Dissertation Research Travel Award (\$2,500)
2013 Northwestern Graduate Research Grant (\$2,930)
2011 Northwestern Graduate Fellowship (5 Years)
2009 Joshua J. Terry Award - Yearly award selected by the University of Illinois at
Chicago Anthropology Faculty
2009 President's Award Merit – Undergraduate Minority Student Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- In Press Maya Warfare, Symbols and Ritual Landscapes. In *Seeking Conflict: Understanding Ancient Maya Hostilities Through Text and Image*, edited by S.G. Morton and M.M. Peuramaki-Brown. Boulder: University Press of Colorado. With Joel Palka.
2018 Is Bearing Witness Enough? *American Anthropologist*, 120 (3):543-544.

Non-Peer Reviewed

- 2017 Maya Warfare, Sacred Places, and Divine Protection. In *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Chacmool Conference*, edited by A. Benfer. Calgary: Chacmool Archaeological Association, University of Calgary.
<http://hdl.handle.net/1880/52231>. With Joel Palka.
2014 Maya Defensive Barricades. In *Encyclopaedia of the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in Non-Western Cultures*, edited by H. Selin. New York: Springer.

Reviews and Other Contributions

- 2017 Review of *Archaeology's Footprints in the Modern World* by M. Schiffer. *History of Anthropology Newsletter*. <http://histanthro.org/archaeologys-footprints-in-the-modern-world-by-michael-brian-schiffer/#more-3046>.

In Preparation

- n.d. Community Archaeology and Critical Pedagogy: Uniting Research with Teaching in Honduras and Mexico. Targeted for *Current Anthropology*. With Kristin Landau.
n.d. Contemplating the Process of Maya Hieroglyphic Decipherment: A Reassessment of Yaxchilan Lintel 25. Targeted for *Latin American Antiquity*.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Sessions Chaired and Organized

2017 “The Power of Community Archaeology in the ‘Post-truth’ Era.” 115th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

Presentations (*invited session)

- 2019 “Warfare, Fortifications, and Archaeological Formation Processes: The Case of Mensabak, Chiapas, Mexico.” Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2019* “Building Foundations for Sustained Community Archaeology.” Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM. Forum Discussant.
- 2019* “Archaeological Recording of Ancient Maya Water Management Features.” Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM. Discussant.
- 2019* “Lunar Power in Ancient Maya Cities.” Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM. With Kristin Landau and Nancy Gonlin.
- 2018 “Archaeology, Pedagogy, and Participant Observation.” 116th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
- 2018* “Examining Environment, Ecology and Patterns of Maya Culture at Mensabak, Chiapas, Mexico.” Society for American Archaeology 83rd Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2017 “Dismantling the Ivory Tower: Community Archaeology as a Practice of Demystification.” 115th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2017* “El papel de extranjeros en la arqueología de los pueblos Maya. El caso de Metzabok, Chiapas, México.” 5^o Congreso de Antropologías Populares del Sur, San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí, México.
- 2017 “Walls, Ditches and Spoil: Methodological Issues in the Study of Pre-Columbian Fortifications.” Society for American Archaeology 82nd Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- 2016* “Organización social y el paisaje de Tzunun: estudios preliminares de la guerra y el estatus socioeconómico maya.” 10^o Congreso Internacional de Mayistas, Izamal, Yucatán, México.
- 2014 “Eyes Up and Pay Attention!: Movement, Sensory Landscapes and Social Structure at Tzunun, Chiapas, Mexico.” Theoretical Archaeology Group Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- 2014 “Landscape and Social Structure at Tzunun, Chiapas, Mexico.” Second City Anthropology Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Historic Maya Warfare and Sacred Places.” Midwest Mesoamericanists Conference, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. With Joel Palka.

- 2012* “Historic Maya Warfare and Sacred Places.” Chacmool Conference, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. With Joel Palka.
- 2009 “Maya Warfare and Sacrifice through Hieroglyphic Writing.” University of Illinois at Chicago Student Research Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

PUBLIC TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “El Mercado: An Anthropology of Markets in Chiapas.” Zona Abierta: Mercados y Cultura (Public Markets and Society), University of Illinois-Chicago Latino Cultural Center, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago

Aztec History, Language, and Culture, Instructor of Record, Spring 2018

Alma College

Kichwa Ethnobotany, Instructor of Record, Winter 2018

Northwestern University

Human Origins, Teaching Assistant/Section Instructor, Winter 2013

Archaeology: Unearthing History, Teaching Assistant/Section Instructor, Fall 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Co-Principal Investigator and Field Director, Mensabak Archaeological Project (Mexico). May-June. Joel Palka, co-PI.
- 2016 Field Director, Mensabak Archaeological Project (Mexico). Mar-Aug. Joel Palka, PI.
- 2013 Field Director, Mensabak Archaeological Project (Mexico). Aug-Sep. Joel Palka, PI.
- 2013 Survey, Mapping and Excavation, Mensabak Archaeological Project (Mexico). June-Sep. Joel Palka, PI.
- 2012 Survey, Mapping and Excavation, Mensabak Archaeological Project (Mexico). May-June. Joel Palka, PI.
- 2010 Survey and Mapping, Mensabak Archaeological Project (Mexico). May-June. Joel Palka, PI.
- 2009 Internship Maya Hieroglyphic Laboratory, Jan-May. University of Illinois at Chicago. Joel Palka, Director.
- 2009 Microbotanical Analyst, material from Belize. Andrew Wyatt, PI.
- 2008 Structured Interviews and Participant Observation, University of Illinois Medical Center (Chicago, IL). March. Crystal Patil, PI.
- 2008 Survey and Excavation, Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance (Belize). July-Aug. Jaime Awe, PI.

REPORTS

- 2018 *Informe Temporada 2016: Proyecto Arqueológico Mensabak, Chiapas, México*, co-edited with J. Palka. Report to INAH.
- 2015 *Informe Temporada 2013: Proyecto Arqueológico Mensabak, Chiapas, México*, co-edited with S. Juarez, R. Deeb, and J. Palka. Report to INAH.
- 2012 Resumen del mapeo del sitio Tzunun. In *Informe Temporada 2011: Proyecto Arqueológico Mensabak, Chiapas, México*, edited by R. Deeb, C Kestle, and J Palka. Report to INAH.

LANGUAGES

English – Fluent speaker and can read and write proficiently
Spanish – Native language and can read and write proficiently
Lakandon Mayan – Basic Verbal Skills

SERVICE

- 2017 Magistrado, 5° Congreso de Antropologías Populares del Sur, San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí, México.
- 2017 Session Chair, “Structure and Space at Maya Sites II”. Society for American Archaeology 82nd Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for American Archaeology
American Anthropological Association