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## EDUCATION

08/2008- present The University of Illinois at Chicago  
Ph.D. Anthropology (Expected May 2019)

08/2005- 08/2008 The University of Illinois at Chicago  
M.A. Anthropology

08/2001- 5/2005 The University of Arizona  
B.A. Anthropology Minor: American Indian Studies

## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

Provost Award for Graduate Research 2012 (\$3000)  
Abraham Lincoln University Fellowship 2011-2012 (\$20,600)  
Henry Luce ACLS Fellowship for East/Southeast Asian Archaeology and Early History 2010- 2011 (\$32,000)  
Charles Reed Anthropology Department Award 2008 (\$1000)  
Thomas Bogart Anthropology Department Scholarship 2004 (\$1000)  
National Science Foundation/ REU Recipient Silver Creek Archaeological Field School 2004  
Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program 2002-2005

## LECTURER/ TEACHING EXPERIENCE

07/2013- present The University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL  
*Instructor – ANTH276: Pacific Island Cultures*  
*Instructor - ANTH105: Introduction to Biological and Physical Anthropology*  
*Instructor – ANTH100: Introduction to Anthropology*  
*Instructor – GEOG151: Cultural Geography*

08/2005- 05/2018 The University of Illinois at Chicago Chicago, IL  
*Department Lab Coordinator*  
*Teaching Assistant- ANTH100: Introduction to Anthropology (2 semesters)*  
*Teaching Assistant- ANTH101: Cultural Anthropology (4 semesters)*  
*Teaching Assistant- ANTH102: Introduction to Archaeology (3 semesters)*  
*Teaching Assistant- ANTH105: Biological, Physical Anthropology and Human Evolution (5 semesters)*  
*Teaching Assistant- Gender and Women Studies/ANTH 238: Biology of Women (1 semester)*

10/2014 University of Wisconsin- Madison Madison, WI  
*Invited Lecturer- "To Be Ata: Ethnoarchaeological Research on the Ata of Negros Oriental"*

10/2011 Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL.  
*Invited Lecturer- "To Be Ata: Ethnoarchaeological Research on the Ata of Negros Oriental"*

12/2010 The University of the Philippines- Dilliman Manila, Philippines  
*Invited Lecturer - "Ethnoarchaeological Research on the Ata of Negros Oriental"*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- 03/2017 Workshop Presenter Sigma Gamma Rho Youth Symposium Chicago, IL.  
**"What is Anthropology: A Hands-On Children's Approach to Understanding the Field"**
- 02/2017 Career Fair Presenter John Drake Elementary School Chicago, IL.  
**"What is Anthropology: A Hands on Approach for the Youth about the 4 Fields"**
- 04/2015 Classroom Workshop John Drake Elementary School Chicago, IL.  
**"What is Anthropology: A Hands on Approach for the Youth about the 4 Fields"**
- 04/2014 Classroom Workshop John Drake Elementary School Chicago, IL.  
**"What is Anthropology: A Hands on Approach for Middle Schools about the 4 Fields"**
- 05/2013 Classroom Workshop Andrew Jackson Academy Chicago, IL.  
**"What is Archaeology: Digging in the Dirt and Artifact Preservation"**
- 03/2013 Workshop Presenter Sigma Gamma Rho Youth Symposium Chicago, IL.  
**"What is Anthropology: A Hands-On Children's Approach to Understanding the Field"**
- 02/2012 Workshop Presenter Mayo Elementary School Career Fair Chicago, IL.  
**"What is Anthropology: A Hands-On Children's Approach to Understanding the Field"**

RESEARCH/ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**08/2010- 06/2011 Negros Oriental Regional Ethnoarchaeological Project**

*Lead Researcher/ Field Ethnoarchaeologist*

*Negros Oriental, Philippines*

Awarded substantial grant to conduct doctoral dissertation fieldwork that established at least 2 archaeological field schools and numerous ethnographic missions for regional-scale ethnoarchaeological project that examined foragers for over 1500 years. This project exposed Filipino and American volunteers to Ata culture and reinforced relationships with the National Museum of the Philippines and several Negros Oriental cities, municipalities and officials.

**06/2010 Bacong Archaeological Project**

*Doctoral Researcher/ Archaeologist Advisor: Dr. Laura Junker*

*Bacong, Negros Oriental, Philippines*

Served as a field archaeologist for a joint UIC-National Museum of the Philippines archaeological project in the Bacong Region that involved the excavation of Metal Age jar-burials (ca. 500 B.C. to A.D. 800) and regional survey for the discovery of associated settlement sites in a poorly studied. This project worked closely with local municipal officials to preserve threatened archaeological sites and to establish a local cultural museum in the region.

**07/2008 Ethnographic and Archaeological Pilot Study**

*Graduate Student Researcher Advisor: Dr. Laura Junker*

*Tanjay, Negros Oriental, Philippines*

Awarded departmental award to conduct preliminary ethnographic and archaeological dissertation research on the long-term history of Ata foragers in the Philippines region. Visited archaeological locales, carried out brief ethnographic research, and established connections with scholars from the Archaeological Studies Program of the University of the Philippines, the Sociology- Anthropology Department at Silliman University, and the National Museum of the Philippines.

### **08/2004- 05/2005 Independent Research**

*Undergraduate Anthropologist*      *Advisor: Dr. Jarita Holbrook*      *Tucson, AZ*  
Initiated and enacted the creation of a high-quality, bi-monthly, revolving artifact exhibit at the Martin Luther King Center at the University. Researched the cultural and symbolic meanings of donated African artifacts. Interpreted the ceremonial usage of masks and ritualized use of objects within cultural contexts. Displayed these artifacts with accompanying histories for university students, officials and visitors.

### **06/2004- 08/2004 University of Arizona Field School**

*Undergraduate Researcher*      *Advisor: Dr. Barbara Mills*      *Pinedale, AZ*  
Awarded departmental and National award that allowed the excavation of a 1200 year-old pit structure and various historic and prehistoric sites associated with the national Cultural Resource Management and Preservation agency. Surveyed previous Southwestern Native American sites and became well versed in site detection of mobile and sedentary groups, as well as in lithic analysis and Global Positioning Systems. Also, interviewed Native Americans in the Four Corners area to uncover more versatile ways to expose youth to anthropology and archaeology.

## MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

### **06/2010- 05/2011      National Museum of the Philippines**

*Manila, Philippines*

*Affiliate Reseracher*

Worked in conjunction with the National Museum of the Philippines to excavate sites. Allowed clearance to conduct independent research for dissertation project in the Bias, Tanjay and Mabinay areas.

### **08/2001-05/2004      Arizona State Museum**

*Intern/ Docent*      *Mentors: Dr. Bruce Hilpert, Stephanie Bonadio, Tracy Williams*      *Tucson, AZ*  
Conducted numerous tours for children as well as adults about the past/present cultures and lifestyles of American Indians of the Southwest. Formatted the tours, developed tour schedules, and instructed new docents/interpreters on the program (included facilitation of intensive learning about the cultures the tours focused on, instructional learning of educational assessment of groups, and appropriate teaching methods for those groups).

### **06/2003- 08/2003      Field Museum of Natural History**

*Research Assistant/ Intern*      *Mentor: Dr. John Terrell*      *Chicago, IL*  
Analyzed styles of wooden platters in order to confirm continuity over time and space of wooden platters made and used throughout Papua New Guinea. Became well-versed in museum's cataloguing system and honed expertise in properly categorizing artifacts attributes. Photographed and documented the wooden platters found in the museum storage rooms, as well as cataloguing them according to their designs, features, and functions.

## PUBLICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

**2017      Publication      “Chapter 36: Farmer and Forager Interactions in South East Asian” in Handbook of East and Southeast Asian Archaeology**

**04/2016 *Paper Presenter*      Society for American Archaeology Conference      **Orlando, FL.****

“Making It Cool: Modern Lessons in Reinterpreting, Reappropriating Theory and Method in Forager Studies”

**07/2015 *Paper Presenter*      Europ. Assoc. for Southeast Asian Studies      **Paris, France****

“Modern Lessons in Reinterpreting, Reappropriating and Understanding Forager Studies

**03/2014 Panel Organizer/Presenter UIC Second City Conference Chicago, IL**  
“Forager Resiliency: What Exactly Does it Look Like- An Ethnoarchaeological Approach”

**09/2013 Co-Author/Presenter Indo-Pacific Prehistory Assoc. Congress Siem Reap, Cambodia**  
“Trade Along the Margins in the Precolonial Philippines: Upland Entrepreneurs and the 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Centuries  
Tanjay Chiefdom”

**04/2013 Paper Presenter Society for American Archaeology Conference Honolulu, HI**  
“Interpreting the Resiliency of Tropical Foragers over 1500 Years of Culture Change”

**09/2012 Panel Organizer/Presenter Europ. Assoc. for Southeast Asian Studies Dublin, Ireland**  
“The Ethnoarchaeology of Southeast Asian Foragers: Resiliency in Ata Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural  
Expression in the pre-Hispanic and Hispanic Philippines”

**04/2012 Invited Presenter Society for American Archaeology Conference Memphis, TN**  
“Feasting Across Social Boundaries in the Pre-Hispanic and Recent Philippines”

**4/2011 Paper Co-Author American Anthropological Assoc. Conference Sacramento, CA**  
“Conflictive Trade Along the Margins: Value and Power Relations Between Foragers, Tribal Swiddeners, and  
Lowland Polities in the Prehispanic and Recent Philippines”

TECHNICAL SKILLS/ LANGUAGES

Remote Sensing/ ArcView	Spanish
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	Cebuano

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Anthropology and Ethnographic Method  
Southeast Asian Studies  
Pacific Cultures  
Ethnography of Southeast Asia  
Cultural Geography  
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Introduction to Anthropology  
Forager Studies, Method and Theory  
Ethnoarchaeology  
Museum Applications  
Introduction to Archaeology/ Landscape Archaeology/ Regional Archaeology  
Introduction to Biological/ Physical Anthropology  
Native Americans of the United States and Northern Mexico