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Education

Present Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2008 M.A., Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2006 B.A., Department of Anthropology and Department of East Asian Studies,
Minnesota State University Moorhead, *Summa Cum Laude*

Areas of Expertise

General Disciplinary and Areal Expertise: East Asian and Southeast Asian History, Archaeology, Geography, and Ethnography

Specific Topics: History and Cultures of China, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, including the structure of long-distance maritime and overland exchange systems, Imperial China economies and trade systems, and ancient Island Southeast Asian participation in foreign prestige goods economies

Methodological Expertise: Spatial Analysis (GIS Mapping and Remote Sensing), Multivariate Statistical Analysis in Anthropology and related disciplines, Compositional and Chemical Analysis in Archaeology

Teaching Experience

2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (GEO 100 *Concepts in Geography*, Spring)

2017 Teacher, VIPkid online English language instruction for school-age, Chinese children

2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Fall)

2017 **Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Spring)

2016 **Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 273 *Ethnography of Southeast Asia*, Fall)

2016 **Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Spring)

2015 **Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (GEO 100 *Concepts in Geography*, Fall)

2015 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Summer)

2015 **Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (GEO 100 *Concepts in Geography*, Spring)

2014 **Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Fall)

2014 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Spring)

2013 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 100 *Human Adventure*, Spring / ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Summer)

- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Spring / ANTH 102 *Introduction to Archaeology*, Fall)
- 2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 100 *Human Adventure*, Fall)
- 2010 **Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 101 *World Cultures: Introduction to Social Anthropology*, Summer)
- 2010 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 105 *Human Evolution*, Spring)
- 2009 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (GEOG 100 *Concepts in Geography*, Spring / ANTH 101 *World Cultures: Introduction to Social Anthropology*, Fall)
- 2008 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 105 *Human Evolution*, Spring / ANTH 101 *World Cultures: Introduction to Social Anthropology*, Fall)
- 2007 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, (ANTH 100 *Human Adventure*, Fall)

Archaeological Research Experience

- 2014-2015 Laser Ablation Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry of porcelain samples conducted at the Elemental Analysis Laboratory at the **Field Museum**
- 2012 Museum studies and selection of porcelain samples for chemical sourcing from pre-colonial contexts at the **National Museum of the Philippines**, Manila
- 2012 Survey work of kiln sites in **Fujian, China** to collect clay and porcelain samples from Song, Yuan, and Ming dynasty periods
- 2011 Bacong Archaeological Project, **Philippines**; including excavation of a jar burial site, cleaning and reconstruction of ceramics, and examination of survey material
Principle Investigator: Dr. Laura Junker
- 2011 Anshan Site and Survey Work; including exploratory survey of Bronze Age settlements, survey and collection of Song Dynasty kiln sites at Hou Bi Shan and Hou Lou Shan, and examinations of museums and collections in **Fujian, China**
Principle Investigator: Dr. Tianlong Jiao
- 2009 Preliminary Travel and Research in China focusing on Xi'an historical locations and sites throughout the Ganxi Corridor, Hosted by Dr. Wang Jianxing and Northwest University, **Xi'an, China**
- 2007 **Field Museum** collection studies on historic Chinese, Tang Dynasty artifacts showing Western influence, contact, and exchange
- 2005 Minnesota State University Moorhead Geo-archaeology Field School, Principal Investigator: Dr. Rinita Dalan
- 2001 Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at UW La Crosse Public Field School, Principal Investigator: Dr. Constance Arzigian
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Grants

- 2014 Field Museum Collaborative Project - **NSF** Subsidized Program
- 2011-2012 University of Illinois at Chicago **Henry Luce Foundation** grant (For archaeological research in China and the Philippines)
- 2009 University of Illinois at Chicago - **Provost Award** (For research and travel to Xian and Northwestern China)

Scholarships and Fellowships

- 2012 University of Illinois at Chicago **Chancellor's Supplemental Research Fellowship, Renewal**
- 2011 University of Illinois at Chicago **Chancellor's Supplemental Research Fellowship**
- 2010 University of Illinois at Chicago - **University Fellowship** (Fourth Year)
- 2006 University of Illinois at Chicago - **University Fellowship** (First Year)
- 2003-2006 Minnesota State University Moorhead Upper Class Scholarship
- 2002 Minnesota State University Moorhead Dragon Scholarship

Publications and Submitted Manuscripts

Dennison, Rory and Anne Underhill

- 2016 第五节 H31 出土遗物的空间位置分析
Section 5. H31 chutu yiwu de kongjian weizhi fenxi
(Analysis of the spatial position of artifacts unearthed from pit H31)
In Liangchengzhen: 1998-2001 Excavation Report, edited by Chinese American Collaborative Team, Wenwu/Cultural Relics Press, pp. 1299-1307.
两城镇---1998-2001年发掘报告。中美联合考古队
Liangchengzhen---1998-2001 Nian Fajue Baogao. Zhongmei Lianhe Kaogudui

Dennison, Rory and Laura Junker

n.d. (in copyediting) "Chinese Porcelain Trade in the Philippines: Preliminary Chemical Analysis" In *Proceedings of European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeology, Vol. 14*, Dublin: Univ. of Dublin Press.

Junker, Laura, Rory Dennison, Larissa Smith, and Wenpeng Xu

In prep "The Socio-Politics of Porcelain Consumption" [manuscript draft available].

Presentations

- 2016 "Chemical Analysis of Pre-Colonial Tradeware in Three Philippine Polities" *World Archaeological Congress 8, Kyoto, Japan* (August-September)
- 2016 "Connected Kilns: Examining Interconnections of Trade in Southern China and the Philippines Using LA-ICP-MS" 81st Annual Meeting of the *Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, Florida* (April)
- 2015 "Kilns and Chiefs: Examining Connections in the Pre-Colonial Philippines and Southern China" *15th International Conference of the European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists (EurASEAA), Paris, France* (July)
- 2015 "Porcelain, Kilns, and Chiefs: LA-ICP-MS Analysis of Sherds in the Pre-Colonial Philippines and Southern China" 80th Annual Meeting of the *Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California* (April)
- 2014 "Preliminary Analysis of Sourcing Philippine Porcelain to Southern Chinese Kiln Sites Using LA-ICP-MS" 79th Annual Meeting of the *Society for American Archaeology Austin, Texas* (April)
- 2014 "A Preliminary Analysis of LA-ICP-MS Sourcing Patterns of 10th to 15th Century Tradeware found in the Philippines" 20th *Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, Siem Reap, Cambodia* (January)
- 2013 "Negotiating Long Distance Trade Connections: LA-ICP-MS Analysis of Porcelain from the Philippines" *Second City Anthropology Conference Challenging Communities: Power, Boundary, and Resistance, Chicago, Illinois* (March)

- 2013 “Chemical Analysis of Chinese Porcelain Trade: A Preliminary Analysis of Sourcing Patterns on 10th to 16th Century Tradeware at Three Philippine Sites” *University of Michigan Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup Movement in Ancient Economies: Archaeological Approaches to Distribution, Ann Arbor, Michigan* (February)
- 2012 “Chinese Porcelain Trade in the Philippines: Preliminary Chemical Analysis” 14th *International Conference of the European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists (EurASEAA), Dublin, Ireland* (September)
- 2012 “Chinese Porcelain Trade into Pre-Contact Philippines: Comparison of Compositional Analysis Techniques” (Poster), *Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, Tennessee* (March)
- 2006 “The Seventh Century Silk Road: With Reference to Xuanzang’s Travels” *Student Academic Conference, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, Minnesota* (April)

Service

- 2012-2015 Alternate Representative for the Anthropology Department to the Graduate Student Council at University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2014 Volunteer for Second City Anthropology Conference *Difference, Disruption, and Resilience: Inquiries in the Anthropology of Change*, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago
- 2013 Moderator for Panel 9 “Exchange, Trade, and Commerce”, Second City Anthropology Conference *Challenging Communities: Power, Boundary, and Resistance*, University of Illinois at Chicago

Languages

- Chinese: Reading/Writing/Speaking (4 years of study)
- Japanese: Speaking (1 year of study)
- German: Reading/Writing/Speaking (High School)

Skills

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing
- Geo-archaeological Survey Techniques (Resistivity, Magnetometry, Ground Penetrating Radar)
- Analytical Archaeological Techniques (XRF, LA-ICP-MS)

Professional Memberships

- Society for American Archaeology
- Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association
- World Archaeological Congress
- European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists