

Curriculum Vitae

Kendall Blair Hills

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago
Trent University

PhD candidate in Anthropology/Archaeology
Master of Arts in Anthropology/Archaeology,
2012

University of Toronto

Honors Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with a
Specialist in Archaeology, 2008

Graduate Master of Arts Thesis: *A Contextual Analysis of the Artifact Assemblage from the Epicenter of the Ancient Maya Site of Minanha, Belize.* Unpublished M.A. thesis, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

Dissertation Topic: State integration, intermediate elite power, and localized agency: an investigation of temple variation in the provincial territories of the Angkorian Khmer landscape (9th - 15th c. CE)

ACADEMIC RESEARCH INTERESTS

Early states, tropical urban civilizations, socio-ecological dynamics, local agency, monumentality, integrative mechanisms, ritual, artifact distributions, Southeast Asia, Central America

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS & ACADEMIC AWARDS

2017 Chancellor's Graduate Research Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
(\$5000 USD)
Graduate College Presenter Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
(\$82 USD)
Graduate Student Council Travel Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
(\$226 USD)
LAS Travel Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
(\$250 USD)

- 2016 Graduate College Presenter Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
(\$82 USD)
Graduate Student Council Travel Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
(\$226 USD)
- 2014 Blitz Archaeology Scholarship Fund, University of Illinois at Chicago
(\$1000 USD)
- 2012 Petersen Burfield Family Graduate Award, Trent University
(\$800 CAD = \$817 USD)
- 2011 Petersen Burfield Family Graduate Award, Trent University
(\$750 CAD = \$756 USD)
- 2010 Sandi Carr Graduate Scholarship in Anthropology, Trent University
(\$500 CAD = \$483 USD)
Trent University Archaeological Research Center (TUARC) Collaborative
Research Grant, Trent University
(\$400 CAD = \$386 USD)
Petersen Burfield Family Graduate Award, Trent University
- 2009 Graduate Entrance Award, Trent University
- 2009 - 2011 Graduate Research Fellowship, Trent University
(\$10,394 CAD = 10,000 USD)
- 2007 Victoria College Bursary, University of Toronto
(\$500 CAD = \$426 USD)

PUBLICATIONS

non-refereed contributions

Iannone, Gyles, **Kendall B. Hills**, and Scott Macrae (editors)

2016 *Framing a Comparative Analysis of Tropical Civilizations: SETS Project – Phase 1 (Volume 2)*. Trent University Occasional Papers in Anthropology No. 18, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Hills, Kendall B.

2016 Investigating the Socio-Ecological Entanglement of Integrative Mechanisms in Early Low-Density Agrarian Tropical States: Case Studies from Vietnam, South India, and Sri Lanka. In *Framing a Comparative Analysis of Tropical Civilizations: SETS Project – Phase 1 (Volume 2)*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Kendall B. Hills, and Scott Macrae, pp. 201-233. Trent University Occasional Papers in Anthropology No. 18, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Hills, Kendall B.

2014 Investigating the Socio-Ecological Entanglement of Integrative Mechanisms in Early Low Density Agrarian Tropical States: Case Studies from Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Java. In *Framing a Comparative Analysis of Tropical Civilizations: SETS Project – Phase 1 (Volume 1)*, edited by Gyles Iannone, pp. 142-177. Trent University Occasional Papers in Anthropology No. 17, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Iannone, Gyles, Jaime J. Awe, Sonja A. Schwake, and **Kendall B. Hills** (editors)
 2013 *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Fifteenth (2013) Field Season*. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Hills, Kendall B.

2013 From East Side to West Side: Results from the 2013 Excavations in Group B of the Royal Acropolis. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Fifteenth (2013) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Jaime J. Awe, Sonja A. Schwake, and Kendall B. Hills, pp. 50-70. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Demarte, Pete, Sonja A. Schwake, **Kendall B. Hills**, Megan Clarke, Sarah Duignan, Spencer Kawell, Steven Lebrun, Emma Schlegl, and Gyles Iannone
 2013 Ancient Lowland Maya Middle-Level Settlement Investigations: Results of the 2013 Settlement Excavations at the Site of Waybil. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Fifteenth (2013) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Jaime J. Awe, Sonja A. Schwake, and Kendall B. Hills, pp. 56-108. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Schwake, Sonja A., **Kendall B. Hills**, Gyles Iannone, Megan Clarke, Sarah Duignan, Spencer Kawell, Steven Lebrun, and Emma Schlegl
 2013 Investigations in the Waybil Epicenter: Results of the 2013 Excavations in Group A. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Fifteenth (2013) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Jaime J. Awe, Sonja A. Schwake, and Kendall B. Hills, pp. 127-144. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Iannone, Gyles, Jaime J. Awe, Sonja A. Schwake, and **Kendall B. Hills** (editors)
 2012 *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Fourteenth (2012) Field Season*. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Hills, Kendall B.

2012 A Contextual Analysis of the Epicentral Special Find Artifact Assemblage. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Fourteenth (2012) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Jaime J. Awe, Sonja A. Schwake, and Kendall B. Hills, pp. 123-143. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Hills, Kendall B., Steven James Morgan Moodie, Gyles Iannone, and Jack Barry

2012 Investigations in the Waybil Epicenter: Results from the 2012 Excavation of Group A. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Fourteenth (2012) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Jaime J. Awe, Sonja A. Schwake, and Kendall B. Hills, pp. 33-60. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Schwake, Sonja A., Scott Macrae, **Kendall Hills**, Esther Beauregard, Pete Demarte, James Conlon, and Gyles Iannone

2011 Minor Center Investigations in the Eastern Maya Lowlands: The 2011 Excavations at the Martinez Site. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Thirteenth (2011) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Sonja A. Schwake, and Philip P. Reader, pp. 68-96. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

Hills, Kendall and Esther Beauregard

2010 Investigations in Plaza A: The 2010 Research. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Twelfth (2010) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone, Jaime Awe, Maxime Lamoureux- St. Hilaire, and Matthew Longstaffe, pp. 31-44. Social Archaeology Research Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

McCane, Carmen, **Kendall Hills**, Andrew Snetsinger, and Matthew Longstaffe

2009 The Last Year of Trying to Figure Out “What Was Going On Over Yonder?”: The 2009 Peripheral Investigations In Contreras, Minanha, Belize. In *Archaeological Investigations in the North Vaca Plateau, Belize: Progress Report of the Eleventh (2009) Field Season*, edited by Gyles Iannone and Scott Macrae, pp. 74-98. Social Archaeology Research, Program, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nizioloek, Lisa C., Gary M. Feinman, Peter J. Gayford, and **Kendall Hills**

2018 Ceramics and Socioeconomic Change: A Case Study Using the 12th-13th Century Java Sea Shipwreck. Paper presented at the 21st Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, Hue, Vietnam.

Hills, Kendall B.

2018 Networks of Power: Sandstone Temple Production in the Provinces of the Angkorian Khmer Empire. **Invited** paper presented at the 83rd Annual Society for American Archaeology, Washington D.C., USA.

Macrae, Scott, **Kendall B. Hills**, and Gyles Iannone

2017 Historical-Political Ecology in Belize’s North Vaca Plateau. **Invited** paper presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Archaeology Association, Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario/Québec, Canada.

Hills, Kendall B.

2017 Investigating the Socio-Ecological Entanglement of Integrative Mechanisms among the Charter States of South and Southeast Asia. **Invited** paper presented at the 82nd Annual Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Hills, Kendall B.

2016 *Temples in the Tropics: Exploring the Study of Monumentality and its use as an Integrative Mechanism among the Maya and the Khmer.* **Invited** paper presented at the 10th Annual Maya at the Playa Conference, Flagler County, Florida, USA.

Hills, Kendall B.

2016 *Investigating Integrative Mechanisms among Early Tropical States.* **Invited** paper presented at the 81st Annual Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, Florida, USA.

Hills, Kendall B.

2016 *An Archaeological Perspective on State Integration Mechanisms during the South and Southeast Asian "Charter Era".* Paper presented at the 2016 Second City Anthropological Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Hills, Kendall B.

2014 *Place-making at Minanha: A Contextual Analysis of Epicentral Material Culture.* Paper presented at the 79th Annual Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas, USA.

Hills, Kendall B., Sonja A. Schwake, Carmen McCane, and Gyles Iannone

2013 *A Tale of Three Houselots: Identity and the Rise and Fall of the Minanha City-State.* Paper presented at the 11th Annual Belize Archaeology and Anthropology Symposium, San Ignacio, Belize.

Schwake, Sonja A., Gyles Iannone, **Kendall Hills,** and Esther Beauregard

2012 *Preliminary Excavations at the Minor Center of Martinez, Cayo District, Belize.* Paper presented at the 77th Annual Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, Tennessee, USA.

Hills, Kendall

2011 *From Space to Place: A Developmental Analysis of the Epicentral Court Complex at the Ancient Maya Center of Minanha, Belize.* Paper presented at the 76th Annual Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, California, USA.

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS

2018 5th Second City Anthropology Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago

- 2017 Organized session at the 2017 SAA Meeting: An Introduction to the Socio-ecological Entanglement in Tropical Societies (SETS) Project
- 2016 Organized session at the 2016 SAA Meeting: Comparative Approaches to Complexity in the Tropics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Lead Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 102)*
Position: Laboratory Set Up, Course Administration, Laboratory Teaching and Grading
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 102)*
Position: Laboratory Teaching and Grading
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *The Human Adventure (ANTH 100)*
Position: Discussion Leader and Grading
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Concepts in Geography (GEOG 100)*
Position: Discussion Leader and Grading
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 102)*
Position: Laboratory Teaching and Grading
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *World Cultures: Introduction to Social Anthropology (ANTH 101)*
Position: Discussion Leader and Grading
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 102)*
Position: Laboratory Teaching and Grading
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *The Human Adventure (ANTH 100)*
Position: Discussion Leader and Grading
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 102)*
Position: Laboratory Teaching and Grading

- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago: *Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 102)*
Position: Laboratory Teaching and Grading
- 2012 - 2013 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Trent University: *Key Ideas in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology (undergraduate method and theory course; ANTH 3100Y)*
Position: Grading
- 2010 - 2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Trent University: *Key Ideas in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology (undergraduate method and theory course; ANTH 3100Y)*
Position: Seminar Leader and Grading
- 2010 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Trent University: *Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (ANTH 1010H)*
Position: Seminar Leader and Grading
- 2009 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Trent University: *Biological Anthropology and Archaeology (ANTH 1020H)*
Position: Laboratory Teaching and Grading

FIELD AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Researcher**, Magnetic Susceptibility of Sandstone-Pilot Project, Banteay Meanchey, Cambodia
- 2018 **Volunteer**, P'teah Cambodia Project, Battambang, Cambodia
- 2016 **Co-Laboratory Coordinator**, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA
- 2013 - 2017 **Research Associate**, Socioecological Entanglement in Tropical Societies (SETS) Project, Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
- 2014 **Research Assistant and Database Creation**, Social Archaeology Research Program (SARP), Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
- 2013 **Field Director**, Social Archaeology Research Program (SARP), Ixchel and Waybil, Cayo District, Belize (Department of Anthropology, Trent University)
- 2012 - 2013 **Research Assistant and Database Creation**, Social Archaeology Research Program (SARP), Department of Anthropology, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

- 2009 - 2012 **Field Supervisor**, Social Archaeology Research Program (SARP), Minanha, Martinez, Ixchel, and Waybil, Cayo District, Belize (Department of Anthropology, Trent University)
- 2008 **Field Assistant**, Social Archaeology Research Program (SARP), Minanha, Cayo District, Belize (Department of Anthropology, Trent University)
- Laboratory Assistant**, Northwest Coast Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2007 - 2008 **Laboratory Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, Grant Collection and Ontario Collection, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2007 **Laboratory Assistant**, Wadi Ziqlab Archaeological Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 2004 - 2006 **Laboratory Volunteer**, Wadi Ziqlab Archaeological Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2017 – 2019 **President**, Graduate Anthropology and Geography Association, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2017 – 2018 **Organizing Committee**, Second City Anthropology Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2016 – 2017 **Vice President**, Graduate Anthropology and Geography Association, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2015 – 2016 **Co-Organizer** (with Miss Aikaterini Psimogiannou), Second Year Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA
Duties: Responsible for inviting and introducing speakers, setting up the reception, and financial administration

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2016 - 2018 Field Museum Women in Science, Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 2016 – 2018 Graduate Anthropology and Geography Association, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 2009 - 2018 Society for American Archaeology

2007 – 2008 The Anthropology Students' Association, University of Toronto, Toronto,
Ontario, Canada

LANGUAGES

French: reading (intermediate), writing (intermediate), speaking (intermediate)

REFERENCES

*References available upon request