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EDUCATION

- 2019–Present** Doctoral Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2018** M.A. Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2014** B.S. Psychology and Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, *summa cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Household archaeology, coalescence, identity, neighborhood analysis, communities, ceramic analysis, Andean South America

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- 2017** National Geographic Young Explorer’s Grant - “After Collapse: An Investigation of Sociopolitical Transformation and Site Growth at Monte Sierpe, Peru”

INTERNAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018** University of Illinois at Chicago Provost’s Graduate Research Award - - “Architectural Perspectives on Identity and Difference at Mauka Llacta de Nuñoa, Puno, Peru”
- 2016** The Field Museum Anthropology Alliance Internship Summer Fieldwork Program
- 2016** Al & Judy Blitz Archaeology Scholarship Fund, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago

TRAVEL AWARDS

- 2019** University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate College Student Presenters Award

2019	University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate Student Council Travel Award
2019	University of Illinois at Chicago Liberal Art and Sciences PhD Student Travel Award
2018	University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate College Student Presenters Award
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FIELD RESEARCH

2019	Proyecto Arqueológico Mauka Lacta de Nuñoa - Nuñoa, Peru: Project director
2018	Proyecto Arqueológico Trapiche - Puno, Peru: Excavation supervisor
2018	Proyecto Mejoramiento y Creación de los Servicios Turísticos de Cerro Baúl - Moquegua, Peru: Excavation supervisor
2017	Proyecto Monte Sierpe - Pisco, Peru
2017	Research Projects in Chincha, Majes, and Puno, Peru: field assistant
2016	Proyecto Colesuyo - Moquegua, Peru: Assistant supervisor
2015	Proyecto Arqueológico Chincha - Chincha, Peru: field school student

LABORATORY RESEARCH

2018	Andean Archaeology Research Assistant, The Field Museum (Supervisor: Dr. P. Ryan Williams)
2015 - 2016	Research Assistant, Temple University (Supervisor: Dr. Heather B. Thakar)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2020** **Penfil, Rachael.** “Integrated Neighborhoods: Architectural Perspectives on Community at Mauka Llacta de Nuñoa, Puno, Peru.” Invited paper to be presented at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Austin, TX (April 22–26).
- 2019** **Penfil, Rachael.** “Preliminary Discussions of Neighborhood Diversity at Mauka Llacta de Nuñoa, Puno, Peru.” Invited lecture at The Field Museum, Chicago, IL (September 19).
- 2019** **Penfil, Rachael, Jo Osborn, and Jacob Bongers.** “The Effect of Imperial Conquest on Regional Settlement Patterns: A Case Study from the Peruvian South Coast between ca. 1000–1532 C.E.” Poster presented at the 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Albuquerque, NM (April 10–14).
- 2018** **Penfil, Rachael, Jo Osborn, and Jacob Bongers.** “From Inkawasi to Tambo Colorado: Macro-Regional Analysis of Settlement Patterns on the Peruvian South Coast (ca. 1000–1532 C.E.)” Poster Presented at the 46th Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory in Chicago, IL (March 17–18).
- 2018** **Penfil, Rachael, and Kelita Pérez Cubas.** “Control, Visibility, and Storage at Monte Sierpe, A Late Horizon Site in the Pisco Valley, Peru.” Poster presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Washington, D.C. (April 11–15).
- 2018** Camille Weinberg, Jo Osborn, **Rachael Penfil,** and Kelita Pérez Cubas. “New Evidence of Late Intermediate Period and Inca Occupation at Jahuay, Quebrada de Topará, Peru.” Poster presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Washington, D.C. (April 11–15).
- 2017** **Penfil, Rachael, Patrick Ryan Williams, M. Elizabeth Grávalos, and Lauren Monz.** “Craft Production at Cerro Baúl: Unattached Specialization on the Wari Frontier.” Paper presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Vancouver, Canada (March 29–April 2).

TEACHING

- 2019** Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 102, Introduction to Archaeology Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (Spring)

2018	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 105, Human Evolution Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (Spring)
2017	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 102, Introduction to Archaeology Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (Fall)
2016–2017	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 100, The Human Adventure Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (Fall 2016– Spring 2017)
2013	Tutor for low-income Spanish-speaking immigrants in math, geography, Spanish, and English La Milagrosa, Granada, Spain

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

2019	Museum Experiences Coordinator, The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL (Fall 2019)
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2018	Session Moderator, 46th Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory in Chicago, IL (March 17–18).
2017–2018	Hospitality Committee, 46th Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory in Chicago, IL (March 17–18).
2017–2018	Conference Committee, 2018 Second City Anthropology Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago (March 10)
2017–2018	Organizer, Second Year Speaker Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for American Archaeology

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (advanced written and oral)