

Ashley E. Vance

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD Student	2017-Present	University of Illinois at Chicago, Anthropology Chicago, IL
BA	2013-2016	St. Edward's University, History Austin, TX <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>

Research Interests

Andean Archaeology, Inca Empire, Trade and Exchange, Mortuary Practices, Archaeomalacology, Mortuary Archaeology, Ornamentation and Grave Goods, Museum Studies

Honors

2016	Best Undergraduate Paper, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference History Student Research Award, St. Edward's University Outstanding History Major for the 2015-2016 Academic School Year, St. Edward's University
2014	Ronald E. McNair Scholar, St. Edward's University Outstanding Spanish Student Award, St. Edward's University

Awards

2018	Provost Graduate Internship Award, University of Illinois at Chicago <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recipient of a \$5,000 grant for a summer internship with the Field Museum.
2017	Al and Judy Blitz Archaeology Scholarship, University of Illinois at Chicago <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recipient of a \$900 scholarship for field work completed over the summer Anthropology Alliance Summer Field Work, The Field Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provided with a \$2500 stipend for the summer fieldwork season in Peru

- Star Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Estimated value at \$53,994 annually, provided for 4 years
- 2016 Ronald E. McNair Scholar Conference Attendance Grant, St. Edward's University
- Grant covered hotel, travel, and conference fees for the NCUR conference in Asheville, NC. Grant valued at \$2000
- 2015 Ronald E. McNair Conference Attendance Grant, St. Edward's University
- Grant covered hotel and travel expenses for a TAS conference in Houston, TX. Valued at \$525
- Diversity Scholarship for the Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting in Houston, TX
- Scholarship covered TAS member dues, registration fees, and provided \$100 towards travel expenses. Estimated value at \$400
- Dr. Emma Lou Linn Endowed Student/Faculty Research Grant, St. Edward's University
- Recipient of a \$600 research grant to conduct on-campus research
- 2014 Diversity Scholarship for the Texas Archaeological Society Field School in Columbus, TX.
- Scholarship paid for member dues, travel and registration fees, estimated value at \$400
- Faculty Scholarship
- Recipient of a scholarship for \$900 for academic excellence during the 2013-2014 year
- 2012 Higher Education Grant, The Chickasaw Nation
- Ongoing since 2012, annual grant of \$6,500

Conference Presentations

- 2016 *Presenter*, "Andean Burial Rites: An Anthropological Study Exploring the Use of Spondylus Shells within Pre-Columbian Inca Funerary Practices," Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX (April 15th).
- Presenter*, "Andean Burial Rites: An Anthropological Study Exploring the Use of Spondylus Shells within Pre-Columbian Inca Funerary Practices," National Conferences on Undergraduate Research at the University of North Carolina in Asheville, NC (April 7th).

Presenter, “Andean Burial Rites: An Anthropological Study Exploring the Use of Spondylus Shells within Pre-Columbian Inca Funerary Practices,” Phi Alpha Theta Conference at St. Edward’s University in Austin, TX (March 5th).

Poster Presentation, “Andean Burial Rites: An Anthropological Study Exploring the Use of Spondylus Shells within Pre-Columbian Inca Funerary Practices,” Student Excellence Showcase at St. Edward’s University (February 25th).

2015 *Poster Presentation*, “Andean Burial Rites: Human Immolation in Pre-Columbian Inca Society,” Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting in Houston, TX (October 24th).

Presenter, “Andean Burial Rites: Human Immolation in Pre-Columbian Inca Society,” McNair Symposium at U.C. Berkeley in Berkeley, CA (August 1st).

Presenter, “Andean Burial Rites: Human Immolation in Pre-Columbian Inca Society,” McNair Symposium at St. Edward’s University in Austin, TX (July 9th).

Presenter, “The Alamo and the Texas Revolution,” Texas A&M History Conference at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX (March 28th).

Presenter, “Great Suspicions Arise: An Analysis of the Evolving Perceptions of Medieval Women,” Phi Alpha Theta History Conference at St. Edward’s University in Austin, TX (March 7th).

2014 *Presenter*, “The Alamo Revisited: A New Perspective on the Texas Battle,” Phi Alpha Theta History Conference at Texas Women’s University in Denton, TX (April 5th).

Presenter, “What Really Happened at the Alamo? A Reexamination of the Famous Texas Battle,” World History Association of Texas Conference: War, Peace, and Remembrance at St. Edward’s University in Austin, TX (May 7th).

Museum Experience

- May – Aug. 2018 **Collections Management Internship**, The Field Museum
- Supported by the Provost Graduate Internship Award; in collaboration with Jackie Pozza and Jamie Lewis.
 - Assisted with a collections move relating to the renovation of Hall 8 (Hall of Native North America).
 - Presented collaborative research on Bandolier Bags at the Field Museum’s Science Hub.
 - Skills acquired: object handling, preventative conservation, object housing, integrated pest management, object research, museum collections planning, and community engagement.

Fieldwork Experience

- June – Aug. 2017 **Anthropology Alliance Summer Fieldwork**, The Field Museum
- Project led by Dr. Ryan Williams, assisted with GPR surveying, excavating, and botanical analyses.
- Aug. – Dec. 2015 **Archaeology Intern**, Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX
- Skills Acquired: cataloguing, database entry, conservation, and introduction to artifact illustration.
 - Notable Project: Assisted with cataloguing beads from *La Belle*, a 17th century shipwreck off the coast of Matagorda Bay.
- June 14 – 21, 2014 **Texas Archaeological Society Field School**, Columbus, TX
- 8-Day Field School: introduction to excavating, surveying, artifact collecting and conservation.
 - Excavation of a pre-historic Native American site in Columbus, TX.

Lab Experience

- June – Aug. 2017 **Anthropology Alliance Summer Fieldwork**, The Field Museum
- Conducted post-excavation (Macro-) botanical analyses from Pre-Columbian and Colonial sites in Peru.
 - Skills Acquired: Macro-botanical analyses, sieving, basic zooarchaeology.

Research Experience

- Fall 2015 **Dr. Emma Lou Linn Endowed Student/Faculty Research Grant**, St. Edward's University
- Research sponsored by the History Department; in collaboration with Dr. Christie Wilson.
 - Extensive archival and research experience concentrating on Andean Archaeomalacology: the utilization of *Spondylus* in Inca mortuary practices.
 - Skills acquired: increased knowledge of mollusks, their environment, and cultural incorporation in Pre-Columbian contexts; general speciation of Peruvian and Ecuadorian *Spondylus*.
- Summer 2015 **Ronald E. McNair Summer Internship**, St. Edward's University
- Research sponsored by the McNair program, in collaboration with Dr. Terri Newton.
 - Research explored human immolation in the Pre-Columbian Inca Empire.
 - Skills acquired: increased Spanish fluency, knowledge of diverse Andean burial practices with a focus on high-altitude burial preferences.

Skills

Spanish: intermediate reading and speaking

GPR, PXRF, Micro- and Macro-botanical analyses, GIS

Collections Management: object handling, intermediate object housing, object research

References

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