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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2020-present Ph.D. Candidate. Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
Concentration: Latin American and Latino Studies
- 2020 Master of Arts, Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2014 Academic Master. Anthropology, University of Costa Rica
Thesis: Monge, S. (2014). *Más allá de la dieta: Análisis e interpretación de la arqueofauna de un sitio costero en Bahía Culebra, Guanacaste, durante los años 1000-1550 N.E.* University of Costa Rica.
- 2010 Bachelor. Anthropology, University of Costa Rica

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Zooarchaeology, Archaeogenetics, PreColumbian Southern Central America, Costa Rican Archaeology, Human-Environment relationships, Animal management and domestication

GRANTS AND AWARDS (TOTAL AWARDED: \$15,954.22)

- 2021 Provost's Graduate Research Award (December 2021), University of Illinois at Chicago, "Pre-Columbian Management of Turkeys (*Meleagris* sp.) in Culebra Bay, Costa Rica" (\$5,000)
- 2020 Award for Graduate Research, University of Illinois at Chicago, "The Translocation of Pre-Columbian Turkey (*Meleagris* spp.): Reconstructing Past Animal Management Practices in Greater Nicoya, Costa Rica" (\$1,750)
- 2020 Graduate School Council (GSC) Travel Award, University of Illinois at Chicago. Award to offset registration fees for the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (\$117.22)
- 2019 Joshua J. Terry Graduate Award in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, Given to an outstanding second-year graduate student in Anthropology (\$1,000)
- 2019 Provost's Graduate Internship Award, University of Illinois at Chicago. Award for a 3-month internship at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (\$5,000)
- 2019 South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica (SCCM) Student Travel Award, Louisiana State University. Award to assist in travel expenses (\$87)
- 2013 Investigation Scholarship, Institute of Social Science Investigations, University of Costa Rica "Más Allá de la Dieta: Análisis e interpretación de la arqueofauna de un sitio costero en Bahía Culebra, Guanacaste" (~\$3,000)
- 2011 National Gold Cube, Costa Rican Architects Association. Awarded for participation in a community service project investigating the relationship between an at-risk community and their environment

PUBLICATIONS

- In Press Monge, S. A Tropical Treasure Trove: The role of animals in precolumbian southern Greater Nicoya. *The Cultural Mosaic of Central America: Diverse Archaeologies of the Archaeology of Diversity*. Edited by Roberto Herrera, Yahaira Nuñez-Cortez, and Geoffrey McCafferty. The University of Utah Press: Salt Lake City
- Submitted Monge, S. Between culinary and consecrated: The use and management of turkeys (*Meleagris* sp.) in southern Greater Nicoya, Costa Rica. *From the Earth to the Plate: Environment, Resource Procurement and Foodways in the Isthmo-Colombian Area and the Caribbean Islands*. Edited by María López-Rojas, Susan Monge, Yajaira Núñez-Cortés. Springer: Cham
- Submitted **Monge, S.** & A. Sharpe. Turkeys in the Far South: Evidence from Greater Nicoya. *Exploring the history of the turkey domestication and management*. Edited by Aurélie Manin, Camilla Speller, Eduardo Corona, and Erin Thornton.
- 2020, June Monge, S. Conociendo el Humedal de la Ribera. *El Guacho: Periódico oficial del Comité Cantonal de la Persona Joven de Belén*, pg. 13
- 2015, March Monge, S. Humedal La Ribera: Riquezas y dilemas. *El Guacho: Periódico oficial del Comité Cantonal de la Persona Joven de Belén*, pg. 11

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Research Assistant, Williams Ancient DNA Laboratory, University of Illinois at Chicago, Supervisors: Dr. Sloan Williams and Dr. Leland Rogers
- 2019 Research Assistant, Elemental Analysis Facility, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Supervisor: Dr. Laure Dussubieux (Reconstruction of Manufacturing Patterns through Elemental and Isotopic Characterization of Raw Materials, NSF Award: 1649742)
- 2019 Internship, Center for Tropical Paleoecology and Archaeology, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama, (June-August), Supervisors: Dr. Ashley Sharpe and Dr. Richard Cooke

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2022 Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Chicago
Human Evolution (ANTH 105), Fall 2022
Introduction to Human Evolution (ANTH 105), Fall 2020 and Spring 2021
Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 102), Fall 2018, Spring 2019 Summer/Fall 2021, Spring 2022
- 2014-2015 Interim Professor, School of Anthropology, University of Costa Rica
Courses taught:
Introducción a la Antropología (AT-1109), Spring and Summer 2014
Courses designed and taught:
Temas Antropológicos I: Paleoetnobotánica para Arqueología (AT-1133), Fall 2015
Temas Antropológicos XIII: Introducción a las Estrategias de Subsistencia Faunísticas (AT-1145), Spring 2015
Tendencias de la Antropología IV: Introducción a la Zooarqueología (AT-1004), Fall 2014
- 2014-2015 English teacher, Intensa Institute, Costa Rica

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2023 Co-organizer and Discussant, Facing Challenges: Zooarchaeology in a Changing World [Forum], Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Portland, Oregon, USA (March 29 - April 2)
- 2022 Co-Chair, From the earth to the plate: Environment, resource procurement and foodways in the Isthmo-Colombian area [Symposium], Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois, USA (March 30 - April 3)
- 2022 Presenter, *Between culinary and consecrated: The use and management of turkeys (Meleagris sp.) in southern Greater Nicoya*. Contributed paper. María López Rojas, Yahaira Núñez Cortés, Susan Monge Blanco, (Chairs), From the earth to the plate: Environment, resource procurement and foodways in the Isthmo-Colombian area [Symposium], Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois, USA (March 30 - April 3)
- 2021 Presenter, *Let's Talk Turkey: Exploring turkey (Meleagris spp.) management in pre-Columbian Greater Nicoya, Costa Rica*. Brown Bag Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA (November 30, 2021)
- 2021 Presenter, *A Tropical Treasure Trove: Preliminary Assessment of Archaeological Faunal Remains from Culebra bay, Guanacaste, Costa Rica*. Contributed paper. Roberto Herrera & Yajaira Núñez Cortés (Chairs), Advances and New Perspectives in the Isthmo-Colombian Area [Symposium], Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California, USA (April 15-17)
- 2020 Poster, *Zooarchaeology of Culebra Bay, Guanacaste, Costa Rica*. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas, USA (cancelled)
- 2019 Presenter, *Exploring pre-Columbian Turkey Remains (Meleagris cf gallopavo) in the Gran Nicoya Area, Costa Rica*. South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA (October 18-20)
- 2013 Presenter, *Más Allá de la Dieta: Análisis e interpretación de la arqueofauna de un sitio costero en Bahía Culebra, Guanacaste*. Contributed Paper. VIII Encuentro de Nuevas Voces en Ciencias Sociales, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica (April 24-25)
- 2013 Participant, IV Central American Congress of Cultural Studies, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica (July 17-19)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2012 Archaeology Project Assistant, Ecodesarrollo Papagayo Project, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
- 2010-2011 Anthropologist, Project "Linda Vista: Building a dream", University Community Service program TCU-547 "Knowing, living and loving my community" with Architect Ana Gretel Molina, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica
- 2010-2011 Project Manager, Environmental Project "La Ribera wetland", University Community Service program TCU-547 "Knowing, living and loving my community" with Arch. Ana Gretel Molina, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica
- 2010 Assistant and logistic support, I Ibero-American Congress on Cultural Heritage, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica
- 2010 Project Manager, Environmental Education Project "Conociendo el recurso hídrico en mi cantón", Belén Municipal government and the University of Costa Rica

RELEVANT LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Bioinformatics Workshop, Research Informatics Core, University of Illinois at Chicago
2019 Introduction to R Statistical Programming, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
2018 Zooarchaeology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2012 Applications of Geometric Morphometrics to Taxonomy (Aplicaciones de la Morfometría Geométrica en la Taxonomía), University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica
2011 Zoology I and II, School of Biology, University of Costa Rica
2009-2010 Introduction to Biology I and II, School of Biology, University of Costa Rica
2008 Care and Management of Natural History Collections (Cuidado y Manejo de Colecciones de Historia Natural), University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2022-2023 Representative, Graduate Student Council, University of Illinois at Chicago
2019-2020 Co-organizer, Second Year Speaker Series, Anthropology Department, University of Illinois at Chicago
2019-2020 Representative, Graduate Student Council, University of Illinois at Chicago
2017-2018 Volunteer, The Field Museum of Natural History, Anthropology Department, Integrative Research Center, Supervisor: Dr. Gary Feinman
2013-2014 Vice-President, Local Youth Committee of Belén, Costa Rica (Comité cantonal de la persona joven)
2011 Summer Program, Lubbock Lake Landmark, Texas, July-August field season
2010-2016 District Councilwoman (Concejala de Distrito propietaria), La Ribera district, Belen Municipal government, Costa Rica
2010-2012 Volunteer, Costa Rican National Museum, Pavas, Costa Rica
2007-2008 Volunteer, Carlos Aguilar Piedra Archaeology Laboratory, Costa Rica

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Canadian Latin American Archaeology Society
Society for American Archaeology

LANGUAGES

English, fluent oral and written
Spanish, fluent oral and written

SOFTWARE SKILLS

ArcGIS, JMP, SPSS, R and RStudio, UNIX, Anaconda (Python), Geneius, BWA, Bioinformatic toolkits