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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Place of birth: Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
Date of Birth: December 18, 1979
Nationality: Mexico/Spain
Languages: Spanish (Native Speaker). English.

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

PhD. Anthropology: Archaeology	2019
Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.	
Dissertation Title: “ <i>The Role of Road Networks in Social Definition of Angamuco, Michoacán (250-1530 CE)</i> ”	
Advisor: Marcos Llobera, PhD	
MA. Anthropology	2012
University of Washington, Seattle, WA.	
MA. Conservation and Cultural Heritage	2008
Universidad de Salamanca, Spain	
Licenciatura en Arqueología (Comparable to BA)	2003
<i>Licenciatura. Facultad de Antropología, Universidad Veracruzana at Xalapa Veracruz, México.</i>	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Landscape, urban mobility, road networks, comparative urbanism, architecture, survey and intra-site analysis, remote sensing, archaeological GIS, material culture, conservation, cultural heritage, archaeology and local communities, politics and ethics of archaeology and the sciences; Latin America, Mesoamerica, Western Mexico.

ACTIVE FIELD PROJECTS

Co-PI	Legacies of Resilience: Lake Patzcuaro Basin Archaeological Project (LORE-LPB), Phase II Urbanism in Michoacán 250-1530 CE (Angamuco site). Projected next field season: Summer 2021 Colorado State University, CO
Co-PI	Proyecto Arqueológico Cuenca de Sayula (PACS), Phase IV Landscape and Cultural transformations 1500 BCE-1520 CE (Four sites around Sayula Basin). Projected next field season: Winter 2021 Universidad de Guadalajara, MX
Co-Leader	Cultural Heritage Ethnographic Summer Field school, Mexico 2-week ethnographic school on different models of Archaeological Heritage Management (Teotihuacan, Guachimontones, Tzintzuntan and Angamuco). Next field season: Summer 2021 Utah State University, UT

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Cohen, A., and Solinis-Casparius, R., (2017)** “The Micropolitics of Public Archaeology: Working with the Ejido in Michoacán, Mexico” *Journal of Social Archaeology* 17(3), 326-348.
- Fisher, C.T., Cohen, A.S., Solinis-Casparius, R., Pezzutti, F.L., Bush, J., Forest, M., Torvinen, A., (2019)** “Typology of Ancient Purépecha (Tarascan) Architecture from Angamuco, Michoacán, Mexico”. *Latin American Antiquity* 30(03):510-528.
- *Submitted** Fisher, C.T., Cohen, A.S., Solinis-Casparius, R., Urquhart, K., “Characterizing Purépecha Urbanism at Angamuco, Michoacán, México” in: *Ancient West Mexico: Time, Space, and Diversity*. Chapter 4. University of Florida Press. [expected Spring 2020]
- *In progress** Solinis-Casparius, R., “Identifying a pedestrian road network for a Mesoamerican city using lidar derived data”. To be submitted to *Journal of Archaeological Research*. [expected Spring 2020]
- *In progress** Solinis-Casparius, R., Fisher, C.T., Leisz, S., “The application of Lidar data for archaeological investigations of Angamuco, Michoacán”. To be submitted to *Journal of Archaeological Research*. [expected Spring 2020]
- *In progress** Solinis-Casparius, R., “Use and re-use of road infrastructure: evidence of central planning in Angamuco, Michoacán, Mexico”. To be submitted to *Latin American Antiquity*. [expected Summer 2020]
- *In progress** Solinis-Casparius, R., “Temporal transformations of ancient pedestrian roads at Angamuco, Michoacán”. To be submitted to *Latin American Antiquity*. [expected Summer 2020]
- *In progress** Cohen, A.S., Solinis-Casparius, R., Fisher, C.T., “Chronology of Angamuco, Michoacán, Mexico”. To be submitted to *Journal of Field Archaeology*. [expected Summer 2020]
- *In progress** Fisher, C.T., Cohen, A.S., Solinis-Casparius, R., Urquhart, K., Pezzutti, F.L., “Model of urbanization in western Lake Patzcuaro Basin”. To be submitted to *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*. [expected Fall 2020]
- *In progress** Solinis-Casparius, R., Cohen, A.S., Cárdenas, C., and Fisher, C.T. “Excavations at Central Plaza and Burial traditions during the Postclassic at Angamuco, Michoacán, Mexico”. To be submitted to *Journal of Field Archaeology*. [expected Fall 2020]
- *In progress** Solinis-Casparius, R., Cohen, A.S., Cárdenas, C., and Fisher, C.T. *Prácticas Funerarias en Angamuco, Michoacán (Postclásico temprano a tardío)*. For *Primer Coloquio de la Arqueología en Michoacán: Costumbres Funerarias en Michoacán y sus Áreas Vecinas*, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Morelia, Michoacán. [expected Fall 2020]

RESEARCH REPORTS (Selected)

- Solinis-Casparius, R., (2019)** Final Report of activities on PACUA project. Season 2016. Informe prepared for the INAH - Consejo de Arqueología.
- Solinis-Casparius, R., Fisher, C. T., Urquhart, K., (2019)** Report of activities on LORE-LPB project 2016-2019. Informe prepared for the INAH - Consejo de Arqueología.
- Fisher, C. T., Solinis-Casparius, R., Cohen, A. S., & Pezzutti, F., (2016)** Update on the LORE-LPB project 2016. Season 2014 Informe prepared for the INAH - Consejo de Arqueología.
- Fisher, C. T., Pezzutti, F., Cohen, A. S., & Solinis-Casparius, R. (2013)** Update on the LORE-LPB project 2013. Season 2013. Informe prepared for the INAH - Consejo de Arqueología.
- Fisher, C. T., Pezzutti, F., Cohen, A. S., & Solinis-Casparius, R. (2011)** Update on the LORE-LPB project 2009-11. Informe prepared for the INAH - Consejo de Arqueología.
- Fisher, C. T., Pezzutti, F., Cohen, A. S., & Solinis-Casparius, R. (2010)** Update on the LORE-LPB project 2009-10. Informe prepared for the INAH - Consejo de Arqueología.

- Solinis-Casparius, Rodrigo & Aaron G. Krile Ponce (2010)** Diagnóstico del contexto social en la zona de influencia de los proyectos de abastecimiento y saneamiento de agua potable de la zona conurbada de Guadalajara. Informe Técnico Final. Report submitted to Comisión Estatal de Agua (CEA), Jalisco, Mexico
- Solinis-Casparius, Rodrigo & Aaron G. Krile Ponce (2005)** Impacto Social, Reconstrucción Histórica y Materia Cultural sobre el reasentamiento de la comunidad por la construcción de la presa de Arcediano. Informe Técnico Final. Report submitted to Comisión Estatal de Agua (CEA), Jalisco, Mexico

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- Solinis-Casparius, R. (2019), **Angamuco's Socio-Spatial Organization: roads and pedestrian circulation among household complejos**. INAH, Michoacán 4th Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. (2019), **The use of digital technologies to understand pedestrian traffic patterns and urbanization at Angamuco**. 5th Annual Rocky Mountains Pre-Columbian Association Research Colloquium
- Solinis-Casparius, R. (2019), **Ancient roads: How archaeologists study roads and cities**. TEDx Event. Colorado Chapter
- Solinis-Casparius, R. Cohen, A. (2018) **Toward Community-Supported Archaeology: Archaeological Practice on Ejido Land in Michoacán, Mexico**
INAH, Michoacán 3rd Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. (2018), **Archaeological Practice and Public Engagement in Cultural Heritage sites of Mexico**
Center for Anthropological Research in Museums and Cultural Heritage, Berlin
- Solinis-Casparius, R., Fisher, C., Fernandez, J., Bush, J., Cohen, A. (2018), **Current Archaeological Research in Eastern, Central, and Southern Honduras**,
Society of American Archaeology 83rd Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. (2017), **Infraestructura vial prehispánica: Caminos de Angamuco a través del tiempo, \ Michoacan (250-1530 CE)**,
INAH, Michoacan 2nd Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. Cohen, A. Fisher, C. (2017), **Integrating LiDAR with Pedestrian Survey at the Ancient City of Angamuco, Michoacán, Mexico**,
Society of American Archaeology 82nd Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. Cohen, A. Fisher, C. Cardenas, C. (2016), **Prácticas Funerarias at Angamuco, Michoacan**
INAH, Michoacan 1st Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. Cohen, A. Urquhart, K. (2016), **Urbanism in the Purepecha Heartland at Angamuco**.
Society of American Archaeology 81st Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. Cohen, A. Pezzutti, F. (2015), **Working with the Ejido: Negotiating Archaeology and Local Politics in Michoacán, Mexico**,
Society of American Archaeology 80th Annual Meeting
- Solinis-Casparius, R. Pezzutti, F. (2014), **Roads and social space. Exploring intra-site accessibility using LiDAR data from Angamuco, Michoacán**,
Society of American Archaeology 79th Annual Meeting

FELLOWSHIPS, POSTDOCS AND GRANTS

CSU- Postdoctoral Fellowship. Liberal Arts' Dean's office Postdoctoral Fellowship for scholars working within indigenous communities Department of Anthropology & Geography / Department of History Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO	2019-2020
Fulbright. Fulbright-García Robles Fellowship for PhD studies in USA	2010-2013
CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología) Mexican National Council of Science and Technology. Scholarship to pursue PhD.	2010-2015

RESEARCH GRANTS

National Science Foundation. Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award (BCS 1565506): <i>The Role of Road Systems In Social Definition And Integration</i> (\$25,072)	2015
Pilot Research Grant. Department of Anthropology, University of Washington. (\$1,500)	2015

AUTHOR IN OTHER GRANTS

University of Washington – Student Technology Grants. (\$80,444) <i>Digital Archaeology Equipment (High end computers and server to equip lab)</i>	2017
University of Washington – Student Technology Grants. (\$66,692) <i>Low Impact Recording in Archaeology (Total Stations, GNSS, Data collectors for the department)</i>	2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 Alfonso Caso Award. Best Archaeology Dissertation in Mexico. INAH. Very competitive	2020
Yeager Awards for Teaching Excellence in Archaeology. University of Washington. Departmental recognition. Competitive	2019
Yeager Awards for Scholarly Excellence in Archaeology. University of Washington. Departmental recognition. Competitive	2018
Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences. University of Washington, WA Conference Travel Award. Congress, Mexico. Competitive	2018
TOPOI - Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations Workshop: Researching Public Engagements of Museums and Heritage Sites Berlin. Very competitive	2018
Graduate School Top Scholar Awards. University of Washington, WA GSFEI Graduate Student Travel Award. Competitive	2017
Department of Anthropology. University of Washington, WA Conference Travel grant. Competitive	2014 & 2015
University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA. International Academic Exchange Scholarship. Competitive	2001
Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universidad Veracruzana, MX. Program of academic excellence. Scholarships for academic years 2000 to 2002.	2000-2002

ARCHAEOLOGY LABS' AFFILIATIONS

- **Center for Archaeology and Remote Sensing (CARS)** Colorado State University, Fort Collins. CO
- **Digital Archaeology Research Laboratory (DigAR)** University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- **Archaeology Lab at Departamento de Estudios Mexicanos y Mesoamericanos (DEMM).** Universidad de Guadalajara, Jalisco, MX

GUEST LECTURES

Invited as Guest Lecturer for University talks at:
Colorado State University, CO USA
University of Washington, Seattle, WA USA
Humboldt University of Berlin, GERMANY
Universidad de Guadalajara, MEXICO
ITESO Jesuit University. Guadalajara, MEXICO
National Academy of Engineers, Jalisco, MEXICO

CLASSROOM TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor , “Introduction to Prehistory”. ~90 students Department of Anthropology & Geography, Colorado State University	2020 - Spring
Instructor , “Archaeology of Mesoamerica”. ~40 students Department of Anthropology & Geography, Colorado State University	2020 - Spring
Instructor , “Digitizing ancient architecture and spatial analysis in GIS”. ~10 students Department of Anthropology & Geography, Colorado State University.	2019 - Fall
Instructor , “Principles of Archaeology”. ~30 students Department of Anthropology, University of Washington	2018 - Summer
Instructor , “Archaeology and Remote Sensing, post-processing methods”. ~10 students Department of Anthropology, University of Washington.	2017 - Fall
Teaching Assistant , Archaeology Field school, ~25 students International Program: “Anthropology Spain: Discovering Ancient Mediterranean Spain – Excavation and Survey of the Iron Age Site of Mestre Ramon”.	2017 - Summer
Instructor , “Archaeology in Film, TV and digital media”. ~40 students Department of Anthropology, University of Washington.	2017 - Winter
Teaching assistant , “Archaeological Field Recordings Techniques” ~ 15 students Department of Anthropology, University of Washington.	2013, 2014, 2017
Teaching Assistant , “The Human Past” ~ 120 students Department of Anthropology, University of Washington.	2015 - Spring

OTHER TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Capstone project Advisor Mentoring 2 senior undergraduate students in the design for a capstone project that includes research papers, posters and presentations. Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University	2020
Honors thesis Advisor Mentored and guided 1 undergraduate student in the design, application of research and data collection Department of Environment, University of Washington	2018
Instructor, Full-time High school Courses: Ancient History of Mexico, History of 21st century, Research Methods in Social Sciences, and Sociology (in English). Total ~600 students Instituto de Ciencias, Jesuit high school of Guadalajara. MEXICO	2009-2010
Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Field School Troia, Roman Site, Alentejio, PORTUGAL.	2005
Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Field School Excampo Della Fiera, Multicomponent site (Roman-Etruscan-medieval), Orvieto. University of Perugia, ITALY	2003
Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Field School Prehispanic Settlement Pattern and Peopling of The Lower Basin of Papaloapan River Project. Veracruz, Mexico La Campana and El Socorro, Early Classic sites in Southern Veracruz Universidad Veracruzana, Xalapa, MEXICO	2003
Instructor, Full-time High school History of Mexico, ~50 students Colegio Victoria, Guadalajara, México.	1999

CULTURAL OUTREACH

Public talks at elementary and middle schools in Seattle, Guadalajara and Tzintzuntzan
Contributor to e-journals for youth on science and cultural heritage
Co-organized conferences, workshops and forums on Archaeology to general public in Guadalajara, Mexico DF, Xalapa and Morelia, MEXICO

MUSEUMS, AND ARCHAEOLOGY LABORATORIES

Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Position: Archaeology Public Outreach Coordinator	2012 - 2019
PBS&J Archaeology Laboratory CRM Firm, Austin, TX Assistant curator.	2008
National Archaeology Museum of Portugal Learning Roman Ceramics Hands on. 2nd Annual session.	2005
Museum of Anthropology, Xalapa. Universidad Veracruzana, Xalapa, Veracruz, México. Position: Assistant of restoration laboratory.	2002-2003
Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA.	2001

SUMMARY OF EXCAVATIONS AND FIELDWORK

2002 to 2018 **MEXICO (Yucatan, Michoacan, Jalisco, Veracruz)**
 USA (Texas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama)
 PORTUGAL (Setubal)
 ITALY (Umbria)
 HONDURAS (Mosquitia)
 SPAIN (Mallorca)

Worked for projects funded by:

NASA, National Science Foundation, National Geographic, UNESCO, University of Guadalajara, Universidad Veracruzana, CEMCA (French Government), FAMSI and CONACYT (Mexican Science Council).

DETAIL OF EXCAVATIONS AND FIELDWORK

Research and Field Assistant, LANDSCAPE, ENCOUNTERS, AND IDENTITY PROJECT: Archaeology of landscape transformation in Pre- and Proto-historic NE Mallorca. Funded by University of Washington and Local Government of Son Servera. Place: Son Servera, Mallorca, SPAIN Superior: Marcos Llobera, PhD. University of Washington.	2017
Project Investigator (PI), URBAN ROADS OF ANGAMUCO, ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT. NSF funded archaeological project Survey and Excavation of ancient urban roads Place: Patzcuaro, Michoacán, MEXICO	2016

<p>Field Director, MOSQUITIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT. National Geographic Recovery of archaeological materials in remote jungle setting Ciudad Jaguar site - T1 Place: Olancho, HONDURAS Funded: National Geographic Society and Honduras Government Superior: Christopher T. Fisher, PhD. Colorado State University.</p>	<p>2016</p>
<p>Field Director, LEGACIES OF RESILIENCE: THE LAKE PATZCUARO ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT NSF funded archaeological project Place: Patzcuaro, Michoacán, MEXICO Multiple seasons including LiDAR-pedestrian survey and excavation of elite and commoners households, architecture and cemetery. Director of project: Christopher T. Fisher, PhD. Colorado State University.</p>	<p>2011 - 2014</p>
<p>Project Archaeologist (PA), CRM RANGER MUSEUM CEMETERY EXCAVATION. WACO, TEXAS. Historic cemetery data recovery Place: Waco, TX. USA Company: PBS&J. Superior: Nesta Anderson, PhD. Project Investigator.</p>	<p>2008</p>
<p>Crew Chief, CRM SOUTH HENDERSON SURVEY. HENDERSON, TEXAS. Place: Henderson County, TX. EUA Company: PBS&J. Superior: Boyd Dixon, PhD. Project Investigator.</p>	<p>2008</p>
<p>Archaeology Field Technician, CRM SAN ANTONIO MAIN PLAZA DATA RECOVERY. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Data recovery of Colonial elements associated to San Fernando Cathedral. Place: San Antonio, TX. Company: PBS&J. Superior: Nesta Anderson, PhD. Project Investigator.</p>	<p>2007</p>
<p>Archaeology Field Technician, CRM EAGLE PASS MINE DATA RECOVERY. EAGLE PASS, TEXAS. Archaic sites data recovery Place: Eagle Pass, TX. USA Company: PBS&J. Superior: Andrea Stahman, MA. Project Archaeologist</p>	<p>2007</p>
<p>Archaeology Field Technician, CRM GAY FARMS PROJECT. CUTHBERT, GEORGIA. Historic structures data recovery Company: New South Associates. Superior: Jennifer Azzarello, MA. Project Archaeologist.</p>	<p>2006</p>
<p>Field Director, PAKBEH REGIONAL ECONOMY PROJECT, CHUNCHUCMIL, YUCATAN, MX. Early Classic Mayan site. Director: Bruce Dahlin, PhD. Howard University. Sponsor: National Science Foundation.</p>	<p>2006 & 2005</p>
<p>Crew Chief, CRM MET THREE PROJECT. TEQUESTA MORTUARY GROUNDS. MIAMI, USA. Multicomponent site data recovery Place: Downtown Miami, FL, USA Director: Bob Carr, MA. Company: Archaeological and Historical Conservancy.</p>	<p>2006</p>
<p>Research and Field Assistant, SOCIO-CULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE EPICLASSIC AND EARLY POSTCLASSIC IN WESTERN MEXICO: ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE SAYULA BASIN, PROJECT. JALISCO, MEXICO. Season III, Excavation of "La Picota" site.</p>	<p>2004</p>

Place: Techaluta-Guadalajara, Jalisco, México.
Director: Catherine Liot, PhD. Universidad de Guadalajara.
Sponsor: FAMSI-CONACYT

Research and Field Assistant, 2003
ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROYECT OF EL IZTÉPETE, ZAPOPAN, MEXICO.
Classic site, commercial center of the Atemajac Valley.
Mexican Institute of Anthropology and Archaeology Season I, winter of 2003.
Supervisor: Carlos Santos, Architect. Project Director. INAH.

Research and Field Assistant, 2002
**PREHISPANIC SETTLEMENT PATTERN AND PEOPLING OF THE LOWER BASIN OF
PAPALOAPAN RIVER PROJECT. VERACRUZ, MEXICO**
Place: Tlacojalpan-Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.
Supervisor: Pedro Jiménez Lara, PhD. Project Director.
Sponsor: Institute of Historic-Social Studies of Universidad Veracruzana.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK

Archaeology Graduate Student Assistant 2015 - 2016
Department of Anthropology, University of Washington Seattle, WA.
Description of Position: Inventory, manage, and maintain archaeological collections and equipment for the department including tracking users, cleaning, housing, tagging and servicing equipment/collections. Provide relevant training for lab protocols and/or instruction in equipment operation and safety training.

Archaeology Public Outreach Coordinator 2012 to 2014
BURKE Museum of Natural History and Culture, Seattle, WA.
Description of Position: Assist in the Identification of archaeological materials with the public, help coordinating public events, educate on the ethics of archaeological practice and assist with research and information of the impact of the archaeology division with the general public.

Project Investigator, Ethnography. 2009 to 2010
Water State Commission (CEA), Jalisco, MEXICO
Social Context Diagnosis in Impact Urban Zone for Water Sanitation and Supply: Main Project in Guadalajara.
Description: Directed a group of 8 assistants and designed 8-month ethnographic strategy and tools near urban areas of the city. Research goal: Assessment of residents of areas of high indexes of water pollution and its impact in their daily life.

Guest Editor for MUSEUM International Journal 2007
UNESCO Head Quarters, Paris, France.
Place: Culture Sector, HQ at Paris, France
Superior: Isabelle Vinson, PhD. Editor in Chief
Position: Internship. Design special Issue on subaquatic cultural heritage, Research committee and editorial assistant.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Society for American Archaeology (SAA)
Red Mexicana de Arqueología (RMA)
Centre for Anthropological Research on museums and heritage (CARMAH)
Digital Archaeology Lab, University of Washington
Centro de Estudios Mexicanos y Mesoamericanos, Universidad de Guadalajara (CEMM)

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Selected research and CRM projects in the world.
Experience directing Excavation, Survey and Lab Analysis and working with colleagues of all parts of the world.

