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Professional Positions

Director of Museum Studies, University of New Mexico	2013 - present
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico	2013 - present
Andrew W. Mellon Associate Deputy Director, University of Pennsylvania Museum	2009 - 2013
American Section Publications Coordinator, University of Pennsylvania Museum	2005 - 2009
Research Scientist, American Section, University of Pennsylvania Museum	2004 - 2009
Assistant Curator, Pre-Columbian Studies, Dumbarton Oaks, Trustees for Harvard University	1998 - 2003

Education

University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. in Anthropology	2004
University of Pittsburgh, courses in Anthropology	1986 - 1987
Carnegie Mellon University, courses in Fine Arts	1986 - 1987
Manchester College, B.A. cum laude, with honors in Art	1985
Université de Strasbourg, Institut International des Etudes Françaises, Deuxième degré	1984

Books and Edited Volumes

The Origins of Maya States.

in press

(L. Traxler and R. Sharer, editors) University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.

Early Classic Acropolis Reports Volume II: The Early Northern Platforms.

in preparation

(L. Traxler, editor and principal author) University Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.

The Ancient Maya, Sixth Edition.

2006

(by R. Sharer with L. Traxler) Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters and Journal Articles

"Copan and Quirigua: Shifting Destinies in the Southeastern Lowlands." in press (with R. Sharer) In Maya Political Relations and Strategies, edited by J. Zralka.

Proceedings of the 14th European Maya Conference, Kraków, Poland.

"The Origins of Maya States: Problems and Prospects."

in press

(with R. Sharer) For publication in The Origins of Maya States, edited by L. Traxler and R.

Sharer. University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.

"The Early Copan Acropolis Program."

submitted

(with R. Sharer) For publication in Introduction to the Copan Acropolis Reports, edited

by W. Fash, R. Agurcia, and R. Sharer. Peabody Museum, Cambridge, MA.

"Time Beyond Kings."

2012

Expedition 54 (1):36-43.

Catalogue Entries for Plates 12, 23, 24, 25, 30, 53, and 58.

2012

In Ancient Maya Art at Dumbarton Oaks, Pre-Columbian Art at Dumbarton Oaks, No. 4.

J. Pillsbury, M. Doutriaux, R. Ishihara-Brito, and A. Tokovinine, editors. Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington, DC.

"Kings and commoners at Copan: Isotopic evidence for origins and movement in the Classic Maya period." (with T. D. Price, J. H. Burton, R. J. Sharer, J. E. Buikstra, L. E. Wright, and	2010
K. A. Miller) Journal of Anthropological Archaeology 29(1):15-32. "Micro-Attenuated Total Reflection Spectral Imaging in Archaeology: Application to Maya Paint and Plaster Wall Decorations." (with R. A. Goodall, J. Hall, R. J. Sharer, L. Rintoul, and P. M. Fredericks) Journal of Applied Spectroscopy 62(1):10-16.	2008
"The Foundations of Ethnic Diversity in the Southeastern Maya Area." (with R. Sharer) In Maya Ethnicity: The Construction of Ethnic Identity from the Preclassic to Modern Times, edited by F. Sachse. Acta Mesoamerica. Saurwein Verlag, Markt Schwaben.	2006
"Early Classic Royal Power in Copan: The Origins and Development of the Acropolis (ca. AD 250-650)." (with R. Sharer, D. Sedat, J. Miller, and E. Bell) In <i>Copan: The History of an Ancient Maya Kingdom</i> , edited by E.W. Andrews and W. L. Fash. School of American Research, Santa Fe.	2005
"Redesigning Copan: Architecture of the Polity Center at the Time of the Dynastic Founding." In <i>Understanding Early Classic Copan</i> , edited by E. Bell, M. Canuto, and R. Sharer. University of Pennsylvania Museum Press, Philadelphia.	2004
"Tombs and Burials Within the Early Classic Copan Acropolis." (with E. Bell, R. Sharer, D. Sedat, and C. Carrelli) In <i>Understanding Early Classic Copan</i> , edited by E. Bell, M. Canuto, and R. Sharer. University of Pennsylvania Museum Press, Philadelphia.	2004
"Early Classic Ceramic Offerings at Copan: A Comparison of the Hunal, Margarita, and Sub-Jaguar Tombs." (with D. Reents-Budet, E. Bell, R. Bishop) In <i>Understanding Early Classic Copan</i> , edited by E. Bell, M. Canuto, and R. Sharer. University of Pennsylvania Museum Press, Philadelphia.	2004
"At Court in Copan: Palace Groups of the Early Classic." In Maya Palaces and Elite Residences, edited by J. Christie. University of Texas Press, Austin.	2003
"Now the God of the Spaniards is Dead: Ethnogenesis and Community Formation in the Aftermath of the Pueblo Revolt of 1680." (with R. Preucel and M. Wilcox) In <i>Traditions</i> , <i>Transitions</i> , and <i>Technologies: Themes in Southwestern Archaeology in the Year 2000</i> , edited by S. Schlanger. University Press of Colorado, Boulder, CO.	2002
"The Royal Court of Early Classic Copan." In Royal Courts of the Ancient Maya Volume 2: Data and Case Studies, edited by T. Inomata and S. Houston. Westview Press, Boulder, CO.	2001
"Continuities and Contrasts in Early Classic Architecture of Central Copan." (with W. Fash, R. Sharer, D. Sedat and R. Williamson) In Mesoamerican Architecture as a Cultural Symbol, edited by J. K. Kowalski. Oxford University Press, New York.	1999
"Uncovering Copán's Earliest Royal Tombs." (with E. Bell, D. Sedat, and R. Sharer) Expedition 41 (2):29-35.	1999
"Early Classic Architecture Beneath the Copan Acropolis: A Research Update." (with R. Sharer, D. Sedat, E. Bell, M. Canuto and C. Powell) <i>Ancient Mesoamerica</i> 10:3-23.	1999
"Evolution of Classic Period Architecture in the Eastern Acropolis, Copan: A Progress Report." (with R. Sharer and J. Miller) <i>Ancient Mesoamerica</i> 3:145-159.	1992
"The Copán Corte: A Window on the Architectural History of a Maya City." (with R. Sharer and J. Miller) Expedition 33 (2):46-54.	1991

Additional Publications

Temporary exhibition for Dumbarton Oaks.

"El uso del cacao por la Élite Maya durante el Período Clásico Temprano en Copán." in press (with C. McNeil, W. J. Hurst, R. Sharer, and E. Bell) For publication in Yaxkin, Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia, Tegucigalpa. "2012 and Beyond." 2012 Expedition 54 (1):44-45. "The Center of Power for the Kings of Copan." 2007 CD-ROM publication. Proceedings of the III Congreso Internacional de Copán, The Art of Power in the Mundo Maya, edited by R. Agurcia Fasquelle. Honduran Ministry of Tourism. "Las Tumbas Reales Más Tempranas de Copán: Muerte y Renacimiento en un Reino Maya Clasíco." 2003 (with R. Sharer) In Antropología de la Eternidad. La Muerte en la Cultura Maya, edited by A. Cuidad Ruiz, M. H. Ruz Sosa, and M. J. Iglesias Ponce de León. Sociedad Española de Estudios Mayas y del Centro de Estudios Mayas, Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, UNAM. 2002 Aztecs. Catalogue Entries 178, 192, 195, 314, 320, 335. Exhibition catalogue. E. Matos Moctezuma and F. Solís Olguín, exhibition curators. Royal Academy of Arts, London. "Grupos de patios tempranos de la Acrópolis de Copán del Clásico Temprano." 1996 Yaxkin 14 (1 y 2):35-54. "A New Discovery at Copan." Expedition 35 (3):57-62. 1994 **Exhibitions** Exhibition Curator MAYA 2012: Lords of Time 2012 - 2013 Major special exhibition for University of Pennsylvania Museum highlighting cultural traditions within Maya civilization and pop culture interest in the Maya calendar event in Venue: University of Pennsylvania Museum (May 2012 - January 2013). Traveling venue schedule (2013 - 2014). MAYA 2012: Los Señores del Tiempo 2012 Exhibition Curator Temporary exhibition for Honduran Instuitute of Anthropology and History. Venue: Copan Sculpture Museum, Copan, Honduras. 2010 - 2011 **Exhibition Coordinator** Water as Creator, Water as Destroyer Temporary exhibition for University of Pennsylvania Museum. Robert Woods Bliss Collection of Pre-Columbian Art 2008 **Exhibition Consultant** Reinstallation of permanent exhibition for Dumbarton Oaks. Installation Coordinator Maya Textiles from the Friends of the Ixchel Museum 2008 Temporary exhibition for the Friends of the Ixchel Museum. • Venue: Shiprock Gallery, Santa Fe, NM. 2004 **Exhibition Coordinator** Mayan Procession, Paintings by Winifred Godfrey Temporary exhibition for University of Pennsylvania Museum. Incidents of Travel: Robert Woods Bliss in Mexico & Central America. 2002 - 2003 **Exhibition Coordinator** Temporary exhibition for Dumbarton Oaks. **Exhibition Coordinator** The Afterlife of Images: Maya Interpretations of Saints 2001 - 2002 Temporary exhibition for Dumbarton Oaks. **Exhibition Coordinator** Across the Andes: Travels in Peru, 1934 2000 - 2002

Exhibition Curator Uncovering the Copan Dynasty, Photographs of Kenneth Garrett 1999 - 2001 Traveling exhibition for University of Pennsylvania Museum.

• Venues: University of Pennsylvania Museum (April - June 1999), Dumbarton Oaks (October 1999 - March 2000), and Virginia Tech (February 2001).

Conferences and Symposia

Conference Program Chair Recalling the Ancestors: Maya Traditions Across Time 31st Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2013
Conference Program Chair MAYA 2012: Lords of Time 30th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2012
Conference Organizer The Ancient Maya in the 21st Century – Advances in Analysis & Presenting The Past. 29th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2011
Conference Organizer Maya Women ~ Figures of Enduring Strength and Power 28th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2010
Symposium Co-organizer Understanding Complexity in Mesoamerica: Papers in Honor of Robert Sharer I (with M. Canuto and J. Yaeger) 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta.	2009
Symposium Co-organizer Understanding Maya Civilization: Papers in Honor of Robert Sharer II (with J. Yaeger and M. Canuto) 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta.	2009
Conference Organizer Maya Crossroads ~ Classic Ideas and Goods in Motion across the Verapaz. 27th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2009
Conference Organizer The Future of the Maya World 26th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2008
Conference Organizer The Dawn of Maya Civilization 25th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2007
Conference Co-organizer The Origins of Maya States (with R. Sharer, J. Sabloff, and R. Leventhal) Penn Museum International Conference Program, Philadelphia.	2007
Symposium Co-organizer Current Research at Copan: Unearthing, Analyzing and Conserving the Cultural Heritage of Honduras (with C. McNeil) 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.	2006
Conference Organizer Maya Shamans ~ Magic Heroes & Spirit Healers 24th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2006
Conference Organizer Maya Chocolate & Precious Delights 23rd Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2005
Conference Organizer Ancient Masks and Modern Eyes, Maya Traditions Revealed 22nd Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2004
Conference Organizer Tikal ~ Yax Mutal and the Classic Kingdoms of the Peten Forest 21st Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2003
Conference Organizer Our K'atun Celebration! 20th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2002
Conference Organizer Four Corners of the Maya World 19th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2001
Conference Organizer Portraits of the Maya, Life Stories Across Time 18th Annual Maya Weekend at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia.	2000

for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA.

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"Redesigning Copan: Architecture of the Polity Center and the Early Classic Kings." Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology Philadelphia, PA.	2000
"The Early Classic Courts of Copan." Paper presented at the conference, Royal Courts of the Ancient Maya, held at Yale University, New Haven, CT.	1998
"At Court in Copan: Palace Groups of the Early Classic." Paper presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology Seattle, WA.	1998
Grants and Professional Awards	
American Alliance of Museums, Media and Technology MUSE Awards Silver Medal, Interactive Kiosks, Penn Museum for MAYA 2012: Lords of Time exhibition Bronze Medal, Interpretive Interactive Installations, Bluecadet and Penn Museum for MAYA 2012: Lords of Time exhibition.	2013 on.
National Endowment for the Humanities, America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Implementation Grant. MAYA 2012: Lords of Time exhibition. (L. Traxler, Principal Investigator and Exhibition Curator) (GI-50367-11, award total \$400,000)	2011 - 2013
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Program for Museums and Art Conservation Planning Grant. Penn Museum Collection Sharing Program. (Award total \$72,100)	2011
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Elected as Fellow National Endowment for the Humanities, America's Historical and Cultural Organizations Planning Grant. <i>The Ancient Maya City</i> exhibition. (L. Traxler, Principal Investigator an Exhibition Curator) (GE-50083-09, award total \$39,996)	2010 2009 - 2010 d
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Program for Libra and Archives in Latin America, Grant. Museo Ixchel del Traje Indígena, Guatemala City (Award total \$10,405)	
Selz Foundation Research Grant Early Copan Acropolis Program Architectural Surveying, Copan, Honduras. (Proposal of authored with R. Sharer) (Award total \$52,130)	1996 - 1998 co-
University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (R. Sharer, Principal Investigator) (BNS 9123390, award total \$10,216)	1992 - 1993 1992
National Geographic Society Research and Exploration Grant (Proposal co-authored with R. Sharer and A. Weiss)	1991
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology Archaeology Fellowship	1987 - 1988
Professional Service and Affiliations	
Society for American Archaeology, Committee on Museums, Collections, and Curation. American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Fellow Penn Museum Publications Editorial Committee Board of Directors, Friends of the Ixchel Museum, Inc.	2013 - present 2010 - present 2009 - 2012 2007 - present
(President, 2007 - 2010, Treasurer, 2013 - present) Penn Center for Native American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Research Fellow Board of Directors, Copan Maya Foundation (Secretary, 2005 - present)	2007 - 2013 2005 - present

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico	2013 - present
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania	2012 - 2013
Instructor, Department of the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania	
 Art History 399 Curatorial Independent Study 	2012
Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania	
 Anthropology 468 The Ancient Maya (co-teaching with Robert Sharer) 	2008
 Anthropology 468 The Ancient Maya (co-teaching with Robert Sharer) 	2006
Honors Thesis Supervisor, Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges	2006
Ms. Sarah Kurnick, Senior Honors Thesis: "The dead are fed with fragrance": A Study	of
Maya Censers from the Guatemala Highlands.	
Instructor, College of General Studies, University of Pennsylvania	2005
 Anthropology 427 Civilizations of Ancient Mesoamerica 	
Guest Lecturer, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, Virginia	1999 - 2000
Docent Lecturer, Dumbarton Oaks, Trustees for Harvard University	1999
Guest Lecturer, College of General Studies, University of Pennsylvania	1992 - 1995
Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania	1988 - 1989
 Anthropology 001 Introduction to Archaeology 	
 Anthropology 003 Introduction to Physical Anthropology 	

Archaeological Field Research

Archaeologist, Project Surveyor, Early Copan Acropolis Program, Copan, Honduras 1990 - present

Publications Coordinator, Collections Manager, from 2004 to present

Consulting Archaeologist, from 1999 to 2003

Excavation Supervisor and Project Surveyor, from 1992 to 1998

Excavation Supervisor and Assistant Surveyor, 1991 season

Excavation Assistant, 1990 season

Directors: Dr. William L. Fash, Harvard University, PAAC overall director (1988 - 1996), Dr. Robert J. Sharer, University of Pennsylvania Museum, PAAC co-director (1990 – 1996) and

Robert J. Sharer, University of Pennsylvania Museum, PAAC co-director (1990 – 1996) and ECAP director (1989 - 2012)

Project Surveyor, Instructor, Kotyiti Archaeological Project, Cochiti Pueblo, New Mexico 1996 - 1998

Director: Dr. Robert Preucel, University of Pennsylvania Museum.

Project Surveyor, Petra Southern Temple Project, Jordan

Director: Dr. Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Brown University.

Surveying Assistant, Lab Assistant, Combe Capelle Bas Project, France

1989

Dispeters Dr. Harold Dibble University of Reppendiques and Dr. Michel Lengis

Directors: Dr. Harold Dibble, University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Michel Lenoir, Université de Bordeaux.

Field School Student, *University of Arizona Field School* at Grasshopper Pueblo, Arizona 1989 Director: Dr. J. Jefferson Reid, University of Arizona.

Field School Student, *Cultural Resource Management Field School*, Uniontown, Pennsylvania 1987 Director: Dr. James Adovasio, University of Pittsburgh.

Research and Grant Reports

National Endowment for the Humanities, America's Historical and Cultural Organizations	
Implementation Grant. MAYA 2012 exhibition. Semi-Annual Performance Reports	2012 - 2013
Planning Grant. The Ancient Maya City exhibition. Final Performance Report	2011

Planning Grant. <i>The Ancient Maya City</i> exhibition. Semi-Annual Performance Reports The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Program for Museums and Art Conservation	2010 - 2011
Penn Museum Academic Initiatives grant, Final Report	2012
Penn Museum Academic Initiatives grant, Annual Progress Reports	2009 - 2011
Informe Sumario - Programa de Investigaciones de la Acrópolis Temprana (1989-2003).	2008
(Informe by R. Sharer; Inventories and supporting documents by L. Traxler) Manuscript	
submitted to Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia, Copan Ruinas, Honduras.	
Investigaciones de la Programa de la Acropolis Temprana de Copan	annually
(with R. Sharer) Manuscripts on file with the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia, Copan Ruinas, Honduras.	2005 - 2008
The Selz Foundation Architectural Mapping Program for the Copan Acropolis, Final Report (with R. Sharer) Submitted to the Selz Foundation, New York.	2004
Investigaciones de la Programa de la Acropolis Temprana de Copan	annually
(with R. Sharer, D. Sedat, and multiple project members) All manuscripts on file with	1991 - 1998
the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia, Copan Ruinas, Honduras.	
Kotyiti Research Project: Results of the 1996 Season	1997
(with R. Preucel and M. Wilcox) Manuscript in possession of principal investigator.	
Additional Museum Research	
Research Assistant, Museum Applied Science Center for Archaeology, University of	1992 - 1998
Pennsylvania Museum. Scientific Director: Dr. Stuart Fleming	
Research Assistant, American Section, University of Pennsylvania Museum	1990 - 1992
Research Volunteer, American Section, University of Pennsylvania Museum	1989
Selected Public Presentations (since 2003)	
"MAYA 2012: The Ancient and Contemporary Maya."	2012
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"MAYA 2012: The Ancient and Contemporary Maya." Illustrated presentations for tour groups through the Visitor Services and Community Engagement departments at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia, PA.	2012
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"Mayan Procession ~ The Artist and the Exhibition."	2004
Illustrated presentation with artist Winifred Godfrey for the 22nd Annual Maya Weekend	
at The University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia, PA.	
"Pre-Columbian Art of Mesoamerica."	2004
Paper presented in the Global Cultures series, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.	
"The Maya Kings of Copan."	2004
Paper presented to The Hermitage Foundation Auxiliary Lecture Series, Chrysler	
Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA.	
"Veni, Vidi, Vici? K'inich Yax K'uk' Mo' and the Founding of the Copan Dynasty."	2003
Paper presented to the Pre-Columbian Society of Philadelphia, PA.	

Professional Memberships

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