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Summary

I am interested in understanding identity formation in the Americas through material culture, specifically ceramics and ornamentation. With experience in both European and American excavations, I am dedicated, engaged, and work well in a variety of cultural and team dynamics. I hope to gain experience working with institutions that emphasize collaborative practices and have a tangible impact on their communities while making the social sciences fun, interactive, and accessible to the public.

Education

2017-Present

- In Progress. PhD Program, Anthropology. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.
- 2020, June. BA, Archaeology. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England CB2 3DZ. Received a Class I** (First with Distinction, equivalent of 'A' average).
 - Dissertation: “Compromising Identities: A Museum-Based Study of the Early Colonial Andes”

Relevant Coursework

2017-Present

- Graduate: Southwestern Archaeology, Introduction to GIS for Graduate Students, History and Theory of Archaeology
- Undergraduate: Ancient North America and Mesoamerica, Ancient South America, Archaeology of Colonialism, The Past in the Present (Heritage Management), Statistics to Interpretation, Archaeological Theory and Practice I/II

Work Experience

2020-Present

- Present. Graduate Assistant. University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM.
- September 2021-July 2022. Visitor Use Assistant. Bandelier National Monument, Interpretation and Visitor Services Division, Los Alamos, NM.
- May 2021-September 2021. Park Ranger (Interpretation). Yellowstone National Park, Resource Education and Youth Programs Division, Grant Village, WY.
- December 2020-February 2021. Archaeological Technician. EAC Archaeology, Baltimore, MD.

Internships

2019-2020

- September 2020-December 2022. Education Intern. Manassas National Battlefield Park, Interpretation Division, Manassas, VA.
- September 2019. Intern. University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, Ann Arbor, MI.

Fieldwork

2015-2019

- June 2018-July 2019. Archeologist (Crew Member). Gubbio Project, Montelabate, Italy.
- September 2018. Archeologist (Crew Member). Keros Project, Keros, Greece.
- July 2018. Archeologist (Crew Member). Kuruman Project, Kuruman, South Africa.

- May 2018. Archeologist (Student/Crew Member). Northstowe Field School, Northstowe, England.
- September 2017. Archeologist (Crew Member). Montelabate Project, Montelabate, Italy.
- June 2015-September 2017. Field Director. Riggs House Project, Olney, MD.

Volunteer Work

2020-2021

- March 2022-July 2022. Volunteer. Bandelier National Monument, Cultural Resources Division, Los Alamos, NM.
- May 2021-September 2021. Volunteer. Yellowstone National Park, Heritage and Research Center, Gardiner, MT.

Awards, Honors, and Grants

2018-Present

- 2022-2023. Binford Fellowship, University of New Mexico.
- 2021-2022. 3 STAR (Special Award for Achieving Results) Awards, Bandelier National Monument.
- 2021. STAR (Special Award for Achieving Results) Award, Yellowstone National Park.
- 2020. Bundy Scholarship for First Class performance, University of Cambridge.
- 2020. Gill Prize, University of Cambridge.
- 2020. Cyril Fox Prize, University of Cambridge.
- 2019. Mark Gregson Prize for Archaeology, University of Cambridge.
- 2019. John Hutchins Prize for Archaeology, University of Cambridge.
- 2019. 2 Magdalene College Grants, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge.
- 2018-2019. College Scholarship for First Class performance, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge.
- 2018. James Torre Prize for Archaeology, University of Cambridge.
- 2018. Magdalene College Grant, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge.

Organizations

2018-2020

- October 2019-June 2020. President. Cambridge Archaeological Field Club, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England.
- October 2018-June 2019. Vice President. Cambridge Archaeological Field Club, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England.
- October 2018-June 2019. Undergraduate Student Representative for Part IIA students in Archaeology Tripos. Cambridge University Department of Archaeology, Cambridge, England.
- October 2018-June 2019. Membership Officer. Fitzwilliam Museum Society, Cambridge, England.
- October 2018-June 2019. Social Secretary. Cambridge University Arts and Crafts Society, Cambridge, England.
- September 2016-June 2018. President. Richard Montgomery Archaeology Club, Rockville, MD.

Skills

- Computer: Adobe Photoshop, ArcGIS, QGIS, R Studio, Microsoft Office Suite, Canvas
- Language: Proficiency in oral/written Spanish