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Education

2023 **B.A.**, in Anthropology with Major in Archaeology, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH)
Honors Thesis: Producción de Hilo durante los períodos Clásico Medio (AD 400-600), Clásico Tardío (AD 650-900) y Posclásico Temprano (AD 900-1200) en el Valle de Copán, Honduras.

Experience

2023 Supervisor, **Proyecto Arqueológico Periferia Copán (PAPC)**. Excavated a ritual offerings space on Plaza B at Plan de Las Mesas (site 1), an Early Classic Teotihuacan settlement, Copán Valley, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Cameron L. McNeil (CUNY) and Lic. Edy Barrios. July-October (13 weeks).

2023 Supervisor and assistant to archaeologist Elisandro Garza, **Proyecto Arqueológico Periferia Copán (PAPC)**. Excavation of test pits on Seses miles basin, Copán Valley, Honduras. April-May.

2022 External researcher, **Proyecto del Instituto de Arqueología Chinese Academy Of Social Sciences (P.IACASS)**. Conducted metric analysis on spindle whorls from Group 8N-11 (Sepulturas) Copán Valley, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Li Xinwei (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) and Dr. Jorge Ramos. October (2 weeks).

2022 Assistant, **Proyecto Arqueológico Periferia Copán (PAPC)**. Conducted a metric analysis on the spindle whorls from Río Amarillo and Plan de Las Mesas, an Early Classic Teotihuacan settlement in Copán Valley, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Cameron L. McNeil (CUNY) and Lic. Edy Barrios. October (1 week).

2022 Excavator and assistant, **Proyecto Arqueológico Periferia Copán (PAPC)**. Excavated structure 4 at Plan de Las Mesas (site 1), an Early Classic Teotihuacan settlement, Copán Valley, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Cameron L. McNeil (CUNY) and Lic. Edy Barrios. July-August (6 weeks).

2022 Researcher, Conducted **classification and Analysis of ceramics and lithics looted from archaeological site Ciudad de Los Negros**, previously displayed and stored at community museum “Casa de la Cultura” in Olanchito, Yoro, Honduras. May (1 week).

2022 Curator and volunteer coordinator, **exhibition montage for community museum**. Conducted the exhibition set up of looted and donated archaeological pieces from upper aguán valley archaeological sites at community museum “Casa de la Cultura” in

- Olanchito, Yoro, Honduras, and coordinated activities for student volunteers from UNAH's community college UNAH-Tec Aguán. May (1 week).
- 2022** Assistant to archaeologist Elisandro Garza, **Proyecto Rescate de Rosalila (ProRos)**. Mapping tunnels beneath structure 10L-16 (Rosalila Temple), Copan Acropolis, Copan Valley, Honduras. April (1 week).
- 2022** Assistant to archaeologist Elisandro Garza, **Proyecto Arqueológico Periferia Copán (PAPC)**. Mapping archaeological sites on Sesesmiles basin, Copan Valley, Honduras. March-ongoing.
- 2021** Assistant, **Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia (IHAH)**. Updating the organization and registry of IHAH's prehispanic collection in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Supervised by Mgtr. Omar Talavera (cultural heritage management office). August-December.
- 2021** Assistant to archaeologists Antolín Velásquez and Elisandro Garza, **Proyecto Arqueológico Río Amarillo-Copán (PARAC)**. Mapping archaeological sites on Sesesmiles basin, Copan Valley, Honduras. March (1 week).
- 2019** Assistant and excavator, **Proyecto Arqueológico de Salvamento y Rescate El Tornillito (PASRET)**. Excavated and conducted the ceramic and lithic analysis from structures M16, M15, M32 and M38 from the Loma Larga (CR-282) site in Ulúa Valley, Cortés, Honduras. Directed by archaeologists Carmen Julia Fajardo (UNAH) and Hirokazu Kotegawa (UNAH). September – December.
- 2019** Assistant and excavator, **Proyecto Antropológico El Paraíso y Choluteca (PAPCH)**. Excavated and registered offerings, and conducted ceramic analysis from structure #1 at site Rancho Grande on Choluteca River basin in Morolica, Choluteca, Honduras. Also created 3D models of a mass censer offering and other special contexts. Directed by archaeologists Carmen Julia Fajardo (UNAH) and Hirokazu Kotegawa (UNAH). March-June.
- 2018** Assistant and field activities coordinator, **Proyecto Antropológico El Paraíso y Choluteca (PAPCH)**. Conducted survey, surface collection and ceramic analysis from Choluteca River basin in Morolica, Choluteca, Honduras. Directed by archaeologist Carmen Julia Fajardo (UNAH) and Dr. Eva Martinez (UNAH). October-November.
- 2018** Excavator, **Proyecto Arqueológico Río Amarillo Copan (PARAC)**. Excavated structure 1 and 2 in the Early Classic site Plan de Las Mesas (site 12), Copán Valley, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Cameron L. McNeil (CUNY) and Lic. Edy Barrios. July-August (6 weeks).
- 2017** Excavator, **Proyecto Arqueológico Río Amarillo Copan (PARAC)**. Excavated test pits at Río Amarillo and Quebrada Piedras Negras archaeological sites, Copán Valley, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Cameron L. McNeil (CUNY) and Lic. Edy Barrios. April-June (6 weeks).
- 2017** Excavator and assistant, **Proyecto Arqueológico Guadalupe (PAG)**. Excavation on a feasting midden mound, drawing and lab assistance in Guadalupe, Trujillo, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Markus Reindel (Bohn University) and Dr. Franziska Fecher (Zurich University). February-April (9 weeks).
- 2016** Researcher, **Ethnographic Video and Photography Workshop, UNAH Anthropology Program**. Photography, filmmaking and interviewing market sellers on their experiences and routines in the weekends “Feria del Agricultor y el Artesano” in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Production of a short documentary video titled “bajo los puestos”,

which focuses on the sellers' experience of sleeping under their sales tables which they call puestos. Created in partnership with Lara Bohórquez . September-December. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRkvkay2M2o&t=131s>

2015 Interviewer and writer, **Ethnographic study on social and cultural aspects of San Marcos de La Sierra, Intibucá, Honduras communities, UNAH Anthropology Department.** Applying surveys, leading focus groups and in-depth interviews to local middle school teachers and parents, with the aim of understanding how local education systems work in the poorest municipality in Central America. Also writing a chapter titled “*Educación y Cambio Socio-Cultural en San Marcos de la Sierra, Intibucá, Honduras: Procesos de Aculturación y Enculturación*”, part of the monograph “*Diagnostico Socio-Cultural de San Marcos de la Sierra, Intibucá, Honduras*” (not published). Directed by anthropologist Silvia Gonzales. June-August.

Additional education experiences.

2023 Forum Host, at the **15 Encuentro Feminista de Latinoamerica y el Caribe.** “Science, Epistemology and Gender in Latin-American Realities”, this forum was focused on discussing the decolonization of knowledge construction and the challenges of doing scientific research in Latin America as diverse, indigenous and racialized women. November 24.

2022 **Osteology and bone conservation workshop.** Focused on the basics of treatment and analysis of human remains from archaeological contexts, excavation of human remains and participated in the analysis of burials from Group 8N-11 (Sepulturas), Copán Valley, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Katherine Miller Wolf (University of West Florida). June (3 weeks).

2020 Host, **Webinar de Antropología en Honduras.** Hosted seven virtual conferences of different archaeology researches in Honduras, for the Anthropology in Honduras conference program organized by UNAH’s social sciences faculty, UNAH’s anthropology program and UNAH’s Culture and Art Center. November.

2019 **Photogrammetry Workshop.** Focused on the basics of photogrammetry and 3D modeling, and created a 3D model of Altar L from Copan Great Plaza, Copan, Honduras. Directed by Dr. Heather Richards-Rissetto (University of Nebraska-Lincoln). July (1 week).

2018 **Feminist Political School.** Attended to the 2018 feminist political program developed by Honduras Women Rights Center (Centro de Derechos de Mujeres CDM), and participated in the “Yo no quiero ser violada” campaign that promotes the day after pill legalization, right to abortion, a sexual assault victims medical protocol in Honduras health system and women basic reproductive rights.

