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EDUCATION

1999 PhD (Anthropology) University of Utah
Skeletal Manifestations of Domestic Assault: Investigating Gender Violence in Prehistory
1993 MSc (Anthropology) University of Utah
1990 BSc (Anthropology) University of Utah

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024-present Consulting Scholar, Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
2024- present South Asia Advisory Board, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University
2023-present Senior Research Associate, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University
2023-present Affiliate Faculty, Department of Religion, School of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University
2020-present Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
2020-2023 Core Faculty, Renée Crown University Honors Program, Syracuse University
2010-2020 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
2006-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
2004-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID
2003-2004 American Fellow, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation
2001-2003 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Utah School of Medicine / Bone and Joint Research Laboratory, Veterans Administration Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT
2000-2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Geology & Anthropology, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
1998-2001 Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford, Bradford, UK
1998-2000 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
1996-1997 Project Officer in Forensic Archaeology, University of Bradford, Bradford, UK
1994-1996 Biological Anthropologist, Archaeological Collections, Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, UT

PUBLICATIONS (*indicates peer-reviewed)MONOGRAPHS

*In prep Novak, Shannon A.

Plot Life in Flower City: Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations, in progress.

*2008 Novak Shannon A.

House of Mourning: A Biocultural History of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

EDITED VOLUMES

*In press Novak, Shannon A. and Alanna Warner-Smith

Excavating Bodies in the Archives. Santa Fe: SAR and University of New Mexico Press.

*In press Hosek, Lauren, Alanna Warner-Smith, and Shannon A. Novak

Doing Historical Bioarchaeology: Tissues, Traces, and the Archive. Gainesville: University of Florida Press.

*2020 Novak, Shannon A.

Thematic Issue: 'Historical Bioarchaeology,' in *Historical Archaeology* 54(1).

*2011 Dixon, Kelly J., Julie M. Schablitsky, and Shannon A. Novak

An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party's Alder Creek Camp. Norman: University of Oklahoma.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

*In review Robb, John, Penny Bickle, Tom Booth, Matthew Collins, Oliver E. Craig, Marianne Hern Eriksen, Rebecca Gowland, Sarah Inskip, Shannon A. Novak, Mary Anne Tafuri, and Jess E.

Thompson. Interdisciplinary Bioarchaeology in Practice: Designing Research for Fairness, Creativity and Mutual Understanding. Invited contribution to the *Yearbook of Biological Anthropology*.

*In press Novak, Shannon A.

Archival Shapeshifting: On the Muddy Paths of Transcendence Between Nations and Altered States. In *Excavating Bodies in the Archives*, edited by Shannon A. Novak and Alanna Warner-Smith. Santa Fe: SAR Press and University of New Mexico Press.

*In press Warner-Smith, Alanna L. and Shannon A. Novak

In Lieu of Origins or Beginnings. In *Excavating Bodies in the Archives*, edited by Shannon A. Novak and Alanna Warner-Smith. Santa Fe: SAR Press and University of New Mexico Press.

*In press Novak, Shannon A.

Sketchbook Bioarchaeology: Bodies Multiple and the Archives they Co-create. In *Doing Historical Bioarchaeology: Tissues, Traces, and the Archive*, edited by Lauren Hosek, and Alanna Warner-Smith, and Shannon A. Novak. Gainesville: University of Florida Press.

*In press Hosek, Lauren, Alanna Warner-Smith, and Shannon A. Novak

Introduction. In *Doing Historical Bioarchaeology: Tissues, Traces, and the Archive*, edited by Lauren Hosek, and Alanna Warner-Smith, and Shannon A. Novak. Gainesville: University of Florida Press.

*2025 Novak, Shannon A.

Blood, Mud, and Mucking Around with Waste: Properties of Reworking Postindustrial Space. *Routledge Handbook of Feminist Anthropology*, edited by Pamela Geller, pp. 262-280. New York: Routledge.

- *2024 Novak, Shannon A.
Plot-life in Flower City: Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations. In *Embodying Biodiversity: Sensory Conservation as Refuge and Sovereignty*, edited by Terese V. Gagnon, pp. 45-77. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- *2024 Warner-Smith, Alanna L. and Shannon A. Novak
History and Bioarchaeology. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Oxford University Press, 2018.
Article published July 17, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190854584.013.625>
- 2023 Novak, Shannon A.
Remembering an Abolitionist Congregation and Cultivating Heritage Landscapes. *Public Gardens* 38(2):16-17.
- * 2022 Novak, Shannon A.
Sketchbook Archaeology: Bodies Multiple and the Archives they Create. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 22(2):212-232.
- *2021 Hosek, Lauren, Alanna Warner-Smith, and Shannon A. Novak
The Body as (in, and with) Text: Doing Bioarchaeology with Archives. *Archaeological Review from Cambridge* 36(2):45-68.
- *2020 Novak, Shannon A. and Alanna Warner-Smith
Vital Data: Re/Introducing Historical Bioarchaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 54(1):1-16.
- *2020 Novak, Shannon A. and Alanna Warner-Smith
Assembling Heads and Circulating Tales: The Doings and Undoings of Specimen 2032. *Historical Archaeology* 53(4):71-91.
- *2019 Novak, Shannon A.
Reprint of 'Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives: Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street. *American Anthropologist* 119(2):236-252'. Editor nomination for inclusion in Issue 7, March, of *Déjà Lu*, publication of the World Council of Anthropology Associations.
- *2017 Novak, Shannon A.
Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives: Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street. *American Anthropologist* 119(2):236-252.
- *2017 Novak, Shannon A.
Talking Heads and Other Specters of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. In *Studies in Forensic Biohistory: Anthropological Perspectives*, edited by Christopher Stojanowski and William N. Duncan, pp. 168-190. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- *2017 Novak, Shannon A.
On the Stories of Men and the Substance of Women: Interrogating Gender through Violence. In *Exploring Sex and Gender in Bioarchaeology*, edited by Sabrina C. Agarwal and Julie K. Wesp, pp. 129-164. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press.
- *2017 Novak, Shannon A.
Partible Persons or Persons Apart: Postmortem Interventions at the Spring Street Presbyterian Church, Manhattan. In *The Bioarchaeology of Dissection and Autopsy in the United States*, edited by Ken Nystrom, pp. 87-111. New York: Springer.

- *2014 Novak, Shannon A.
Leave Taking: Materialities of Moving Over Land. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 24(3):1-9.
- *2014 Novak, Shannon A. How to Say Things with Bodies: Meaningful Violence on an American Frontier. In *The Routledge Handbook of the Bioarchaeology of Human Conflict*, edited by Christopher Knüsel and Martin Smith, pp. 542-559. New York: Routledge.
- *2014 Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
Placing the Dead at Mountain Meadows. *Battles and Massacres on the Southwestern Frontier: Historical and Archaeological Perspectives*, edited by Ronald K. Wetherington and Frances Levine, pp. 190-207. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press.
- *2011 Ellis, Meredith A.B., Christopher W. Merritt, Shannon A. Novak, and Kelly J. Dixon
The Signature of Starvation: A Comparison of Bone Processing at a Chinese Encampment in Montana and the Donner Party Camp in California. *Historical Archaeology* 45(2):97-112.
- *2011 Novak, Shannon A., and Kelly J. Dixon
Introduction. In *An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party's Alder Creek Camp*, edited by Kelly J. Dixon, Julie M. Schablitsky, and Shannon A. Novak, pp. 1-27. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- *2011 Novak, Shannon A.
(Wo)man and Beast: Skeletal Signatures of a Starvation Diet. In *An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party's Alder Creek Camp*, edited by Kelly J. Dixon, Julie M. Schablitsky, and Shannon A. Novak, pp. 185-218. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- 2011 Novak, Shannon A.
Book review of "Excavating Nauvoo: The Mormons and the Rise of Historical Archaeology in America," by Benjamin C. Pykles (University of Nebraska Press, 2010). *Journal of Anthropological Research* 67:128-129.
- *2010 Novak, Shannon A. and Wesley Willoughby
Resurrectionists' Excursions: Evidence of Postmortem Dissection from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church. *Northeast Historical Archaeology*, 39:134-152.
- *2010 Werner, William and Shannon A. Novak
Archaeologies of Disease and Public Order in Nineteenth-Century New York: The View from Spring Street. *Northeast Historical Archaeology*, 39: 86-108.
- *2010 Dixon, Kelly J., Shannon A. Novak, Gwen Robbins, Julie M. Schablitsky, G. Richard Scott, and Guy L. Tasa
"Men, Women, and Children Starving": Archaeology of the Donner Family Camp. *American Antiquity* 75(3):627-656.
- *2009 Novak, Shannon A. and Mallorie A. Hatch
Intimate Wounds: Cranio-Facial Trauma in Women and Female Chimpanzees. In *Sexual Coercion in Primates and Humans: An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Aggression Against Females*, edited by Martin N. Muller and Richard W. Wrangham, pp. 322-345. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- *2009 Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
The Political Significance of Gender Violence. In *Sexual Coercion in Primates and Humans: An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Aggression Against Females*, edited by Martin N. Muller and Richard W. Wrangham, pp. 292-321. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

- *2009 [2006] Novak, Shannon A.
Beneath the Façade: A Skeletal Model of Domestic Violence. In *The Social Archaeology of Human Remains*, edited by Rebecca Gowland and Christopher Knüsel, pp. 238-252, second edition. Oxford: Oxbow Press.
- *2007 Allen, Terry, Shannon A. Novak, and Lawrence L. Bench
Pattern of Injuries: Accident or Abuse. *Violence against Women* 13(8):802-816.
- *2007 [2000] Novak, Shannon A.
Case Studies. In *Blood Red Roses: The Archaeology of a Mass Grave from the Battle of Towton AD 1461*, second revised edition, edited by Veronica Fiorato, Anthea Boylston, and Christopher Knüsel, pp. 240-268. Oxford: Oxbow Press.
- *2006 Novak, Shannon A. and Lars Rodseth
Remembering Mountain Meadows: Collective Violence and the Manipulation of Social Boundaries. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 62(1):1-25.
- *2006 Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
The Impact of Primatology on the Study of Human Society. In *Missing the Revolution: Darwinism for Social Scientists*, edited by Jerome H. Barkow, pp. 187-220. New York: Oxford University Press.
- *2004 Kim, Daniel H., Tae A. Jahng, Tsai-Sheng Fu, Ho-Yeol Zhang, and Shannon A. Novak
Long-term Evaluation of Helios MP52 Osteoinductive Bone Graft for Instrumented Lumbar Intertransverse Process Fusion in Sheep. *Spine* 29:2800-2808.
- *2003 Novak, Shannon A. and Derinna Kopp
To Feed a Tree in Zion: Osteological Analysis of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre. *Historical Archaeology* 37(2):85-108.
- *2002 Šlaus, Mario, Dana Kollmann, Shannon A. Novak, Mario Novak
Temporal Trends in Demographic Profiles and Stress Levels in Medieval (6th-13th century) Population Samples from Continental Croatia. *Croatian Medical Journal* 43:598-605.
- *2000 Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
The Social Modes of Men: Toward an Ecological Model of Human Male Relationships. *Human Nature* 11(4):335-366.
- 1998 Boylston, Anthea, Shannon Novak, Tim Sutherland, Malin Holst, and Jennifer Coughlan
Burials from the Battle of Towton. *Royal Armouries Yearbook 1997*, Volume 2. Trustees of the Armouries, Leeds.
- *1998 Novak, Shannon A. and Dana Kollmann
Perimortem Processing of Human Remains Among the Great Basin Fremont. *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* 10:65-75.
- *1997 Novak, Shannon A. and Christopher Knüsel
Comment on Mallegni and Valassina's "Secondary Bone Changes to a Cranium Trepanation in a Neolithic Man Discovered at Trasano, South Italy." *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* 7:555-57.
- *1997 Boylston, Anthea, Malin Holst, Jennifer Coughlan, Shannon Novak, Tim Sutherland, and Christopher Knüsel
Recent Excavations of a Mass Grave from Towton. *Yorkshire Medicine* 9(3):25-26.
- *1993 Janetski, Joel, Karen Lupo, John McCullough, and Shannon Novak
Mosida Burial: An Archaic Burial from the Shore of Utah Lake, North Central Utah. *Journal of California and Great Basin Archaeology* 14(2):180-200.

GRANTS, FUNDING, AND AWARDS

GRANTS

- 2025-2032 Co-investigator and Project 12 lead: 'Documenting Iroquoian Ancestors in North American and European Institutions.' "Onkwehón:we Project." SSHRC Partnership Grants program, Christian Gates St-Pierre, University of Montreal, PI. \$2,499,979 CA
- 2022-2023 NSF Research Team Seminar, School for Advanced Research. "Excavating Bodies in the Archives: Generating New Methods and Collaborations." \$30,000 (with Alanna Warner-Smith)
- 2022-2023 Appleby-Mosher grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, "Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations." \$1,500
- 2019-2020 Appleby-Mosher grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, "Capturing the Female Form: 19th c. Immigration Records in Georgetown, Guyana." \$1,500
- 2017 Faculty Fellowship Program in the Syracuse University Libraries' Special Collections Research Center. "Excavating Bodies in the Archives." \$5,000
- 2017-2018 Appleby-Mosher grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for "On the Stories of Men and the Substance of Women: Courses and Cycles through a Guyanese Kali Temple." \$1,500
- 2017-2020 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, for "Embedded Lives and Commingled Stories: A Multi-Sited Bioarchaeology of the Huntington Irish." (Alanna Warner; Novak PI) \$132,000
- 2015-2017 Syracuse University Small Grant Program, for "Geomapping Movement and Migration in Historic New York City: A Stable Isotope Pilot Study. \$11,250
- 2014 Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. \$1,800
- 2014 Appleby-Mosher grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for "Landscapes of Affliction: Exploratory Survey of Cholera Fields and a Slave Hospital on the Island of Barbados." \$1,200
- 2012-2015 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, for "Bioarchaeological Analysis of an Early Medieval Czech Skeletal Population." (Lauren Hosek; Novak PI) \$126,000
- 2012 Appleby-Mosher grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for "Imaging the Past: Photo Documentation of the Spring Street Bioarchaeology Collection." \$1,200
- 2011 Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. \$1,600
- 2010 Appleby-Mosher grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for "An Urban Amalgamation: Mitochondrial DNA Variation at the Spring Street Presbyterian Church 1810-1834." \$5,500
- 2009-2011 "Continuing Professional Education Program in Forensic Anthropology by Syracuse University." National Institute of Justice. \$912,000
- 2009 Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for "Life and Death in Manhattan: A Biohistory of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834)." \$1,600
- 2008 Appleby-Mosher grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for "Life and Death in Manhattan: Burial Vaults from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834)." \$1,200
- 2007 Contract for Spring Street Church Bioarchaeology Project. URS Corporation. \$6,000
- 2007 Contract for China Gulch faunal processing analysis. University of Montana. \$500

- 2006 Secured funds for stable isotope analysis of 30 skeletons from the Maya Preclassic and Classic site of El Mirador, northern Guatemala. Foundation for Anthropological Research and Environmental Studies (FARES) research award. \$3,000
- 2006 Travel grant from the Office of Research and Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University, for the International Primatological Meetings, Entebbe, Uganda. \$3,500
- 2006 Faculty Research Committee grant, Idaho State University, for “The Archaeology of Starvation: Analysis of Butchered Bones from the Historic Donner Family Camp at Alder Creek.” \$4,175
- 2004-2006 Humanities and Social Science Research Council grant, Idaho State University, for “Networks of Memory: The Hidden Histories of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” \$22,664
- 2003-2004 American Fellowship, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation. \$40,000 (\$35,000 AAUW/\$5,000 University of Utah matching)
- 1997 Mariner S. Eccles Fellowship in support of dissertation research on domestic violence. \$15,000

AWARDS

- 2024 Maxwell School “Faculty Advisor of the Year.” Syracuse University
- 2018 Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising “Mentor of the Year.” Syracuse University
- 2015 Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, Syracuse University
- 2013 Society for Historical Archaeology James Deetz Award for: *An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party’s Alder Creek Camp* (2011, University of Oklahoma Press)
- 2010 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for Outstanding Research, Teaching, and Service. Maxwell School, Syracuse University
- 2010 Society for Historical Archaeology James Deetz Award for: *House of Mourning: A Biocultural History of the Mountain Meadows Massacre* (2008, University of Utah Press)
- 2004 Utah State Historical Society’s 2004 Best Article Award for: “To Feed a Tree in Zion: Osteological Analysis of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre”

RESEARCH

- 2017-present Ethnographic and ethnohistoric research on transnational ritual ecologies of Mariamman worship among Indo-Guyanese community in Ontario, Canada. Fieldwork extends to New York City, Guyana, Guadeloupe, and India.
- 2014-present Molecular and elemental analysis of tissues from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church skeletal series, in conjunction with geomapping historic New York City using faunal remains. In collaboration with Profs. Joan Coltrain and Diego Fernandez, University of Utah.
- 2001-present Ethnographic and ethnohistoric research on the 1857 Mountain Meadows massacre, southwestern Utah and northwestern Arkansas.
- 2019 Gallup Island, Boston; remains from a late 19th c. smallpox quarantine cemetery. Chris Goodwin & Associates.
- 2007-2014 Analysis of human skeletal remains from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834), New York, New York. URS Corp, and The Presbytery of New York City.

- 2003-2011 Donner Family Archaeological Project, excavation and skeletal analysis, Truckee National Forest, California.
- 2007 Trauma/processing analysis of animal remains from starvation camp at China Gulch, Montana. University of Montana.
- 2005 Analysis of human skeletal remains from the El Mirador Project, Guatemala. Foundation for Anthropological Research and Environmental Studies (FARES).
- 2001 Analysis of human skeletal remains from a third-century Roman cave necropolis. Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2000 Excavation and analysis of human skeletal remains from a mid-nineteenth-century pioneer cemetery, Tooele, Utah. Utah Department of Transportation.
- 1998 Analysis of human skeletal remains from an early nineteenth-century family cemetery, Gloucester County, Virginia. Smithsonian Institution.
- 1997 Excavation and forensic analysis of war dead from Petrijna and Glina, Croatia. Analysis of skeletal remains from World War II mass graves, Krapina, Croatia. Smithsonian Institution.
- 1996 Analysis of human skeletal remains from a mass grave at the Battle of Towton (1461). University of Bradford, UK.
- 1996-1997 Dissertation research on gender violence, Bradford Royal Infirmary, UK.
- 1995-1999 Skeletal analysis and NAGPRA compliance of prehistoric and historic skeletal remains held at the Natural History Museum, London; Harvard University; University of Texas, Austin; Utah State University; University of Nevada, Reno; University of California, Berkeley. Smithsonian Institution.
- 1994-1996 Skeletal analysis and NAGPRA compliance of prehistoric and historic skeletal remains from the Great Basin and Colorado Plateau (Archaic, Basketmaker, Fremont, Anasazi, Numic). Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 1990 Camp manager and archaeologist in Petra, Jordan. University of Utah.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

- 2026 “Playgrounds in Wastelands: A Ghost Story.” Keynote speaker for invited workshop, Necrogeographies of the Marginal Dead, organized by Martin Christ and Elyse Semerdjian. Clark University, Worcester, MA, September 17
- 2026 “Waiting for a Name.” Invited paper and workshop, Necrogeographies of the Marginal Dead, organized by Martin Christ and Elyse Semerdjian. Clark University, Worcester, MA, September 17-18.
- 2025 “Playgrounds in Wastelands: A Ghost Story.” Invited session: *Specters in the Sepulcher*. Session chair. To be presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 22.
- 2023 “Archival Shapeshifting: Wandering and Wondering With, and Beyond, the Page.” Invited session: *Archiving Bodies, Bodying Archives*. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Toronto, Canada, November 16.

- 2023 “Archival Shapeshifting: On the Muddy Paths of Transcendence between Nations and Altered States.” Invited paper presented at the NSF Research Team Seminar, School for Advanced Research: *Excavating Bodies in the Archives: Generating New Methods and Collaborations*, co-organized with Alanna Warner-Smith. Santa Fe, NM, May 1-5.
- 2023 “Archival Shapeshifting.” Session Chair: *Paper Bodies: Excavating Archival Tissues and Traces*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Lisbon, Portugal, January 4-7.
- 2022 “Blood, Mud, and Mucking Around with Waste: Alternative Regimes of Power and Protection at the Plantations Edge.” Session co-organizer: *Alternative Regimes of Power and Protection: Ritual Interiors and Experiential Infrastructures of Society and State*. Paper presented at the New York Conference of Asian Studies, Syracuse, NY, October 6-7.
- 2022 “Plot-Life in Flower City: Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations.” South Asia Center of Syracuse University Speaker Series, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, April 22.
- 2022 Invited participant in a four-day multidisciplinary and intergenerational workshop on the “Effects of Extraction on Citizenship,” Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at Syracuse University, Minnowbrook Conference Center, September 8-11.
- 2022 Discussant for, “Digested Bones and Harmful Practices: Digestive Plots at the Third Cemetery of Athens,” Ioanna Paraskevopoulou. *Relics and Continuities in Europe: An Interdisciplinary Symposium*. Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, March 4-6.
- 2022 “Sketchbook (Bio)archaeology: Bodies Multiple and the Archives they (Re)create.” Session co-organizer: *Excavating Bodies in the Archives*. Paper to be presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Philadelphia, PA. [cancelled due to COVID, but informal panel held on-line]
- 2022 “Examining the Ancestry of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church Burial Vault Population Using mtDNA Analysis.” Poster presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, February 21-25. (with Stephani Gladysck and Jodi Lynn Barta)
- 2020 “Playgrounds in Wastelands.” Invited symposium: *Human Responsibility and Transcendent Truth: How Metapersons Help People Create Themselves*. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropology Association, St. Louis, MO. [cancelled due to COVID]
- 2019 “Specimen 2032: Ontography as Method and Practice.” Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, November 15.
- 2019 “Barn Burning: Where Species Meet on Spring Street.” Invited symposium: *Heritability and Heritage: Theorizing Archaeologies Encounter with Genetics*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG)—North America, Syracuse, NY.
- 2019 “What is It?: Doing Bioarchaeology with Matter.” Invited symposium: *The Future of Bioarchaeology in Archaeology*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Archaeological Association, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2019 “Assembling Heads and Circulating Tales: The Doings and Undos of Specimen 2032.” Colloquium, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 15.
- 2019 “Making Time with Other Peoples’ Bodies: Temptations and Conflations at an Abolitionist Church in Manhattan.” Colloquium, Anthropology Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, January 24.

- 2017 “Assembling Heads and Circulating Tales.” Invited symposium: *Postmortem Lives: Materiality, Memory, Sovereignty*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.
- 2017 “The Doings and Undoings of Specimen 2032.” Session co-organizer: *The Dead and the Living: Where is Archaeological Theory Today?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG)—North America, Toronto, ON.
- 2017 “Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives.” Invited symposium: *Bodies as Narratives: Revisiting Osteobiography as a Conceptual Tool*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 “Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives: Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street.” Anthropology Department Speaker Series, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, November 22.
- 2016 “Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street.” Archaeology and Futurity Conference. Brown University, Providence, RI. April 14-16.
- 2016 “Talking Heads and Other Specters of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” Anthropology Department Public Speaker Series, University of California, Berkeley, February 29.
- 2015 “Specimen 2032: The Doings and Undoings of an *Other* Victim of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2014 “Extensions and Articulations: The ‘Generation Problem’ in Jacksonian Manhattan.” Invited symposium: *The Bones and the Worms, Bioarchaeology as Microhistory*. Paper to be presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C. Session Chair.
- 2013 “Forensic Anthropology: Reading the Bone Evidence.” Invited speaker on science panel at the Tenth Circuit Bench & Bar Conference. Colorado Spring, CO.
- 2013 “Partible Persons and Persons Apart: Anatomized Remains from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church Vaults (ca.1810-1834).” Keynote presentation at the Northeast Bioarchaeology meetings, Syracuse, NY.
- 2012 “Leave Taking: Materialities of Moving Over Land.” Invited symposium: *Agency of Dead Bodies*. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 “A Case of Metastasized Prostate Cancer from the Historic Spring Street Presbyterian Church.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology Meetings, Minneapolis, MN. (with Lauren Hosek)
- 2010 “Bodies, Buttons, and Stones: The Vitality and Materiality of Reunions in the Arkansas Hills.” Session co-organizer: *Rendezvous Points: The Role of Central Places in the Construction of Relatedness*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 2009 “How to Say Things with Bodies: The Semiotics of Violence on the Mormon Frontier.” Invited session: *Violence and Warfare as Embodied Action*. Invited symposium: *Violence and Warfare as Embodied Action*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 “Resurrectionists’ Excursions: A Case of Postmortem Dissection from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834).” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Canada. (with Wesley Willoughby and Cassandra Austin)

- 2009 "The Children of Spring Street: Subadult Health, Disease, and Death in a Nineteenth Century Urban Congregation." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Canada. (with Meredith Ellis)
- 2009 "Archaeologies of Disease and Class in Early 19th-century New York City: The View from Spring Street." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Canada. (with William Werner)
- 2008 "From Ownership to Antagonism: The Political Significance of Gender Violence." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA. (with Lars Rodseth)
- 2008 "Placing the Dead at Mountain Meadows." Invited conference, *Frontier Engagements*, sponsored by Fort Burgwin and the Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Paper presented at Fort Burgwin in Taos, NM. (with Lars Rodseth)
- 2008 "Liminal States: Political Signaling and the Placement the Dead." Invited session: *Materiality of the Body*. Paper presented at the World Archaeological Congress, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2007 "Skeletal Biology of the Mirador Basin: Preliminary Osteological Observations of 37 Individuals Recovered from El Mirador, Tintal, Nakbe, and Flores in the Mirador Basin, Guatemala." Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Houston, TX. (with Dana D. Kollmann)
- 2007 "Standards for Univariate Metric Sex Discrimination in Prehistoric Fremont." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Philadelphia, PA. (with Mallorie Hatch)
- 2006 "Intimacy and Intimidation: The Signaling Potential of Human Gender Violence." Invited session: *Male Aggression Towards Females: Variation with Social System*. Invited paper presented at the XXI Congress of the International Primatological Society, Entebbe, Uganda.
- 2006 "Cannibalism as a Response to Intense Dietary Stress: Bone Butchering and Processing Scars from the Hearth at Alder Creek." Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.
- 2006 "Message in a Body: The History and Histrionics of the Mountain Meadows Massacre." Invited session: *By Land or by Sea: Solving Famous Mysteries, One Site at a Time*. Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.
- 2006 "Boiled Bone and Pot Polish: An Experimental Study of Starvation Cannibalism." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Sacramento, CA. (with Mallorie Hatch, Nick Clements, Brooke Cox, Nick Holmer, Connie Patchin, Aimee Hosemann, and Erin Reed)
- 2004 "Poison and Pox: The Body Politics of the Mountain Meadows Massacre." Invited session: *Three Roads to Mountain Meadows*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western History Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2004 "Defining Perimortem: Blunt Force Trauma." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Dallas, TX. (with Derinna Kopp and Jacquell Arismend),
- 2003 "Human Skeletal Remains from a Third-Century Roman Cave Necropolis in Croatia." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Tempe, AZ. (with Derinna Kopp, Dana Kollmann, Gaille MacKinnon, and Mario Šlaus)

- 2003 “Comparison of Microwear Analysis and Stable Carbon Isotope Ratios to Reconstruct Fremont Subsistence.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Tempe, AZ. (with Mallorie Hatch)
- 2003 “Culture as Selective Memory: The Mnemonics of Violence in Religious and Regional Traditions.” Invited paper presented at the interdisciplinary conference, *Toward a Scientific Concept of Culture*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. (with Lars Rodseth)
- 2002 “Dead Body Politics and the Massacre at Mountain Meadows.” Invited paper presented at the International Conference of the Center for the Study of New Religions (CESNUR), Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2002 “Profiling Metal Particulate Using SEM/EDX in a Forensic Dismemberment Case.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Clinical Scientists, Salt Lake City, UT. (with Karyn Koller)
- 2001 “Politics of the Dead: The History and Histrionics of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. (with Lars Rodseth)
- 2000 “Life and Death on a Wagon Train: The 1857 Massacre at Mountain Meadows.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Bioarchaeology and Forensic Anthropology Association, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- 2000 “Mapping Genes for Quantitative Traits.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, San Antonio, TX. (with Mark T. Leppert and John McCullough)
- 1999 “Dads, Cads, and Patriarchs: Male Reproductive Strategies and the Epidemiology of Domestic Violence.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Salt Lake City, UT. (with Lars Rodseth)
- 1999 “Trauma Patterns in the William M. Bass Skeletal Collection.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Miami, FL. (with Lee Meadows-Jantz, K. L. Schneider, and William R. McCormick)
- 1998 “The History, Archaeology and Anthropology of a Mass Grave.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Paleopathology Association, Salt Lake City, UT. (with Anthea Boylston, Jennifer Coughlan, Malin Holst, Christopher Knüsel, and Tim Sutherland)
- 1998 “Cannibalism in the Great Basin: Comparative Analysis of Damage to Human and Faunal Skeletal Remains.” Paper presented at the Great Basin Archaeological Conference, Bend, OR. (with Melissa D. Heck)
- 1998 “Skeletons in the Closet: Soft Tissue and Skeletal Manifestations of Domestic Assault.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 1997 “Forensic Anthropology and the Battle of Towton.” Invited paper presented at the Royal Armouries’ symposium on the 1461 Battle of Towton, Leeds, UK.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 “Alleyway Archaeology: Slow Spaces Betwixt and Between.” Exhibit presented at the annual meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG)—North America, Syracuse, NY. [in collaboration with artist Cora Jane Glasser] (with Katie Hicks and Melissa Darroch)

STUDENT ADVISING

DOCTORAL ADVISOR

Cullen Black, PhD candidate, Anthropology, Syracuse University; Thesis: “Moving Bodies: Structural Violence in the Extended Life Course at La Verbena Cemetery, Guatemala City, Guatemala”

Tony Chamoun, PhD 2024, Anthropology, Syracuse University; Thesis: “Estranged Bodies, Race, and Sectarianism: An Historical Bioarchaeology of Ottoman and French Beirut.” Awarded a Distinction.

Meredith Ellis, PhD 2014, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “The Children of Spring Street: The Remains of Childhood in a Nineteenth Century Abolitionist Congregation.” Awarded a Distinction.

Ross Freedenberg, PhD candidate, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “Purity and Potential: The Future as Moral and Material Substance in Guyanese Kali Mai Ritual.”

Taylor Harman, PhD 2024, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “Evolution on High: A Comparison of the Physiology and Narrative Representation of Two Native High-Altitude Population.” Department Distinction and All-University Award. (co-supervised with Tom Brutsaert, Department of Exercise Science)

Katie Hicks, PhD 2024, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “Landscapes of Life and Death: Placing the Spring Street Presbyterian Church in Nineteenth Century New York.” Awarded a Distinction.

Lauren Hosek, PhD 2020, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “Crossroads of Conversion: Intersections of Bodies, Materials, and Histories in Early Medieval Bohemia.” Awarded a Distinction.

Aja Lans, PhD 2021, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “♀ Negro: Embodied Experiences of Inequality in Historic New York.” Awarded a Distinction.

Ajaya Mali, PhD candidate, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “State and Community Experiences in the Development of the Pashupati Area.”

Alanna Warner-Smith, PhD 2022, Anthropology, Syracuse University, Thesis: “Working Hands, Indebted Bodies: Embodiment of Inequality and Labor in an Era of Progress.” Awarded a Distinction.

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BOOK MANUSCRIPTS/PROPOSALS: Bloomsbury, Berghahn Books, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Routledge Press, Springer Press, University Press of Florida

JOURNALS: *American Anthropologist*, *American Antiquity*, *American Journal of Biological Anthropology* (formerly *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*), *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*, *Historical Archaeology*, *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology*, *International Journal of Paleopathology*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Journal of Social Archaeology*, *Journal of Contemporary Archaeology*

***References available upon request