

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Brown University (Anthropology), expected 2027

Dissertation: Earthlodges and Log Cabins: Continuity and Change in Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Domestic Space in the Mid-to-Late 19th Century

M.A. Brown University (Anthropology), 2022

Thesis: Navigating Reservation Period Life: A Reexamination of Material Culture from the Crow-Flies-High Site

B.S. Southern Methodist University (Anthropology), 2020

Summa Cum Laude

Thesis: Rising from the Ashes: Post-Smallpox Epidemic Technological Change Among the Hidatsa as Measured by Ceramic Firing Regimes on the North American Northern Plains.

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Pre-Dissertation Research (2023)

Conducted collections-based research, cataloged and photographed artifacts at the State Historical Society of North Dakota in Bismarck, ND.

M.A. Research (2021)

Conducted collections-based research, cataloged and photographed artifacts at the University of Montana's Anthropological Curation Facility, Missoula, MT.

National Museum of the American Indian NAGPRA Internship (2020)

Researched artifacts known to be from burials and historical records documenting tribal-colonial relations for the National Museum of the American Indian's Repatriation Department.

Independent Study (2019-2020)

Utilized step-wise clay oxidation analysis coupled with magnetic susceptibility to assess technological changes in ceramic firing regimes at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.

Geophysical Investigation and Archaeological Excavation at Sakakawea Village (2019)

Paleocultural Research Group conducted geophysical investigations including soil coring, magnetic susceptibility, and magnetometry surveys followed by archaeological excavation at Sakakawea Village located within the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, Stanton, ND.

Archaeological Field and Laboratory Technician (2019)

AR Consultants, Inc., Richardson, TX.

Independent Study (2018-2020)

Used step-wise clay oxidation coupled with magnetic susceptibility and neutron activation to analyze provenance and general fired-brick characteristics at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.

Undergraduate Research Assistant (2018-2020)

Conducted weak acid soil extraction analysis and magnetic susceptibility on soil samples, supervised by Dr. Kacy L. Hollenback at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.

Southern Methodist University Archaeological Field School (2018)

Picuris Pueblo Convento Project, Taos, NM.

**PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES**

2023 Objects of Gaming and Play: Children and Toys

Guest Lecture for Dr. Patricia Rubertone's undergraduate class entitled "Material Culture Practicum," given April 2023 in Providence, RI.

2021 Archaeology in the United States: Cultural Heritage, Historical Archaeology, and Settler Colonialism

Guest Lecture for Drs. Parker VanValkenburgh and Laurel Bestock's undergraduate class entitled "Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology," given December 2021 in Providence, RI.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

2025 Archival Insight: The Archaeology of Native Cabins, Critical Fabulation, and Interpreting Survivance

Paper presented at the January 2025 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, New Orleans, LA.

2023 Archival Photographs as Artifacts: Contextualizing Native Cabins and Informing Interpretations of Native Survivance

Poster presented at the October 2023 80th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Rapid City, SD.

2022 Anticipated Futures: Children at Crow-Flies High Village

Poster presented at the October 2022 79th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.

2022 On- and Off-Reservation Life: A Multi-scalar Study of Indigenous Villages on the Northern Plains

Paper presented virtually at the January 2022 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

2021 On- and Off-Reservation Life: A Reexamination of Crow-Flies-High Village

Paper presented at the November 2021 78th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Boulder, CO.

2020 Archaeometric Analysis of Southern Methodist University Bridwell Library's Brick from Ur

Poster presented at the April 2020 Southern Methodist University's Undergraduate Research Days, Dallas, TX.

2020 A Comparison of Two Historic Mandan and Hidatsa Earthlodges: Examining

- Indigenous Use of Domestic Space at the Height of the Bison Fur Trade  
Poster presented at the January 2020 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference,  
Boston, MA.
- 2020 Archaeometric Analysis of Southern Methodist University Bridwell Library's  
Brick from Ur  
Poster presented at the January 2020 Joint Annual Meeting for the Archaeological  
Institute of America and Society for Classical Studies, Washington D.C.
- 2019 A Tale of Two Houses: Soil Chemical and Floor Assemblage Evidence of  
Domestic Activities at the Menoken Site, North Dakota  
Poster presented at the October 2019 77th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference,  
Bloomington, IN.

### **EXHIBITS**

- 2022 Passing Through: The Liminality of Textiles and Borders in Practice and Symbol  
Part of larger exhibition, Decolonial Matter: Experiments in Boundary and Form.  
Co-curator with Larissa Nez, Erica Wolencheck, and Jay Loomis, Cogut Institute of the  
Humanities, Brown University, Providence, RI.

### **RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2024 Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$42,000 stipend)
- 2022 Teaching Assistant Fellowship (\$42,000 stipend + \$60,000 tuition waiver)  
Department of Anthropology, Brown University  
Conference Travel Award (\$650)  
Brown University  
The Jamie Chad Brandon Student Paper Prize (\$350)  
Society for Historical Archaeology
- 2021 Teaching Assistant Fellowship (\$37,000 stipend + \$60,000 tuition waiver)  
Department of Anthropology, Brown University  
Conference Travel Award (\$650)  
Brown University  
Graduate Student Paper Award (\$300)  
Plains Anthropological Society
- 2020 Graduate Student Fellowship (\$34,000 stipend + \$60,000 tuition waiver)  
Department of Anthropology, Brown University  
Lambda Alpha Iota Chapter Distinguished Achievement Award  
Southern Methodist University  
Edward I. and Peggy C. Fry Award for Academic Excellence in Undergraduate  
Anthropology  
Southern Methodist University  
Undergraduate Research Days Top Dedman College Poster  
Southern Methodist University  
Best Undergraduate Poster Award (\$250)  
Archaeological Institute of America
- 2019 Undergraduate Student Travel Grant (\$250)

Plains Anthropological Society  
Hamilton Undergraduate Research Scholar  
Southern Methodist University Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute  
Robert Mayer Undergraduate Research Fellow  
Southern Methodist University Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute  
2017 Distinguished Scholarship (\$100,000)  
Southern Methodist University

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Graduate Student Coordinating Committee, Brown Anthropology  
Member 2022-2023  
Institute at Brown for Environment and Society  
Graduate Affiliate, 2022-Present  
Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4), Brown University  
Fellow, 2021-Present  
Plains Anthropological Society Student Affairs Committee  
Member 2018-2023

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2023 Teaching Assistant (Spring 2023)  
Dr. Patricia Rubertone's undergraduate class "Material Culture Practicum," Brown University. Duties included grading, developing labs, and office hours.

2022 Teaching Assistant (Fall 2022)  
Drs. Parker VanValkenburgh and Laurel Bestock's undergraduate class "Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology," Brown University. Duties included discussion sections, grading, creating exams, developing labs, and office hours.

Teaching Assistant (Spring 2022)  
Dr. Patricia Rubertone's undergraduate class "Archaeology of Death," Brown University. Duties included discussion sections, grading, creating exams, and office hours.

2021 Teaching Assistant (Fall 2021)  
Drs. Parker VanValkenburgh and Laurel Bestock's undergraduate class "Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology," Brown University. Duties included discussion sections, grading, creating exams, developing labs, and office hours.

2020 Tutor for Academic Development for Student Athletes (Spring 2020)  
Dr. Matthew Boulanger's undergraduate class "Peoples of the Earth: The First Five Million Years," Southern Methodist University. Duties included weekly tutoring sessions and review sessions.

### **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

Dr. Patricia Rubertone, Ph.D. Advisor  
Professor of Anthropology, Brown University. [patricia\\_rubertone@brown.edu](mailto:patricia_rubertone@brown.edu)  
Dr. Robert Preucel, Ph.D. Advisor  
Professor of Anthropology, Director of Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology,

Brown University. [robert\\_preucel@brown.edu](mailto:robert_preucel@brown.edu)  
Dr. Parker VanValkenburgh, Ph.D. Advisor  
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