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Education

Expected 2021 MA in Anthropology & Master of Library and Information Science
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Thesis: *Digitizing Swift Creek Complicated Stamped Ceramic Data: A User Needs Assessment for SnowVision/World Engraved*
Advisors: Dr. Andrew White, Dr. Karen Y. Smith.

May 2018 Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude with Distinction in Anthropology
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Thesis: *The Strong and Croft Ceramics*
Advisors: Dr. Carlina de la Cova, Dr. Andrew White

Experience

August 2018 - Present Metadata Technician, SnowVision/World Engraved
Synthesis of Swift Creek archaeological data; creation of digital records and metadata schemas for Swift Creek designs, sherds, and sites; analysis of user needs; development of use rights for public data; digitally redrawing designs for algorithm use; management of Zotero Swift Creek bibliography. <http://worldengraved.org>

Project Directors: Dr. Karen Y. Smith, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Heritage Trust Program & Dr. Song Wong, University of South Carolina Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Spring 2020 Semester Archaeological Field Technician, Broad River Archaeological Field School
Student supervision and instruction in unit and feature excavation, profile and feature mapping, triangulation.

Project Director: Dr. Andrew White, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology

**November
2019 &
February 2020**

Archaeological Field Technician, Ft. Frederick Heritage Preserve
Phase III. Feature excavations.

Project Directors: Dr. Karen Y. Smith & Sean Taylor, South Carolina
Department of Natural Resources Heritage Trust

**May – July
2019**

Site Scribe and Lab Technician, Wateree Archaeological Research Project
Phase III. Site scribe duties include collection and organization of excavation
data, feature mapping, and digitization of excavation data. Lab duties
include artifact washing, tabulation, sieving of flotation heavy fractions, and
volunteer supervision.

Project Directors: Chris Judge, USC Lancaster Native American Studies
Center & Dr. Gail Wagner, University of South Carolina Department of
Anthropology

**December
2018**

Archaeological Field Technician, Pockoy Island Shell Ring
Phase III. Unit and feature excavations.

Project Directors: Dr. Karen Y. Smith & Sean Taylor, South Carolina
Department of Natural Resources Heritage Trust

**Fall Semester
2018**

Metadata Technician, Archiving SC Women
Part of a SLIS 777 student metadata team responsible for the creation of a
schema and records for photos from American Association of University
Women collections.
https://archive.org/details/@archiving_sc_women

Instructor: Travis Wagner, University of South Carolina School of Library and
Information Science

**May – June
2018**

Archaeological Field Technician, Wateree Archaeological Research Project
Phase III. Unit and feature excavation, profile and feature mapping.

Project Directors: Chris Judge, USC Lancaster Native American Studies
Center & Dr. Gail Wagner, University of South Carolina Department of
Anthropology

**Spring
Semester
2018**

Archaeological Field Technician, Broad River Archaeological Field School
Unit and feature excavation, profile and feature mapping, student
supervision.

Project Director: Dr. Andrew White, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology
& Anthropology

- August – December 2017** **Metadata Technician, Eastern Woodlands Household Archaeology Data Project**
 Updated existing data with more specific information on structure shape and radiocarbon dates.
<https://www.householdarchaeology.org/>
 Project Director: Dr. Andrew White, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology
- May – August 2017** **Archaeological Lab Technician, Broad River Archaeological Project**
 Washed and cataloged artifacts from Broad River Archaeological Field School Spring 2017 season.
 Project Director: Dr. Andrew White, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology
- Spring Semester 2017** **Student, Broad River Archaeological Field School**
 Unit and feature excavation, profile and feature mapping.
 Project Director: Dr. Andrew White, South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology

Presentations

- April 2019** *Digitizing Swift Creek Complicated Stamped Ceramic Data: A User Needs Assessment for Snow Vision/World Engraved*
 Paper presented at the South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference Gambrell Hall, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- November 2017** *Whole Body Donors of South Carolina: A Practice in Research Design*
 Poster presented at Information Science Discovery Day Davis College, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Certifications and Training

- April 2019** *Identifying Historic Ceramics for Archaeologists*
 Workshop presented by Dr. Lindsay Bloch, Florida Museum of Natural History Parker Annex Archaeology Center, Columbia, SC
- 2019-2022** CITI National Certification, Social & Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research
- 2019-2022** CITI National Certification, Human Research Social & Behavioral Research

Grants and Awards

- 2020-2021** *Martha Jane Zachert Scholarship - \$500*
School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina
- 2020** *Georgia Student Archaeological Research Grant (Graduate) - \$2,000*
The Society for Georgia Archaeology, Georgia Council of Professional
Archaeologists, & the Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- 2018** *Outstanding Anthropology Student of the Year*
Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Professional Memberships

The Society for Georgia Archaeology

Skills

Experience with Microsoft Office, Microsoft Access, R Studio, Axure, TablePlus, pgAdmin, The Internet Archive, Wix, Digital Index of North American Archaeology, Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery, Dublin Core, VRA Core, XML, Zotero.

15 years of diverse work experience including 2.5 years administration and finance; 2.5 years with the federal government, MCCS and MWR Army; and 7 years food and beverage.