

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Urbana-Champaign, IL (in progress)  
Doctorate degree in Anthropology with concentration in Archaeology in progress. Museum Studies Minor.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, 2015 (December), Urbana-Champaign  
Master of Arts in Anthropology

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, 2011, Charlottesville, VA  
Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology  
Bachelor of Arts in Physics

### **Teaching Experience**

**University of Illinois, Department of Religion, Urbana-Champaign, IL**

#### **Teaching Assistant- Fall 2015**

Teaching assistant for RLST 110: World Religions. Plan discussion sections, create and grade quizzes, grade exams and writing assignments, hold office hours. Gained further experience in helping manage a large introductory level course.

**University of Illinois, Department of Anthropology, Urbana-Champaign, IL**

#### **Teaching Assistant- Spring 2015**

Worked as a TA for MUSE 250: The World through Museums. Helped maintain the course website, held office hours, graded research projects, and answered student emails.

#### **Teaching Assistant- Fall 2011 and 2014**

Worked as a TA for Anthro 143: Biological Basis for Human Behavior. Graded assignments and ran office hours.

#### **Teaching Assistant-Spring 2014**

Worked as a TA for Anth 175: Archaeology and Pop Culture. Helped maintain the course website, held office hours, graded exams, answered student emails, and performed a variety of other tasks as assigned by the professor.

#### **Teaching Assistant- Spring and Fall 2013**

Worked as a TA for Anth 101: Introduction to Anthropology. Maintained the course website and began transitioning coursework, exams, etc. to the Compass 2g online course management system. Graded exams and held office hours

### **Teaching Assistant- Spring and Fall 2012**

Worked as a TA for Anth 102: Human Origins and Culture. Helped prepare sections, ran sections and office hours, graded assignments. Gained further experience working directly with undergraduates.

### **James Madison University Content Teaching Academy, Harrisonburg, VA.**

#### **Assistant Curricula Developer- Summers 2011 and 2012**

Developed activities for K-8 teachers to use LEGO robotics in the classroom. Correlated the content with the Virginia Standards of Learning. Gained experience in designing curricula and hands-on activities.

### **Related Experience**

#### **Spurlock Museum, Urbana, IL.**

##### **Collections Management Volunteer and Employee, August 2014-present**

Assist with collections management activities, including cleaning, condition reporting, and packing of artifacts. Also involved in some exhibit preparation, report preparation, and miscellaneous other duties.

#### **Public Service Archaeology & Architecture Program (PSAAP), Urbana, IL.**

##### **Project Facilitator, March 2013-present**

Conducted archaeological surveys and related lab work and analysis for cultural resource management purposes in the Midwest. Gained familiarity with curation standards for the states of Illinois and Iowa.

#### **Archaeology of Edgefield Pottery Communities, Urbana, IL**

##### **Research Assistant, January-May 2016**

Tasked with managing the archaeological laboratory, preparing materials for long term curation, and writing up the 2013 research report.

#### **Theoretical Archaeology Group**

##### **Member of the 2014 Theoretical Archaeology Group Organizing Committee, Urbana, IL.**

Helped organize and plan the annual Theoretical Archaeology Group- U.S. conference held May 23-25, 2014 at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

#### **University of Illinois Archaeology Student Society, Urbana, IL**

##### **Co-President August 2013-August 2014**

Planned and conducted meetings of graduate and undergraduate students. Procured funding for and organized professionalization and outreach events relating to archaeology. Gained experience in fundraising, grant writing, event planning, and public outreach.

#### **University of Illinois Summer Field School, Edgefield, SC**

##### **Supervising Archaeologist and Co-instructor (with C. Fennell and J. Arjona) of the Archaeology of Edgefield Pottery Communities Field School, May-July, 2013**

Conducted archaeological surveys, remote sensing surveys, and excavations of the nineteenth

century stoneware production facility at Pottersville, Edgefield County, SC, and helped train undergraduate students and volunteers in these skills.

**James Madison's Montpelier**, Montpelier Station, VA.

**Archaeology Field School and Lab Volunteer- Summer 2012**

Gained further experience in field and lab methods and theory at a historic presidential home. Skills gained include Phase III excavation, washing, wet screening, flotation, labeling, and public outreach.

**University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology**, Charlottesville, VA.

**Independent Study-Spring 2011**

Catalogued faunal material from Upper Mesopotamia under the guidance of Patricia Wattenmaker

**Monticello**, Charlottesville, VA.

**Field School Student- Summer 2010**

Gained experience in field and laboratory archaeological methods and theory.

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2014 "Turning Clay into Craft: Field Notes from 2013 Excavations at Pottersville, SC." *South Carolina Antiquities*, 46(1), 77-80. (By J. Arjona and T. Niculescu).
- 2013 "Granular avalanches in a two-dimensional drum with imposed vertical vibration." *Physical Review E*. 88(1). (By D. Amon, T. Niculescu, and B. Utter).

### **Professional Posters**

- 2015 "Tides of Celadon: Glaze Developments in the Edgefield Pottery District, SC." Presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, January 7-12, 2015, Seattle, WA.

### **Professional Papers**

- 2016 "Transcending Dualities and Forging Relationships: An Example from Staunton, Virginia." In the "Praxis and Value in Performing Archaeology: Heritage, Affect, and the Relevancy of Archaeological Research" symposium at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, January 6-9, 2016, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 "Disabling Agency: the Queer Figure of Dave Drake." Presented at the Theoretical Archaeology Group Conference, May 23-25, 2014, Urbana-Champaign, IL. (By J. Arjona and T. Niculescu)
- 2014 "The Politics and Ideology of Jewish Agricultural Colonies in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America." Presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, January 8-12, 2014, Quebec City, Canada.
- 2013 "Active Landscapes: A Proposal and Case Study." Presented at Graduate Conference

“Landscapes: Performing Space and Culture”, April 5-6, 2013, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

### **Organized Symposia**

2014 “Queer Matter: The Convergence of Queer Affects, Bodies, and Temporalities.” Session at the Theoretical Archaeology Group Conference, May 23-25, 2014, Urbana-Champaign, IL. (with J. Arjona)

### **Other Presentations**

2016 “The Ties that Bind: How Archaeological Materials Merge the Past, Present, and Future, an Example from Staunton, Virginia.” Presented as part of the East Central Illinois Archaeological Society Lecture Series. January, 21, 2016, Urbana, IL.

2013 “Southern Jewish Experiences of the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century: Questions of Identity Formation and Cultural Articulation in a Small Town.” Presented at the University of Illinois Department of Anthropology Graduate Research Symposium, March 2, 2013, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

2012 “The Archaeology of the Roman Colonization of Dacia.” Guest lecture at the Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School, Fishersville, VA.

### **Honors and Awards**

2016 Forest N. Baker Fund for American Archaeological Research Award. Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2016 Runner Up, Gendell Family and Shiner Family Fellowship, The Program in Jewish Culture and Society, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2016 Illinois Association for the Advancement of Archaeology (IAAA) Permanent Fund Grant on behalf of the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum (OCSM) and the Archaeology Student Society for the installation of a permanent archaeology exhibit at the OCSM.

2015 “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students”, Fall 2015 list, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2014 Department of Anthropology Summer Research Funding, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2014 Student Cultural Programming Fee to the Archaeology Student Society (President) for the event Archaeology Day: Engaging the Senses, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2014 Student Affairs Program Coordinating Committee Award to the Archaeology Student Society (President) for the event Archaeology Day: Engaging the Senses, University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- 2014 Second Place, Society for Historical Archaeology, Gender and Minority Affairs Committee, Diversity Field School Competition. (with C. Fennell and J. Arjona).
- 2010 Half Tuition Stipend from the Thomas Jefferson Foundation for the UVa/Monticello Summer Archaeological Field School
- 2007-2011 University of Virginia Echols Scholar: Selected to receive special coursework and unique educational opportunities.

## **References**

### **Dr. Christopher Fennell**

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## **Research Interests**

Historical archaeology. Public archaeology. Ethnicity and ethnogenesis. Practice theory. Household archaeology. Southern Jewish history.

Archaeological curation problems and solutions, museum collections management. Heritage studies.

## **Professional Organizations**

Register of Professional Archaeologists  
American Anthropological Association  
Society for Historical Archaeology  
Southern Jewish Historical Society  
Archaeological Society of Virginia