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Education

May 2025 M. A., Anthropology, University of Georgia (4.00/4.00)
Graduate Certificate in Native American Studies

May 2020 B. A., Anthropology, University of Georgia,
Summa Cum Laude with Honors (3.97/4.00)
Minor in Religion; Design + Media
Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Certificate in Archaeological Sciences

Work Experience

June 2025 – Present
Site Files Program Coordinator, Office of the State Archaeologist, South Carolina
Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA), University of South Carolina

Aug 2023 – May 2025
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia

April 2021 – Aug 2023
Senior Research Technician, Laboratory of Archaeology, University of Georgia

Aug 2017 – Apr 2021
Site File Technician, Georgia Archaeological Site File

May 2019 – July 2019
Drafting Intern, Hargrett Rare Book Manuscript Library, Special Collections Library,
University of Georgia

Aug 2018 – Dec 2018
Intern, Georgia Museum of Natural History. Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Birch

Grants, Honors, Awards – (Total \$47,588.00)

Submitted 2026
\$XXX,000.00. The Digital Archive of Battlefield Archaeology: Digital Preservation of
America's Revolutionary War Battlefield Sites and Data. National Endowment for the
Humanities, Chris Nicholson (PI), Carl Drexler (Co-PI), Christopher Saunders (Co-PI),
Chrissy Gomez (Co-PI), Christine Nestleroth (Co-PI), Doug Scott (Co-PI). \$40,000
awarded to USC.

2025
Department Head's Award (Graduate), Department of Anthropology.

2025
\$500.00 UGA Graduate Student Domestic Travel Grant.

2024
\$500.00 Research Aid and travel Grant, UGA Archaeology Lab Microgrant.

2020
Department Head's Award (Undergraduate), Department of Anthropology.

2017-2020
Honors Program, University of Georgia.

2016-2020
Presidential Scholar

2016-2020
Dean's List

2016-2020
\$40,088.00. Zell Miller Scholarship (Full Tuition).

2016-2020
\$4,500.00. Georgia Incentive Scholarship (\$500/Semester).

2018
\$500.00. Brian Daniel Gumbert Award in Archaeological Field Studies.

2016
\$1000.00. Omnova Solutions Foundation Technology and Design Scholarship.

2016
\$500.00. Gordon County Historical Society Young Historian Scholarship.

Publications

Napora, Katherine G., Kristine Schenk, and **Christopher Saunders**

In Press

Teaching Tree Rings: Developing Age-Specific Dendroarchaeology Activities based on Real Scientific Case Studies for Classroom-Based Education and Public Outreach.
Journal of Archaeology and Education

Thompson, Amanda Roberts, RaeLynn Butler, Dominique deBeaubien, Miranda Panther, Turner Hunt, LeeAnne Wendt, Emman Spain, Raynella Fontenot, Linda Langley, Victor D. Thompson, Kristine Schenk, Mary Porter Freeman, Carey Garland, Claire Auerbach, and **Christopher**

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2023

The NAGPRA Nexus, Institutional Integrity, and the Evolving Role of Archaeological Laboratories. *Advances of Archaeological Practice* 11(2):232-245.
DOI:10.1017/aap.2022.43

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2019

Human Remains from Medieval Denmark Show City Life was "Bad to the Bone." *The Classic Journal* 4(1). DOI: 10.1002/oa.2691.

Field Experience

July 2023

Documentary Crew, *Enfulletv-Mocvse* in Archaeology Field School at Brown's Mount, Bibb County, Georgia. University of Georgia.

P.I.: Dr. Matthew Holland, Dr. Victor Thompson

June 2023

Field Technician, Ossabaw Island Shell Midden Survey, Ossabaw Island, Georgia. Penn State University.

P.I.: Dr. Jacob Holland-Lulewicz, Dr. Isabelle Holland-Lulewicz

June 2020

Field Technician, Jaketown Mounds Geophysical Survey, Humphrys County, Mississippi. Washington University in St. Louis.

P.I.: Dr. Jacob Holland-Lulewicz

June 2018 – July 2018

Student, Native and Colonial Worlds Field School, Ossabaw Island, Georgia. University of Georgia.

P.I.: Dr. Victor Thompson

March 2018

Field Technician, Kenan Field Archaeology Project (NSF #1643072), Sapelo Island, Georgia. University of Georgia.

P.I.: Dr. Brandon Ritchison

Presentations and Other Creative Contributions

2025

Contextualizing the Visualization of Iconography and Funerary Belongings in Southeastern Archaeological Practice. Presentation at the 90th Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, Denver, Colorado. April 23-27.

2025

Archaeological Site Handbook: An Avocational Guide to the Archaeological Registry Process in the State of Georgia. UGA Laboratory of Archaeology.

2024

Image Use in Southeastern Archaeology Depicting Iconographic and Mortuary Practices. Invited lecture. Presented at the 2024 Society for Georgia Archaeology Meeting, Gwinnett, Georgia, December 6.

2024

Image Use in Southeastern Archaeology Depicting Iconographic and Mortuary Practices. Presented at the 80th Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia, November 13-17.

2024

Visualization Practices of Iconography and Funerary Belongings in the Southeast. Invited lecture. Grab'd Lunch Fall 2024 Lecture Series, Laboratory of Archaeology, University of Georgia.

2024

Alumni Night Guest Speaker. Invited lecture. Student Association for Archaeological Studies (SAAS).

2023

Archaeological Image Use in Practice in the American Southeast as it pertains to the Study of Iconography and Photographs of Funerary Belongings. Poster Presented at the 79th Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Chattanooga, October 25-28.

2020

CNN and TBS 40th Anniversary Exhibit. Hargrett Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, Special Collections Library, University of Georgia.

Public Service and Outreach

Pres – ICE Watch, Midlands SC Defensa.

June 2023 – Ossabaw Public Archaeology Day, Ossabaw Foundation.

June 2022 – Ossabaw Public Archaeology Day, Ossabaw Foundation.

2017-2020 – Society for Archaeological and Anthropological Studies (SAAS), University of Georgia
President (2019-2020), Vice President (2018)

May 2019 – Annual Meeting, Society for Georgia Archaeology

Feb 2019 – World Anthropology Day, American Anthropological Association.

Jan 2019 – Cemetery Cleanup, Friends of Brooklyn Cemetery.

Nov 2018 – STEM Zone UGA, UGA Laboratory of Archaeology.

Oct 2018 – Public Day, William Harris Homestead.

May 2018 – New South Archaeology Day, New South Associates.

Skills, Proficiencies, and Interests

- NAGPRA Law and Policy, Repatriation, and Compliance

- Collaborative Archaeology and Indigenous Integration

- National Historic Preservation Act law and policy, Section 106 procedures

- Mapping using ArcPro, ArcMap, and TOPO! Software

- Respectful terminology and sensitive handling of NAGPRA materials

- Photography

- Creative and Professional Writing

- Graphic Design

- Written and Image based Storytelling

- Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, etc.)

- Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, etc.)