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## Education

Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 5/2011  
Dissertation: Conditions of Social Change at El Dornajo, Southwestern Ecuador  
Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies

M.A. Anthropology, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 8/2002  
Thesis: Artisan Autonomy in the Middle Sicán State

M.A. Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, University of South Florida, 5/2022

B.A. Art History, University of Arizona, 5/1998  
Minor in Latin American Studies

## Academic Positions

2019-Present Associate Professor of Instruction, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida  
2017-2019 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida  
2013-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida  
2012-2013 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Science, Flagler College  
2011 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh  
2003-2004 Staff Archaeologist/Adjunct Instructor, Pima Community College Archaeology Centre

## Awards

2019 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award at the University of South Florida.

## Courses Taught

Introduction to Anthropology	Southwestern Archaeology
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	North American Archaeology
Introduction to Archaeology	South American Archaeology
Artifact Analysis	Mesoamerican Archaeology
Quantitative Methods	Maya, Aztec, Inka Archaeology
Advanced Quantitative Methods	Archaeology of Death and Burial
Ancient Cities and Sustainability	Artifact Identification

## **Current Research**

Proyecto de Investigación Arqueológico de Chira (PIAChira) in Peru. This project investigates the impact of state expansion on the local political and economic organization of the valley during the Late Intermediate Period.

## **Archaeological Field Experience**

2018-2023 Co-Director Chira Valley Archaeological Project, Peru.  
2013 Lab Director of the Southern Costa Rica Archaeological Project, Costa Rica.  
2010 Lithic analysis, Tetra Tech, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA.  
2008 Director of the Rio Zarumilla Archaeological Project, Ecuador.  
2007 Lab Director of the Rio Parita Archaeological Project, Panama.  
2007 Researcher for the Chiefdoms Database Project, University of Pittsburgh, PA.  
2004-2005 Crew member of Christine Davis Consultants, Verona, PA.  
2003-2004 Staff Archaeologist, Pima Community College Centre for Archaeological Field Training, Tucson, Az.  
2001 Instructor and Crew Chief Salango Archaeological Project Field School, Ecuador, Florida Atlantic University.  
2001-2002 Graduate Assistant to the curator at the Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC, Carbondale, IL.  
1999-2000 Crew Chief and ceramic analyst for the Sicán Archaeological Project, Peru.  
1998-1999 Intermittent field and lab crew member, Center for Desert Archaeology, Tucson, AZ.; Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, Tucson, Az.; SWCA, Inc. Tucson, Az; San Pedro Archaeology, Sonoita, Az.

## **Grants and Fellowships**

2023 Rust Family Foundation Grant, \$5,000  
2023 Brennan Foundation Grant, \$5,000  
2008 NSF Dissertation Grant, \$15,000  
2006-2007 Mellon Fellowship, one year of academic support with a salary  
2007 U of Pitt. Anthropology Department, \$2,000, pre-dissertation research award  
2006 CLAS Summer Travel Grant, \$2,000, pre-dissertation research  
2006 U of Pitt. Anthropology Department, \$1,500, pre-dissertation research award  
1999-2001 SIUC Graduate Dean's Fellowship, two years of academic support with a salary  
1997 U of A Language Travel Grant, \$1,000, language immersion

## **Additional Professional Skills**

Language: Proficient-fluent Spanish

Software: AutoCAD, Surfer, Idrisi, Excel, Systat, basic ACCESS, SPSS, basic ArcMap

**Publications and Presentations**

Articles

- 2017            Organización social y ritual mortuorio en el Período de Desarrollos Regionales: el sitio El Dornajo, Suroeste del Ecuador. By Sarah Taylor and María Patricia Ordoñez. *International Journal of South American Archaeology*.
- 2015            The Construction of Vulnerability along the Zarumilla River Valley in Prehistory.

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June 2015 *Weekday Diets of Burmese Refugee School-Aged Children*. By Roberta D. Baer Sarah Taylor, Adriana Dail, Cori Bender, and Sean Baird. Department of Anthropology University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

October 2008 Informe preliminar del Proyecto Arqueológico Zarumilla, 2008, sitio El Dornajo. Report presented to the Office of National Patrimony, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

July 2004 *Archaeological Test Excavations* ~~xc4 142.0872.M1 (xc4 142.0872.M1 (xc4 142.0872.M1 (xc4 142Tw 5.0~~

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