**MEGAN D. PARKER**

**Curriculum Vitae**

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political economy, paleoethnobotany, household and community archaeology, Latin America, ancient Mesoamerica (Maya and Aztec), Colonial Mexico, colonialism, environmental archaeology, landscapes, inclusive pedagogies, scientific ethics, cultural heritage politics, archaeological tourism

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate, **University of Kentucky**, Department of Anthropology 2016-Present

* Dissertation title: “Documenting Changes in Household Economies Before and After Spanish Conquest in the Northern Basin of Mexico.”

MA, Anthropology, **Georgia State University**,Department of Anthropology 2014

* Thesis title: “A Paleoethnobotanical Perspective on Late Classic Maya Cave Ritual at the Site of Pacbitun, Belize.”

BS, Anthropology (minor in US History), **Kennesaw State University**, Department of Geography and Anthropology 2011

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Parker, Megan D.** and Jon Spenard

*In Review* Ritual Plant Use in Pacbitun’s Caves: A Social Paleoethnobotanical Approach. In *Pacbitun, Belize: Reconstructing the Lifeways of an Ancient Maya City*, edited by Terry G. Powis, George Micheletti, and Sheldon Skaggs.

Woodfill, Brent, Jon Spenard, and **Megan D. Parker**

2016 Caves, hills, and caches: The importance of karst landscapes for the Prehispanic and contemporary Maya. In *Caves and Karst Across Time: Geological Society of America Special Papers 516*, edited by Joshua M. Feinburg, Yongli Gao, and E. Calvin Alexander, Jr., pp. 197-209. DOI: 10.1130/2016.2516.

**PROFESSIONAL REPORTS**

Morehart, Christopher T., Rudolf Cesarreti, Dean Blumenfeld, Edgar Alarcon, and **Megan D. Parker**

2018 La Continuación de las Investigaciones en la Operación 5. In *Proyecto de Ecología Histórica del Norte de la Cuenca de México: Informe de la Temporada de Campo 2017*, edited by Christopher T. Morehart, pp. 10-35.

**Parker, Megan D.**

2013 A Preliminary Report on Paleoethnobotanical Remains and Observations from Cave Sites in the Pacbitun Periphery. In *Pacbitun Regional Archaeological Report (PRAP): Report on the 2012 Field Season*, edited by Terry G. Powis, pp. 104-121.

Spenard, Jon and **Megan D. Parker**

2013 Diego’s World Revisited: More Stories from the San Antonio Supernatural World. In *Pacbitun Regional Archaeological Project (PRAP): Report on the 2012 Field Season*, edited by Terry G. Powis, pp. 6-15.

**GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS**

2019-2020: **Department of Anthropology**, University of Kentucky, Graduate Teaching Assistantship

2018-2019: **Graduate School**, University of Kentucky: Graduate Program Enrichment Funds (on behalf of Anthropology Graduate Student Association Distinguished Lecture Series), $1,275

2018-2019: **University of Kentucky Student Government**: Multicultural Inclusion Grant (on behalf of Anthropology Graduate Student Association Distinguished Lecture Series), $1,500

2018-2019: **Latin America, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program**, University of Kentucky, Research Award, $1000

2018-2019: **Department of Anthropology**, University of Kentucky: Robert O’Dear Research Award, $500

2017-2019: **Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program**, University of Kentucky, Graduate Teaching Assistantship

2018: **College of Arts and Sciences**, University of Kentucky: Inclusive Pedagogies Graduate Learning Community Fellowship, $2,000

2018: **Department of Anthropology**, University of Kentucky: Susan Abbott-Jamieson Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, $1,500

2018: **Society for Economic Anthropology**:Halperin Award: “Documenting Change in Domestic Household Production in the Northern Basin of Mexico Before and After Spanish Conquest,” $2,500

* This was the first archaeological project to ever be awarded the Halperin Award.

2018: **Department of Anthropology**, University of Kentucky: Conference Travel Award, $300

2018: **Department of Anthropology**, University of Kentucky: Legacy Graduate Conference Travel Award, $100

2016-2017: **Graduate School**, University of Kentucky: Kentucky Opportunity Fellowship

2015: **Student Life Office,** Georgia State University-Perimeter College (as faculty advisor for the Student Anthropology Club), $8,165

2013: **Sigma Xi** Grant-in-Aid of Research award, $1,000

2012-2013: **Department of Anthropology**, Georgia State University: Graduate Teaching Assistantship

2010: **Center for Teaching and Learning**, Kennesaw State University: Travel Grant, $500

2010: **Education Abroad Scholarship**, Kennesaw State University, $1,500

2008-2009: **Federal Academic Competitive Grant,** $1,300

2007-2008: **Federal Academic Competitive Grant**, $700

2007-2011: **HOPE Scholarship**: entire cost of tuition for 4 years

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

* ANT 352, Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology: Indigenous Peoples of the Americas
  + Primary Instructor: Fall 2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program/Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

* LAS 201, Introduction to Latin American Studies
  + Primary Instructor: Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
  + Grader: Fall 2018

Adjunct Instructor: Department of Cultural and Behavioral Science, Georgia State University- Perimeter College (2014-2016)

* ANTH 101, Introduction to Anthropology
  + Primary Instructor

Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Georgia State University (2012-2013)

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Parker, Megan D.

2017 A Review of *Chol (Mayan) Folktales: a Collection of Stories from the Modern Maya of Southern Mexico*, by Nicholas A. Hopkins and J. Kathryn Josserand. *Anthropology Book Forum*, <http://www.anthropology-news.org/?book-review=storytelling-that-links-the-present-to-the-past>

Parker, Megan D.

2016 Weaving the Dynamic Cosmos: A Review of *Aztec Philosophy: Understanding a World in Motion*, by James Maffie. *Anthropology Book Forum.* <http://www.anthropology-news.org/?book-review=weaving-the-dynamic-cosmos>

Parker, Megan D.

2015 A Review of *Acorns and Bitter Roots: Starch Grain Research in the Prehistoric Eastern Woodlands****,*** by Timothy C. Messner. *Early Georgia* 43(2).

**CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Parker, Megan D. and Jon Spenard

2018 “Sacred Landscapes, Architectural Spaces, and Ritual Offerings as the Materialization of Environmental Narratives at the Site of Pacbitun, Belize.” Paper presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, D.C.

Parker, Megan D., Karen Stevens, Justin Carlson, and Kathrine Alexander

2017 “Finding a Space/Place for Archaeology in Political Economy.” Session organized for the 7th Annual Meeting, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, Kentucky.

Parker, Megan D. and Christopher T. Morehart

2014 “Culture vs. Behavior: Can we use archaeobotanical data from ritual contexts in the Maya Lowlands to document environmental change?” Paper presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas, April 23-27.

Parker, Megan D.

2011 “The Significance of Medicinal Plants in Ancient and Contemporary Maya Life.” Poster presented at the Student Research Symposium, Kennesaw State University.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD AND LAB EXPERIENCE**

2019 Field Assistant, Northern Basin of Mexico Historical Ecology Project (NBMHEP). PI: Christopher T. Morehart. Participated in National Geographic regional survey and surface collections, Epiclassic and Late Postclassic/Early Colonial ceramic analysis, archival research. 3 months, summer.

2018 Field Assistant, Northern Basin of Mexico Historical Ecology Project (NBMHEP). PI: Christopher T. Morehart. Directed excavations of an Epiclassic household site, participated in regional survey and surface collections of transitional Late Postclassic to Early Colonial sites, ceramic analysis, archaeobotanical flotation. 3 months, summer.

2017 Field Assistant, Northern Basin of Mexico Historical Ecology Project (NBMHEP). PI: Christopher T. Morehart. Assisted with horizontal excavations, archaeobotanical flotation. 6 weeks, summer.

2017 Field Assistant, Proyecto Arqueológico Sacbe de Ucí-Cansahcab (PASUC). PI: Scott R. Hutson. Yucatan, Mexico. Assisted with excavations at the site of Uci, archaeobotanical recovery and analysis. 6 weeks, summer.

2015 Field Crew, Terracon. Crew Chief: Scott Smallwood. Richmond, South Carolina. Phase I archaeological survey. 6 weeks, summer.

2014 Field School Assistant, Congaree National Park. PI: Daniel P. Bigman. Assisted with environmental survey work, acted as ethnobotany consultant. 2 weeks.

2013 Lab and Field Assistant, Proyecto Arqueológico Xuenkal (PAX). PIs: T. Kam Manahan, Traci Ardren. Yucatan, Mexico. Archaeobotanical flotation, survey and soil sampling from rejolladas in the site core. 6 weeks, summer.

2012 Field Assistant, Pacbitun Regional Archaeological Project (PRAP). PI: Terry G. Powis. Cayo District, Belize. Excavations for my MA thesis work, archaeobotanical recovery and analysis of materials from caves in the site periphery; ground penetrating radar of site core, artifact analysis. 6 weeks, summer and 3 weeks, winter.

2011 Field Crew, New South Associates. Resaca, Georgia. Phase I archaeological metal detector survey of Civil War battlefield. 4 weeks, summer.

2010 Field School Student, Pacbitun Regional Archaeological Project (PRAP). PI: Terry G. Powis. Cayo District, Belize. Participated in excavations in the site core, cave and karst survey, ceramic analysis. 6 weeks, summer and 3 weeks, winter.

2010 Field Assistant, Moore’s Ford Bridge. PI: Terry G. Powis. Monroe, Georgia. Cold case crime scene investigation, metal detector survey related to 1946 Moore’s Ford lynching case.

2010 Field School Student, George Smith Site. PI: Terry G. Powis. Bartow County, Georgia. Training in all archaeological field techniques. 4 weeks, spring.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES/AWARDS**

Graduate Student Anthropology Service Award. Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (2018-2019)

Graduate Student Representative, Job Search Committee for an Historical Archaeologist of the African Diaspora. University of Kentucky (Spring 2019)

Distinguished Lecture Series Chair. Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (2018-2019)

* As chair of the 18th Annual DLS event, I raised $3,975 to arrange to host Dr. K. Anne Pyburn, whose talk was titled: “Practicing Archaeology (and Science) in the Current Political Climate.” This was the most money that had ever been raised to host DLS.

Organizer, “Braceros: 1940s Images from Mexico”, Young Library Photo Exhibit

* Funded by the College of Arts and Sciences Year of Migration, the Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program, and the William T. Young Library at the University of Kentucky (2018-2019)

Inclusive Pedagogies Graduate Learning Community Certification. College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky (2018-2019)

* As part of the certification, graduate students developed tools, resources, and teaching modules to train university instructors on methods and theories in inclusive pedagogies.

Archaeology Roundtable Committee Chair. Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (2016-Present)

* The Archaeology Roundtable organizes informal archaeology talks with local archaeologists engaged in a wide array of professional settings, including government agencies, state historic preservation offices, CRM companies, and from nearby colleges and universities.

Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference Organizer. Political Ecology Working Group, University of Kentucky (2016-2018)

* This political ecology-themed conference is organized annually by graduate students.

Faculty Advisor. Student Anthropology Club, Georgia State University-Perimeter College. (2015-2016)

* As faculty advisor, I was able to apply for funds to take six undergraduate students to the Society for American Archaeology meetings in 2016.

Lambda Alpha Honors Club President. Kennesaw State University (2010-2011)

Lambda Alpha Honors Club Treasurer. Kennesaw State University (2009-2010)

Student Anthropology Club Treasurer. Kennesaw State University (2009-2010)

Student Anthropology Club Secretary. Kennesaw State University (2008-2009)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Anthropological Association

Society for American Archaeology

Lambda Alpha Honors Society

**LANGUAGES**

English – Fluent

Spanish – Intermediate

**CLASSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 101)

Introduction to Latin American Studies (LAS 201)

Special Topics in Cultural Anthropology: Indigenous Peoples of the Americas (ANT 352)

**REFERENCES**

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