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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology, in progress (August 2012- Present), Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

M.A. Anthropology, 2016, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

B.S. Chemistry, Secondary Education, 2011, Summa Cum Laude, Department of Chemistry, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

B.A. Anthropology, 2011, concentration in Archaeology, with Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude, Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

Honors Thesis— *Determination of Burial Chronology at the Kirkland site using Fluoride Dating*. Advised by Cheryl Claassen (Thesis Director), Larry Kimball, Carol Babyak (Chemistry), and Leslie Sargent Jones (Honors College)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Subfield: Archaeology; **Topical Interests:** Hunter-Gatherers, Environmental Archaeology, Archaeometry, Gender, Settlement and Subsistence, Archaic Period, Public Archaeology; **Regional Expertise:** Southeastern North America, Ohio River Valley

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2015-current **Data Manager**, Kentucky Archaeological Survey (at the Kentucky Heritage Council), University of Kentucky

2014-2015 **Field and Lab Technician**, Program for Archaeological Research, University of Kentucky

AWARDS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2015 **William Y. Adams Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

2014-2015, 2012-2013 **Teaching Assistantship**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

- 2014 **Susan Abbott-Jamieson Pre-Dissertation Research Fund Award** (\$800),
Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2013-2014 **Research Assistantship**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2011 **Dr. L. Jill Loucks Memorial Award for Outstanding Senior in Anthropology**
(\$300), Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University
- 2010 **Dr. L. Jill Loucks Memorial Scholarship** (\$900), Department of Anthropology,
Appalachian State University
- 2009 **Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology**,
Appalachian State University, Epsilon Chapter of North Carolina
- 2009 **Certificate of Appreciation**, NC Office of State Archaeology

PUBLICATIONS- Technical Reports

Stevens, Karen, Monica L. Chism, and Michelle D. Massey

- 2015 Phase I Archaeological Survey of Three Proposed Shallow Water Areas within the Big Rivers
Wildlife Management Area, Crittenden County, Kentucky. UK-PAR Technical Report No. 764.
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

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- 2014 Phase I Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Chicken Farm in Simpson County, Kentucky.
UK-PAR Technical Report No. 751. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2014 Phase I Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Chicken Farm in Logan County, Kentucky. UK-
PAR Technical Report No. 750. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

Stevens, Karen, Jonas Yates, Claiborne Daniel Sea, and Steven Ahler

- 2014 Phase I Archaeological Survey of Sections of the Proposed Burgin Sanitary Sewer System,
Mercer and Boyle Counties, Kentucky. UK-PAR Technical Report No. 724. University of
Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Stevens, Karen A.

- 2016 Auditory Exostoses as Indicators of Mobility and Sexual Divisions of Labor in the Green
River Valley, Kentucky. Poster to be presented at the 81st Annual Society for American
Archaeology Meeting, Orlando, Florida.
- 2016 Preliminary Fieldwork at Several Archaic Shell Middens in the Lower Green River
Archaeological Region. Paper presented at the 33rd Annual Kentucky Heritage Council
Archaeology Conference, Pineville, Kentucky.

Hanvey, Vanessa, Karen Stevens, Michael Loughlin, Steve Ahler, and Tyler Stumpf

- 2015 Raw Material Procurement and Use at an Archaic Period Site on the Cumberland River,
Trigg County, Kentucky. Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Southeastern Archaeological
Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

Stevens, Karen A.

- 2014 Prevalence of Auditory Exostoses in the Green River Archaic: A Gendered Analysis of Subsistence and Mobility Related Behaviors. Poster presented at the 71st Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.
- 2014 Looting in Kentucky: A Regional Perspective, A Digital Approach. Paper presented at the 31st Annual Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference, Burkesville, Kentucky.
- 2011 Determination of Burial Chronology at the Kirkland site using Fluoride Dating. Paper presented at the 2011 National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Ithaca, New York.
- 2011 Determination of Burial Chronology at the Kirkland site using Fluoride Dating. Paper presented at the 14th Annual Celebration of Student Research and Creative Endeavors, Boone, North Carolina.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Anthropology/Archaeology

- 2012-2015 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Kentucky, Department of Anthropology
Introduction to Anthropology- Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014
Online Course: Introduction to Anthropology- Summer 2013
Introduction to Biological Anthropology- Spring 2015

Chemistry/Biology

- 2012 **Instructor**, Leesville Road High School, Science Department, Raleigh, North Carolina
Academic and Honors Biology- Spring 2012
- 2011 **Student Teacher**, Leesville Road High School, Science Department, Raleigh, North Carolina
Honors Chemistry- Fall 2011
- 2011 **Instructional Assistant**, Appalachian State University, Department of Chemistry, Boone, North Carolina
Introductory Chemistry Labs- Spring 2011
- 2010-2011 **Laboratory Assistant**, Appalachian State University, Department of Chemistry, Boone, North Carolina
Introductory Chemistry Labs- Spring 2010
Quantitative Analysis- Spring 2010, Fall 2011
- 2010-2011 **Tutor**, Appalachian State University, Learning Assistance Program, Boone, North Carolina
Introductory Chemistry- Fall 2010, Spring 2011
Analytical Physics- Fall 2010, Spring 2011

RESEARCH, FIELD, AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Field and Laboratory Technician

2014-2015 University of Kentucky, Program for Archaeological Research-
Summer 2014, Summer 2015

Research Assistant

2013-2014 William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology, University of Kentucky- Spring 2013-Fall
2014

Field School

2013 (Volunteer) Radford University, Archaeological Field School at the Carter Robison
Mound (44LE10), Principal Investigator: Dr. Maureen Meyers- Summer 2013

2010 Appalachian State University, Colvard II (31AH266) Site, Principal Investigator: Dr.
Larry R. Kimball- Summer 2010

Chemical Analysis Technician

2011 Arkansas Archeological Survey, Shell Chemistry- Summer 2011

2010 Relative Fluoride Dating of Kirkland (15McL12) site, Supervisors: Dr. Cheryl P.
Claassen and Carol M. Babyak

Archaeology Lab Technician

2010 Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.
Principal Investigator: Dr. Thomas R. Whyte- Spring 2010

2008-2011 NC Office of State Archaeological Research Center, Raleigh, North Carolina-
Summers 2008-2011

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member-at-Large, Student Affairs Committee, Southeastern Archaeological Conference- 2016

Volunteer, Society for American Archaeology Conference, Orlando, Florida- 2016

Session Chair, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, Kentucky- 2016

Volunteer, Society for Economic Anthropology Conference, Lexington, Kentucky- 2015

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) Conference Organizer- Fall 2014-Spring 2016
Scribe- Fall 2015- Spring 2016

Living Archaeology Weekend (LAW) Volunteer- 2013, 2014, 2015

Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) Committee Member- Spring 2014- Spring 2016

Anthropology Graduate Student Association

Secretary- Fall 2014- Spring 2015

Treasurer- Spring 2015

TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH SKILLS

GIS (ArcGIS 10.2), trained by Dr. Chris Gunn and Dr. Phillip Mink at the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Chemical Instrumentation, Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectroscopy (ICP), Ion Exchange Chromatograph System (ICS), pH probe, fluoride ion probe, trained by Dr. Carol Babyak at Appalachian State University (Chemistry Department).

Ceramic Analysis, trained by Dr. Christopher A. Pool and others at the University of Kentucky (Department of Anthropology).

Lithic Analysis, trained by Dr. Richard Jefferies and Dr. Steven Ahler at the University of Kentucky (Department of Anthropology).

Zooarchaeological Analysis, trained by Dr. Thomas Whyte at Appalachian State University (Department of Anthropology).

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LANGUAGES

Spanish- read and write with basic competence

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC)
Society for American Archaeology (SAA)