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Current Position: NSF Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford University

Education

2003 Ph.D. in Anthropology, **University of California, Berkeley**

Dissertation Committee: Ruth Tringham (Chair), Christine Hastorf, John Hurst, Rosemary Joyce

Dissertation Title: *Domesticating Clay: Engaging with 'They': The Social Life of Clay Balls from Çatalhöyük, Turkey and Public Archaeology for Indigenous Communities*

1998 M.A. in Anthropology, **University of California, Berkeley**

1991 B.A. in Anthropology and Classical Archaeology, **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

Employment History

2005 – present **National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Scholar**, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

2003 - 2005 **President's Postdoctoral Scholar**, Anthropology Department, University of California, Berkeley

2003 **Instructor**, Introduction to Archaeology, Anthropology Department, University of California, Berkeley Summer session

2001 **Head Graduate Student Instructor**, Introduction to Archaeology, Anthropology Department, University of California, Berkeley, Spring semester

1997, 1998-1999, 2000-2001 **Public Education and Outreach Coordinator**, University of California, Berkeley, Archaeological Research Facility

1999 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Introduction to Archaeology, Anthropology Department, University of California, Berkeley, Spring semester

1996 **Course Reader**, Mediterranean and European Prehistory, Anthropology Department, University of California, Berkeley, Fall semester

Research Grants

2005-2007 National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Research

1999-2000 Fulbright Fellowship, doctoral research in Turkey

1999-2000 American Research Institute in Turkey, doctoral research grant

1997, 2003 University of California Lowie-Olson Research Grants, research in Turkey

1997, 2002 University of California Stahl Research Grant, doctoral research in Turkey

Publications (* marks peer reviewed publications)

Journal Article

*Atalay, Sonya 2006 Introduction: Decolonizing Archaeology. In 'Decolonizing Archaeology – Efforts to Transform a Discipline', a special issue of *American Indian Quarterly* 30(3):269-79.

*Atalay, Sonya 2006 Indigenous Archaeology as Decolonizing Practice. In 'Decolonizing Archaeology: Efforts to Transform a Discipline', a special issue of *American Indian Quarterly* 30(3):280-310.

*Atalay, Sonya and Christine Hastorf 2006 Food, Meals, and Daily Activities: The Habitus of Food Practices at Neolithic, Çatalhöyük. *American Antiquity* 71(2):283-319.

*Atalay, Sonya 2006 No Sense of the Struggle: Giving voice to our *survivance* at the National Museum of the American Indian. In 'Indigenizing Museums: The Significance of the National Museum of the American Indian', a special issue of the *American Indian Quarterly* 30(4):597-618.

Text books

* Hodder, Ian and Sonya Atalay (in preparation) *The Foundations of Archaeology: A Global Perspective*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK.

Edited Works

*Atalay, Sonya 2006 Decolonizing Archaeology: Efforts to Transform a Discipline, a special issue of *American Indian Quarterly* 30:3.

Sonya Atalay, T.J. Ferguson, and Larry Zimmerman (Series Editors) *Indigenous Issues in American Archaeology*. Left Coast Press.

Book Chapters

*Atalay, Sonya (in review) From Balls in Baskets to Pots on the Fire: Changing Cooking Practices at Catalhoyuk. In *Archaeological Studies of Cooking and Food Preparation*. Sarah Graff and Enrique Rodriguez-Alegria (eds.) Archaeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association. University of California Press. (Submitted March 2006).

*Atalay, Sonya (in review) Multiple Vocality in Indigenous Archaeology. In *Evaluating Multiple Narratives: Beyond Nationalist, Colonialist, and Imperialist Archaeologies*, J. Habu, C. Fawcett, and J. Matsunaga (eds.). (Submitted July 2006)

Atalay, Sonya (forthcoming) Raise your head and be proud Ojibwekwe. In *Being and Becoming Indigenous Archaeologists*. George Nicholas (ed.). AltaMira Press.

Atalay, Sonya and Amy Lonetree (forthcoming 2006) The Dissertation Writing Process: Tips for Completion. In *Archaeologist's Field Handbook*. Heather Burke, Claire Smith, and Larry Zimmerman (eds.), AltaMira Press, Walnut Creek: CA.

Atalay, Sonya (in press 2006) Pedagogy of Decolonization: Advancing Archaeological Practice through Education. In *Indigenous Archaeology at the Trowel's Edge: Exploring Methods of Collaboration and Education*. Stephen Silliman (ed.). University of Arizona Press.

*Atalay, Sonya 2005 Domesticating Clay: the Role of Clay Balls, Mini Balls, and Geometric Objects in Daily Life at Çatalhöyük. In *Changing Materialities at Çatalhöyük: reports from the 1995-99 seasons*. Ian Hodder (ed.), Chapter 6. Çatalhöyük Project Volume 5. McDonald Institute Monographs/British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara.

*Atalay, Sonya and Christine Hastorf 2005 Foodways at Çatalhöyük. In *Çatalhöyük Perspectives: themes from the 1995-99 seasons*. Ian Hodder (ed.), Chapter 8. Çatalhöyük Project Volume 6. McDonald Institute Monographs/British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara.

Atalay, S. 2001 Clay Balls and Objects. Çatalhöyük 2001 Archive Report.
http://catal.arch.cam.ac.uk/catal/Archive_rep01/atalay01.html

Atalay, S. 2000 Tracing the Hermeneutic Circle. Çatalhöyük 2000 Archive Report.
http://catal.arch.cam.ac.uk/catal/Archive_rep00/atalay00.html

Research Experience

August 2005 – present **Stanford University NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
Project emphasis: Collaborative research methods working with descendent and local communities in Turkey and Great Lakes Region of the U.S. Theoretical issues of global post-colonial and decolonizing research practices in archaeology.

July 2003-2005 University of California President's Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Project emphasis: Continued research on changing clay use and cooking practices with the increase of domesticated plants and animals. Development of theoretical, methodological and ethical practices of Indigenous archaeology with particular emphasis on global applicability of the approach.

1997-present Cambridge-Stanford University Research Project at Çatalhöyük, Turkey

Clay Materials Specialist and Team Leader

1997 - 1999 Berkeley Archaeologists at Çatalhöyük, Turkey

Field Excavator and Clay Materials Specialist

1991 Arizona State University Archaeological Field School, Zuni Reservation, New Mexico

Excavation participant – Summer

1990 University of Michigan Rieti Archaeological Survey Project, Rieti Italy

Surveyor and Lab Crew -- Summer

Fellowships

2003-2005 University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship

2002-2003 University of California Chancellor's Dissertation Year Award

2001-2002 University of California Graduate Opportunity Dissertation Fellowship

2001-2002 University of California Graduate Division Fellowship

1998-1999 Foreign Language Area Studies Academic year for study of Turkish

1998 Foreign Language Area Studies Intensive Immersion Fellowship for Turkish

1996-1998 University of California Graduate Opportunity Program Fellowship

Papers Presented at Conferences

2006 Archaeological Ethics in Global Perspective: Considerations for Indigenous Inclusion. Society for American Archaeology, 71st Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico. April 30th, 2006.

2005 From Balls in Baskets to Pots over the Fire. Society for American Archaeology, 70th Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. April 1st, 2005.

2004 Sites of Power: Multiple Voices for Many Ears in Indigenous Archaeological Practice
Society for American Archaeology, 69th Annual Meeting, Montreal. April 3rd, 2004.

2003 Beyond the Walls of Academia: Archaeology for Indigenous Communities
Radical Archaeology Theory Symposium, SUNY-Binghamton. October 17th, 2003.

2003 *Gikinawabii*: Knowledge Production and Social Science research from an Indigenous Perspective
Conference of the International Federation for Research in Women's History, Queens University Belfast.
August 14th, 2003

2001 Out of the Tower and Beyond the Rhetoric: Lessons Learned From a University: K-12 Community
Outreach Program In the Anti Affirmative Action Reality at U.C. Berkeley National Association of
Ethnic Studies Conference, New Orleans. March 29th, 2001

Invited Lectures

2005 Indigenous Archaeology: Decolonizing concepts in Theory & Practice
University of California, Berkeley, Anthropology Colloquium Series. March 28th, 2005.

2005 Indigenous Archaeology: 'Gikinawaabi' as Decolonizing Practice
Ohio State University, Comparative Studies Department, February 28th, 2005.

2005 Decolonizing Concepts of Indigenous Archaeology in Theory and Practice
University of California, Riverside, Event co-hosted by Ethnic Studies Department, Center for California
Native Nations, and Department of Anthropology. February 16th, 2005

2005 Indigenous Archaeology: Theory for a Decolonizing Practice
University of California, San Diego, Archaeology Colloquium. February 14th, 2005

2005 Clay Balls, Cooking and Culture at Çatalhöyük, Turkey.
Santa Clara County Archaeological Society Meetings. January 13th, 2005

2004 Indians and Anthropologists Today
Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation. Inaugural
Lecture Series, October 28th, 2004

2004 *Gikinawabii* -- in our language that means *a decolonizing archaeology*.
Archaeological Research Facility Lecture Series, Anthropology Department, U.C. Berkeley. October 20th,
2004

2003 Archaeology and Indigenous Communities
American Indian Graduate Program, Annual Fall Lecture Series. October 29th, 2003

2003 Prehistory of North America: An Overview of Life Before Contact
'American Indians in United States History' course, Native American Studies Department, San Francisco
State University. September 29th, 2003

2002 Domesticating Clay: The Role of Clay Balls in Daily Life at Çatalhöyük.
Archaeological Research Facility Lecture Series, Anthropology Department, U.C. Berkeley. December
8th, 2002.

2001 Approaches to Presenting Archaeology to Children
'Archaeology of the African Diaspora' course, Anthropology Department, U.C. Berkeley. March 15th,
2001

2001 Solving the Problems of Prehistory: Archaeological Attempts to Understand Clay Balls in a 9,000-year-old Neolithic Anatolian Village

Public Lecture for Cal Day Campus Wide Open House. April 21st, 2001

2001 Engaging with Community: Ethics and History of Public Archaeology

'Introduction to Archaeology' course, Anthropology Department, U.C. Berkeley. May 5th, 2001

1999 Ethnoarchaeology and Experimental Archaeology in Interpretation of the Past

'Introduction to Archaeology' Course, Anthropology Department, U.C. Berkeley. April 23rd, 1999

Professional and Community Service

American Anthropological Association, Member, Committee on Minority Issues in Anthropology, Spring 2006-present.

Society for American Archaeology, Chair, Committee on Native American Relations, Fall 2003-present.

Society for American Archaeology, Member, Indigenous Populations Interest Group, Spring 2004-present.

Ziibiwing Cultural Society on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation, Research Consultant, Winter 2002-present

Vice Chancellor's Outreach Committee, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2000-Spring 2001.

Public archaeology presentations to local K-12 classrooms, 31 visits, 1996-present.

Archaeological Research Facility Public Education and Community Outreach Committee, Created and Chaired, Fall 2000-Spring 2001.

Professional Development

2001 Pedagogy Workshop: Improving Group Work and Classroom Discussion. GSI Teaching and Resource Center, University of California, Berkeley, March 14th

1999 GSI Teaching Conference, GSI Teaching and Resource Center, University of California Berkeley, January 14th

1998 GSI Forum: Improving Your Teaching Today for Your Portfolio Tomorrow. GSI Teaching and Resource Center, U.C. Berkeley, October 6th

Professional Memberships

Society for American Archaeology
American Anthropological Association
Society of Native Archaeologists

World Archaeological Congress
National Association of Ethnic Studies

References

Available upon request