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Education:

2002	Ph.D. in Anthropology, Harvard University
1994	M.A. in Anthropology, Harvard University Passed General and Special Exams with Honors
1984- 1988	B.A. in Ancient Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University Honors in Ancient Studies Magna Cum Laude

Present Position:

8/2005 to Present	University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow
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Fellowships and Awards:

1991 - 2002	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Prize Fellowship, Harvard University
Spring 2002	Dept. of Anthropology Owens Fund Research Grant
Spring 1998	Dept. of Anthropology Owens Fund Research Grant
1996 -1997	Sheldon Travel Grant, Harvard University
Spring 1996	Dept. of Anthropology Owens Fund Research Grant
Fall 1994	Dept. of Anthropology Pre-Dissertation Research Grant
Summer 1992	Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies Travel Grant
Summer 1991	Dept. of Anthropology Summer Grant

Professional Experience:

Oct. 2003-July 2005	Senior Archaeologist, Scientific Consultant Services, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii.
Oct.2004-Jan.2005	Directing Data Recovery excavations in Kula, Maui, Hawai'i for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Scientific Consultant Services, Inc., Honolulu, Hawai'i.
July/August 2003	Directed excavations in Kahuku Training Area, Island of O`ahu, Hawai'i. Scientific Consultant Services, Inc., Honolulu, Hawai'i.
10/2002 – 6/2004	Miscellaneous archaeological projects for Scientific Consultant Services, Inc., Honolulu, Hawai'i.
July 2000	Supervised excavations in Puerto Escondido, Honduras, directed by Dr. Rosemary Joyce (UC Berkeley) and Dr. John Henderson (Cornell University).

- July 1998 Supervised student excavations in Copan Acropolis, as part of Harvard's Copan Field School, directed by Dr. William Fash.
- June 1997-
June 2000 Analysis of materials from Las Galeras, Veracruz, in laboratories of the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropologicas, UNAM, Mexico.
- Spring 1997 Directed Project Las Galeras, as part of the San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan Archaeological Project, directed by Dr. Ann Cyphers, UNAM, Mexico.
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- Spring 1995 Supervised area excavations, San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan Archaeological Project, Veracruz, Mexico, directed by Dr. Ann Cyphers, UNAM, Mexico.
- Summer 1993 Supervised excavations, Project PACO, Yoro Valley, Honduras, directed by Dr. Rosemary Joyce, Harvard University.
- Summer 1992 Archaeologist, Project Las Calabazas, Ulua Valley, Honduras, directed by Dr. Rosemary Joyce (Harvard University) and Dr. John Henderson (Cornell University).
- Summer 1991 Participated in Ashkelon Field School, Ashkelon, Israel, directed by Dr. Lawrence Stager, Harvard University.
- Teaching Experience:**
- Spring 2003 Introduction to Archaeology and World Civilizations. Hawaii Pacific University, College of International Studies, Honolulu.
- Fall 2001 Teaching Fellow for Foreign Cultures 34: Mesoamerican Civilization, taught by Dr. William Fash and Dr. David Stuart, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- July 1998 Head Teaching Fellow for Harvard University's Copan Field School, directed by Dr. William Fash, Harvard University.
- Spring 1997 Directed graduate and undergraduate archaeological fieldwork in Las Galeras, Veracruz. Taught excavation and documentation techniques.
- Fall 1996 Head Teaching Fellow for Foreign Cultures 34: Mesoamerican Civilization, taught by Dr. William Fash, Harvard University.
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- Fall 1995 Teaching Fellow for Foreign Cultures 34: Mesoamerican Civilization, taught by Dr. William Fash, Harvard University.
- Spring 1994 Teaching Fellow for Anthropology 100: Introduction to Archaeology, taught by various professors in the department (K.C. Chang, C.C. Lamberg-Karlovsky, O. Bar Yosef, C. Mandryck), Harvard University.
- Fall 1993 Teaching Fellow for Foreign Cultures 58: Mesoamerican Civilization, taught by Dr. Rosemary Joyce, Harvard University.

Conferences and Presentations:

- April 2004 "The Color of Olmec Architecture." Paper presented in the Society for American Archaeology 69th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- October 2003 San Lorenzo and Las Galeras: Two Early Formative Communities in Mexico. Paper presented in the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology Annual Meeting.
- September 2002 "The Mesoamerican Tradition." Lecture presented at the University of Hawai'i, Honolulu.
- March 2002 "Late and Terminal Classic Architecture in Las Galeras, Veracruz." Paper presented in the Society for American Archaeology 67th Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- December 2001 "Las Galeras and San Lorenzo: Regional Dynamics of Two Early Formative Communities." Paper presented in the American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- February 2001 "Las Galeras and Ahuatepec: Recent Investigations in the Olmec Heartland." Conference presented in Yale University, Anthropology Department (invited, funded).
- November 1999 "Pseudoglyphs on Late Classic Maya Ceramics." Paper presented in a panel entitled "Power and Performance" in the AAA Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- March 1999 "San Lorenzo y el Mundo Olmeca." Conference presented at the Tecnológico de Minatitlán, Veracruz, Mexico (invited, funded).
- Spring 1995 Led a series of Gallery Talks in English and Spanish in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, on the special exhibit "Painting the Maya Universe: Royal Ceramics of the Classic Period."

Dissertation:

2002 Las Galeras and San Lorenzo: A Comparative Study of Two Early Formative Communities in Southern Veracruz, Mexico.

Publications and CRM Reports:

1999 The Olmec Civilization, in La Ruta Olmeca, naturalmente Tabasco. Editorial Verás, Cancún, México.

10/2002 – 10/2004 Numerous Archaeological Reports for Scientific Consultant Services, Inc., Honolulu, Hawai`i.

Languages Studied:

I am fluent in both English and Spanish, which are the two most important languages for research in my field (they are my native languages). I am also fluent in Italian. Other languages studied, with varying levels of proficiency are: French, Latin, Middle Egyptian (studied in Rome), Akkadian (Old Babylonian), Lebanese Arabic, Modern Standard Arabic, and Maya Epigraphy.

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