

Matthew Litteral

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Professional Overview

I received my BA in anthropology from Eastern Kentucky University in May, 2015. In 2012, I had the opportunity to participate in the KIIS Mexico study abroad program, where I took courses in Mayan archaeology and archaeological creative writing. I attended the University of Liverpool's field school in the United Kingdom in 2013.

In the summer of 2014, I was employed to assist in geophysical investigations at an archaeological site in Veracruz, Mexico. I am cited as a co-author of *Electromagnetic Induction Survey at Matacanela to Detect Off-Mound Structures and Landscape Features*, which was presented at the 2015 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) meeting.

During my Junior and Senior years at ECU I worked as a paid archaeology intern at Daniel Boone National Forest. My primary task at the Forest Service was updating the heritage sites in the GIS system. I also assisted in site relocation and site condition assessment, among other heritage preservation tasks.

As a senior at ECU, I undertook an independent study in which I worked with my advisor to create a rock art archaeology course. The class will be offered at ECU in the near future. I created the syllabus, quizzes, group activities, and organized a potential field trip to Daniel Boone National Forest. I also developed a public archaeology project in which students will create educational pamphlets, with the goal of dispelling common myths about Kentucky rock art.

In May, 2015, I was employed as a co-author of the Comprehensive Community Plan for Milton, WV. I was tasked with researching demographic trends and opportunities for heritage preservation in the community. More recently, I have been employed by Louis Berger Inc. as an archaeology field technician. I participated in phase one survey work for the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project. I consider myself to be very self-motivated. I embrace any opportunity to gain valuable learning experiences.

Currently, I am pursuing my Masters in applied anthropology at the University of South Florida with a focus in archaeology. My area of interest is historic archaeology, specifically plantation archaeology and the archaeology of the enslaved. I am interested in using my research to combat social injustice, and I will be presenting a paper at the Archaeology as Activism session of the 2017 SAA annual meeting.

Education

University of South Florida- Tampa, Fl, USA

Eastern Kentucky University- Richmond, Ky, USA

Bachelor of Arts Anthropology, 2015

Field School: University of Liverpool at Penycloddiau Hillfort, UK, 2013

East Carter County High School, graduated in 2011

Professional Experience

Teachers Assistant September 2016 - present

The University of South Florida- Tampa, Fl

Skills learned: Grading and rubric creation. Classroom engagement and management strategies.

Archaeology Field Technician July 2015- December 2015

Louis Berger- Albany, Ny

Skills learned: Phase one archaeological survey work, artifact identification, finds processing.

Community Planning Specialist May 2015

Milton, WV Comprehensive Plan- Mount West Community College

Skills learned: Community assessment, utilization of historic and demographic resources.

Heritage Preservation Intern October 2013 – May 2015

Daniel Boone National Forest- Winchester, Ky

Skills learned: Archaeological document processing, using GIS for sites and surveys, using Forest Service sites database, artifact processing, artifact curation, shovel probing, site relocation and site condition assessment.

Archaeology Field Technician July 2014

Archaeological Investigations at Matacanela- Veracruz, Mexico

Skills learned: Electromagnetic susceptibility survey.

Sales Associate 2010 - 2016

Shoe Sensation- Ashland, Ky

Skills learned: Communication, attention to detail.

Photographer 2011-2012

Milestone Yearbook- Richmond, Ky

Skills learned: Proficiency in photography.

Awards

Founders Award- EKU, Dean's List- EKU, Presidents List- EKU, Best Archaeological Illustrator- Excavations at Penycloddiau 2013

Memberships and Affiliations

Eastern Kentucky University Anthropology Club- 2011-2015; President 2015

Summary of Skills

- Lab skills; artifact washing and cataloging
- Flotation
- Artifact curation
- Archaeological illustration, both drawing and photography
- Context and feature excavation
- Drawing and interpreting soil profiles
- Mapping artifact clusters to scale

- Geophysical survey utilizing electromagnetic resistance and susceptibility
- Plotting points and creating polygons in GIS
- Test unit excavations
- Historic and demographic research and interpretation
- Heritage preservation
- Creating college level lesson plans and activities
- Remote Sensing- Creating digital terrain models from LiDAR point clouds
- Remote Sensing- Data analysis

References

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