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EDUCATION

- 2012 PHD, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Major in Egyptology and Egyptian Archaeology, Minor in Near Eastern Studies.
DISSERTATION: 'We Have Come to Serve Pharaoh': A Study of the Medjay and Pangrave Culture as an Ethnic Group and as Mercenaries from c. 2300 BCE until c. 1050 BCE.
- 2007 MA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Major in Egyptology and Egyptian Archaeology, Minor in Near Eastern Studies.
- 2001 BA WITH HONORS, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Double major in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies and International Studies.
- 1999-2000 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, Year Abroad.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019 to present CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO, The Benson and Pamela Harer Fellow, Associate Professor of History, Department of History, Specializing in Egyptology
- 2015-2019 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO, The Benson and Pamela Harer Fellow, Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Specializing in Egyptology
- 2012-2015 PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, SOCIETY OF FELLOWS IN THE LIBERAL ARTS, Cotsen Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in the Department of Art and Archaeology (five fellows selected out of over 850 applications).
- 2008-2010 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY in Chicago, Part Time Instructor, Department of History
- 2007-2008 ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY in Chicago, Adjunct Faculty Member, Department of History and Philosophy
- 2003-2007 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Teaching Assistant, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and the Department of Folklore. In 2011, Teacher's Certification was completed with the Center for Teaching at Learning.

WADI EL-HUDI EXPEDITION, EGYPT

I am the director and lead researcher for an ongoing archaeological and epigraphic project at Wadi el-Hudi. This area incorporates a series of at least 30 archaeological sites located in the Egyptian Eastern Desert, 35km east of Aswan, dating to the Egyptian Middle Kingdom (2100-1700 BCE) and Roman Period (1st-4th cent. CE). Most sites are made up of ancient amethyst or gold mines with associated fortified settlements and other structures. Over 250 inscriptions are also present. Visit www.wadielhudi.com or www.facebook.com/wadielhudi for more information.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ancient Egyptian Art, History, and Archaeology; Slavery and Forced Labor in Egypt; Large-Scale Mining Expeditions; Nubians in Egypt; the Medjay; Portrayal of Ethnicity and Identity in Antiquity; Multicultural Interactions in Frontier Regions.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Under Review “Eight Medjay Walk into a Palace: Bureaucratic Categorization and Cultural Mistranslation of Peoples in Contact” *Challenging Assumptions: Critical Approaches to the Social History of Ancient Egypt*, eds. Kara Cooney, Nadia Ben-Marzouk and Danielle Candelora. To appear in 2021.
- In Press “Pan-Grave and Medjay: At the Intersection of Archaeology and History” Jointly authored with Aaron de Souza. *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Nubia*, eds. Geoff Emberling and Bruce Williams. To appear in 2020.
- 2018 “Discerning Ancient Identity: The Case of Aashyet’s Sarcophagus (JE 47267)” Invited article for a special issue of the *Journal of Ancient Egyptian History* 11.1-2: 185-207.
- 2017 “Egyptian or Nubian?: Settlement Architecture at Wadi el-Hudi, Wadi es-Sebua, and the Eastern Desert” *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* 103: 35-51.
- 2016 “Evidence for administration of the Nubian fortresses in the late Middle Kingdom: P. Ramesseum 18.” Jointly authored with Bryan Kraemer. *Journal of Egyptian History* 9: 151-208.
- 2016 “Evidence for administration of the Nubian fortresses in the late Middle Kingdom: The Semna Dispatches.” Jointly authored with Bryan Kraemer. *Journal of Egyptian History* 9:1-65.
- 2015 “Scarab Amulets in the Egyptian Collection of the Princeton University Art Museum.” *Record: Princeton University Art Museum* 74:4-19.
- 2015 “Are the Bearers of the Pan-Grave Archaeological Culture Identical to the Medjay-People in the Egyptian Textual Record?” *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 7:2: 42-60.
- 2011 “We have come from the Well of Ibhet’: Ethnogenesis of the Medjay,” *Journal of Egyptian History*. 4:2: 149-171.
- 2008 “Water Basins in Middle Kingdom Planned Settlements.” In *Current Research in Egyptology 2008: Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Symposium, University of Manchester*, eds. V. Gashe and J. Finch, 51-68. Bolton: Rutherford Press Limited.
- Book under advanced contract *From Pastoral Nomads to Policemen: The Evolution and Role of the Medjay in Ancient Egypt and Nubia, c. 2300 to 1250 BCE*. Currently under contract for Brill’s series *Probleme der Ägyptologie*, pending review of manuscript.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 “Preserving and Modelling Egypt’s Wadi el-Hudi for the World.” *Council of American Overseas Research Centers Field Notes and News* published June 13, 2018, <https://www.caorc.org/single-post/2018/06/13/Preserving-and-Modelling-Egypt-s-Wadi-el-Hudi-for-the-World>
- 2018 “Site 4 at Wadi el-Hudi: A Lost Amethyst Mining Settlement.” *Egyptian Archaeology* 51: 36-40.

- 2017 “Salvaging and Protecting the Archaeology of Wadi el-Hudi, Eastern Desert.”
Bulletin of the American Research Center in Egypt 210: 16-21.
- 2015 Review of Harco Willems, *Historical and Archaeological Aspects of Egyptian Funerary Culture*, for *Near Eastern Archaeology* 78.4, 308-309.
- 2015 “Gems in the Desert: Recent Work at Wadi el-Hudi.” *Egyptian Archaeology* 46: 37-40.
- 2012 “A-Group”, “Esna/Latopolis,” “Foreigners, Pharaonic Egypt”, “Satet”, and “Speos Artimedos.” In *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, eds. R. Bagnall, K. Brodersen, C. Champion, A. Erskine, and S. Huebner, 2501, 2710-2713, 6056-6057, and 6351-6352. London: Blackwell Publishing Limited.
- 2010 “‘Medjay’ (no. 188) in the Onomasticon of Amenemope.” In *Millions of Jubilees: Studies in Honor of David P. Silverman*, eds. Z. Hawass and J. H. Wegner, 315-331. Cairo: Publications du Conseil Suprême des Antiquités de l’Égypte.
- 2007 “Tracing Stylistic Changes within ‘Coronation Scenes’.” In *Proceedings of the IXth International Congress of Egyptologists*, eds. J.-C. Goyon and C. Cardin, 1151-1161. Louvain: PEETERS.
- 2001 “The Multi-purpose Mixing Bowl in the Late 3rd Millennium Pottery Corpus.” *Akhenaten Temple Project Newsletter*. 2: 1-3.

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT AS A PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR ONLY

Syllabi, evaluations, and course materials can be provided upon request.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO, taught for the Departments of History, Anthropology, and Art, 2015 to present.

Ancient Egyptian Archaeology
Ancient Egyptian Art
Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art.
Ancient Egyptian History: Origins to 1700
Ancient Egyptian History: 1700 to 1000
Ancient Egyptian History: War and Empire
Culture and Society of Ancient Egypt
Ancient Egyptian Expeditions, their Buildings, and their Slaves
Introduction to Ancient Egypt
World Civilizations I

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, taught for the Department of Art and Archaeology, 2012-2015

Ancient Egyptian Archaeology
Ancient Egyptian Art
Understanding the “Barbarians:” Discovering Ethnicity in Ancient History, Art, and Archaeology

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, taught for the Department of History, 2018-2010

The Age of Tutankhamun
Ancient Egyptian History and Society

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, taught for the Department of History, 2007-2008

Great Ideas I
The Ancient World

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Blueprints of Bureaucracy: How the Egyptian Government Designed Settlements into the Desert to oversee Amethyst Mining” 120th Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, San Diego, January 3-6, 2019.
- “The Lost Amethyst Mining Settlement: Site 4 at Wadi el-Hudi” American Research Center in Egypt 68th Annual Meeting, Kansas City, April 22, 2017.
- “Before they were Policemen: Diversity of Occupations held by Medjay in the Late Middle Kingdom” American Research Center in Egypt 67th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 14-17, 2016.
- “On the Edge of Egypt and Nubia at Wadi el-Hudi, Eastern Desert” American Research Center in Egypt 66th Annual Meeting. Houston TX, April 24, 2015.
- “Egyptians and Nubians at Wadi el-Hudi: Perspectives on multicultural interactions from recent archaeological survey.” 13th International Conference for Nubian Studies, Neuchatel, Switzerland, September 3, 2104.
- “Reevaluating the Link between the Medjay and the Pangrave.” American Research Center in Egypt 64th Annual Meeting. Cincinnati, April 21, 2013.
- “Controlling the Desert: Cultural and Political Interactions between the People of the Eastern Desert and the Administrators of Lower Nubia during the Egyptian New Kingdom.” 114th Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, January 4, 2013.
- “A Pangrave – Medjay Connection?” Nubia Before the New Kingdom held at University of Leicester, UK, September 6, 2012.
- “‘We have come from the Well of Ibhet’: Ethnogenesis of the Medjay.” American Research Center in Egypt 62nd Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois, April 1, 2011.
- “Water Basins in Middle Kingdom Planned Settlements: an Architectural Feature of Hospitality and Bureaucracy”. Current Research in Egyptology IX, conference in Manchester, UK, January 10, 2008. A revised version presented at The American Research Center in Egypt 59th Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington, April 25, 2008.
- “Egyptian Stone Vessels in Crete as Diplomatic Gifts?” Land & Sea Conference, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 29, 2005.
- “Tracing Stylistic Changes within ‘Coronation Scenes’.” Ninth International Congress of Egyptologists in Grenoble, France, Sept. 6-12, 2004.
- “The Question of Votive Water Clocks.” First International Conference for Young Egyptologists. *L’acqua nell’antico egitto: vita, rigenerazione, incantesimo, medicamento*, in Chianciano Terme, Italy, Oct. 16, 2003.
- “Production Workshops at El-Amarna.” American Research Center in Egypt 54th Annual Meeting, April 25, 2003.

SELECTED OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS

EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF ANTIQUITIES

“Wadi el-Hudi: Pharaonic Inscriptions and Monuments in the Eastern Desert” Invited paper given at the Nubian Museum, Aswan, December 3, 2016.

SOCIETIES OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

National Speaker for the Archaeological Institute of America for 2018-2019, Nominated (without application). Position Accepted.

“Tomb Robbery in Ancient Egypt,” Lecture to the Dayton, Ohio Society, April 2019.

“Tomb Robbery in Ancient Egypt,” Lecture as the Helene Kantor Endowed Lecture for the Orlando Chapter, February 2016.

National Speaker for the Archaeological Institute of America for 2015-2016, Nominated (without application). Position accepted.

“Gems in the Desert: Living, Surviving, and Mining in the Eastern Desert” Lecture given to several societies, 2015-2016.

“From Pastoral Nomads to Policemen: Ethnicity and Identity of the Medjay in Ancient Egypt.” Lecture given to several societies 2012-2016.

“Gems in the Desert: Living, Mining, and Surviving in the Ancient Egyptian Eastern Desert,” Lecture for the Princeton Society, October 2014.

“Egyptian Pyramids at Princeton: A look at Lisht in the Middle Kingdom.” Lecture for the Princeton Society on International Archaeology Day, October 19, 2013.

CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN EGYPT

“Digging Ancient Egyptian Jewelry Mines: 2016, 2018, and Future Seasons,” Lecture given to Orange County Chapter, 2018.

“Gems in the Desert: Living, Surviving, and Mining in the Eastern Desert” Lecture given to several chapters, 2015-2016.

“From Pastoral Nomads to Policemen: Ethnicity and Identity of the Medjay in Ancient Egypt.” Lecture given to several chapters 2012-2016.

CHAPTERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE STUDY OF EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES

“Gems in the Desert: Living, Surviving, and Mining in the Eastern Desert” Lecture given to the Vancouver Society, 2015.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO AND THE ROBERT AND FRANCES FULLERTON MUSEUM OF ART

“Tomb Robbery in Ancient Egypt,” Lecture given for RAFFMA, February 2018.

“Digging Ancient Egyptian Jewelry Mines”, Lecture for RAFFMA June 22, 2017

“Gems in the Desert: Living, Surviving, and Mining in the Eastern Desert,” Lecture for the ALPACA anthropology club, October 2015.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

“Gems of the Desert: Recent Work at Wadi el-Hudi, Egypt.” Lecture for an archaeological symposium entitled More than Dirt at the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, March 2015.

“From Pastoral Nomads to Pharaoh’s Soldiers: The Evolution and Role of the Medjay in Ancient Egypt.” Lecture for the Society of Fellows, November 18, 2014.

“Out of the Pangrave and into the Fire: Approaches to the Identity(ies) of the Pangrave Archaeological Culture.” Lecture for the Society of Fellows, February 7, 2014.

“Tomb Robbing in Ancient Egypt.” Lecture for Mathey College Lunch Seminars, February 13, 2013.

OTHER INVITED GUEST LECTURING

CSUSB GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY,

“Digging Ancient Egyptian Jewelry Mines,” Lecture February 15, 2017.

ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

DIRECTOR of the Wadi el-Hudi Expedition in Egypt, ongoing project with permissions, five field seasons carried out so far, 2014 to present.

EXCAVATOR AND FIELD SURVEYOR of the Ahmose and Tetisheri Project in Egypt, Director: Stephen Harvey from Stony Brook University, 2010.

EXCAVATOR for the Giza Plateau Mapping Project in Egypt. Director: Mark Lehner from the Ancient Egypt Research Associates, 2009.

CERAMICIST for the South Abydos Settlement Excavation E, Directors: Nicholas Picardo and Josef Wegner from the University of Pennsylvania, 2004.

EXCAVATOR AND FIELD SCHOOL PARTICIPANT at Mendes, Egypt, Director: Donald Redford from Pennsylvania State University, 1999.

FIELD SCHOOL PARTICIPANT at Leptiminus, Tunisia, Director: Lea Sterling from the University of Manitoba, 1998.

LANGUAGES

Hieroglyphs, Middle Egyptian	Passed comprehensive reading exam, can teach
Hieroglyphs, Old Egyptian	Passed comprehensive reading exam, can teach
Hieroglyphs, Late Egyptian	Passed comprehensive reading exam, can teach
Hieratic, Old, Middle, Late Egyptian	Passed comprehensive reading exam, can teach
English	Native Language
German	Passed comprehensive reading exam and have basic speaking ability
French	Passed comprehensive reading exam
Arabic, Colloquial Egyptian	Working knowledge and limited functional speaking ability

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, Reviewed a \$300,000 grant related to Ancient Egyptian or Nubian Archaeology, 2019.

AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN EGYPT, Member of the Archaeological and Research Expeditions Committee, 2018 to present.

ROBERT AND FRANCES FULLERTON MUSEUM OF ART, Member of the Board of Advocates, 2017 to present.

AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN EGYPT, ORANGE COUNTY, Board Member, 2015 to present.

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT RELIGIOUS CULTURES (SPARC), Member of the Academic Advisory Board, 2016 to present.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Organized and spoke at an interdisciplinary workshop entitled "On the Margins of the Textual Tradition: Works in Progress," Feb 20-21, 2014.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Organized and spoke at a workshop on "Archaeology and Pedagogy" for the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies on April 12, 2013.

AUSTRIAN SCIENCE FUND (FWF) AND THE START FUND, Twice adjudicated and conducted the midterm review for a million euro grant, 2012-2013 and 2017.

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS OF THE LAST 6 YEARS

- \$5500, The Ellen and Charles Steinmetz Endowment Fund for Archaeology from the Archaeological Institute of America for use of innovative technology at Wadi el-Hudi, 2019.
- \$8,500, J. M. Kaplan Fund Responsive Preservation Initiative for Cultural Heritage Resources Grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers for archaeological work at Wadi el-Hudi, 2017-2018.
- \$4,000, Office of Student Research Grant from the California State University San Bernardino to design the class, Egyptian Mining Expeditions, their Buildings, and their Slaves, 2017.
- \$40,000, Archaeological Endowment Fund from the American Research Center in Egypt to conduct salvage archaeological documentation in Fall 2016 before the permanent destruction of Wadi el-Hudi, 2016.
- \$14,750, The David A. Gardner '69 Magic Project, from the Council of the Humanities, Princeton University, to train students in advanced archaeological techniques at Wadi el-Hudi, including making maps, doing Petrography on ceramics, and making epigraphic copies with RTI of stelae from the site, 2014-2015.
- \$5,000, Digital Humanities Initiative, Princeton University, grant for digital aspects of the archaeological project at Wadi el-Hudi, including making maps and using RTI to create epigraphic copies of stelae, 2014-2015.
- \$10,000, Andrew W. Mellon Fund for Faculty Innovation for the Princeton Art Museum to complete summer research on the museum's scarabs to be incorporated into my course on Ancient Egyptian Archaeology, 2013.
- \$15,000, The David A. Gardner '69 Magic Project, from the Council of the Humanities, Princeton University, to create a website for the Survey from Abydos to Hagg el-Salaam, Egypt. Award declined, 2013-2014.
- \$50,000 Archaeological Grant from the Department of Art and Archaeology at Princeton University to conduct a survey in Egypt 2012-2015.
- \$11,000 The Princeton Environmental Institute to hire three Princeton University Geoscience students to conduct Remote Sensing in Egypt during summer 2013. Award Declined, 2013.