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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2024–present Associate Professor
Department of History, North Carolina State University
- 2017–2024 Assistant Professor
Department of History, North Carolina State University
- 2015–17 Postdoctoral Fellow in Archaeology
Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University
- 2014–15 Project Manager, ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives
American Society of Overseas Research

EDUCATION

- PhD, Near Eastern Archaeology, 2015
University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Dissertation: *Grain storage and the moral economy in Mesopotamia (3000–2000 BC)*
Committee: McGuire Gibson (chair), David Schloen, Michael Dietler, Scott Branting
- MA, Near Eastern Archaeology, 2004
University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Thesis: *Landscape and land tenure in Mesopotamia during the third millennium BC*
- MA, First Class Honours, Archaeology, 2001
University of Edinburgh, Archaeology
Thesis: *The emergence of writing in Mesopotamia: Cognitive implications*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Archaeology of Mesopotamia, Cyprus, and West Asia; State making; Inequality; Urbanization; Foodways; Alcoholic beverages; Agriculture and pastoralism

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2024 **Paulette, T.** *In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia.*
Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Review: Rupp, Travis. [“The role of beer in ancient Mesopotamia.”](#) [Review of *In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia*, by Tate Paulette.](#) *The Classical Review* 75, no. 2 (2025): 510–512.

Review: Dunne, John Anthony. [Review of *In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia*, by Tate Paulette.](#) *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 35, 2 (2025): 269–271.

Review: Zingarello, Melania. [Review of *In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia*, by Tate Paulette](#). *Antiquity* 99, no. 406 (2025): 1159 – 1161.

Review: Cornell, Martyn. [Review of *In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia*, by Tate Paulette](#). *Brewery History* 198 (2024): 54–57.

Review: Kushwaha, Sneha. [Review of *In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia*, by Tate Paulette](#). *World History Encyclopedia* (2024).

Review: [Review of *In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia*, by Tate Paulette](#). *Library Journal* (2024).

In prep **Paulette, T.** (ed.). *A cultural history of wine in antiquity*. A Cultural History of Wine. London: Bloomsbury Publishing.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2021 **Paulette, T.** Inebriation and the early state: Beer and the politics of affect in Mesopotamia. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 63: 1–19.

2020 Grossman, K., and **T. Paulette**. Wealth-on-the-hoof and the low-power state: Caprines as capital in early Mesopotamia. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 60: 1–20.

2017 Price, M., K. Grossman, and **T. Paulette**. Pigs and the pastoral bias: The other animal economy in northern Mesopotamia (3000–2000 BCE). *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 48: 46–62.

In prep What satisfies the heart: Divine drinks in ancient Mesopotamia. For special issue of *Food & History*.

In prep [Title TBD]. For special issue of *Brewery History*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2020 **Paulette, T.** Archaeological perspectives on beer in Mesopotamia: Brewing ingredients. In *After the harvest: Storage practices and food processing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia*, eds. N. Borrelli and G. Scazzosi, 65–89. Subartu 43. Turnhout: Brepols.

2020 Grossman, K., **T. Paulette**, A. McCarthy, and L. Graham. 2017 survey of two prehistoric sites in western Cyprus: Stroumpi-Pigi-Agios Andronikos and Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia. In *Proceedings of the 11th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Volume 2*, eds. A. Otto et al., 105–114. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag.

2016 **Paulette, T.** Grain, storage, and state making in Mesopotamia (3200–2000 BC). In *Storage in ancient complex societies: Administration, organization, and control*, eds. L. R. Manzanilla and M. Rothman, 85–109. New York: Routledge.

2013 **Paulette, T.** Consumption and storage in the Bronze Age. In *Models of Mesopotamian landscapes*, eds. T. J. Wilkinson, McG. Gibson, and M. Widell, 102–111. BAR International Series 2552. Oxford: Archaeopress.

2013 **Paulette, T.** Pastoral systems and economies of mobility. In *Models of Mesopotamian landscapes*, eds. T. J. Wilkinson, McG. Gibson, and M. Widell, 130–139. BAR International Series 2552. Oxford: Archaeopress.

- 2013 Altaweel, M., and **T. Paulette**. Modeling nomad-sedentary interactions. In *Models of Mesopotamian landscapes*, eds. T. J. Wilkinson, McG. Gibson, and M. Widell, 204–218. BAR International Series 2552. Oxford: Archaeopress.
- 2013 Widell, M., B. Studevent Hickman, J. Tenney, J. Lauinger, D. Mahoney, and **T. Paulette**. Staple production, cultivation and sedentary life: Model input data. In *Models of Mesopotamian landscapes*, eds. T. J. Wilkinson, McG. Gibson, and M. Widell, 81–101. BAR International Series 2552. Oxford: Archaeopress.
- 2012 **Paulette, T.** Domination and resilience in Bronze Age Mesopotamia. In *Surviving sudden environmental change: Answers from archaeology*, eds. J. Cooper and P. Sheets, 167–195. Boulder, CO: University Press of Colorado.
- 2012 Reichel, C., **T. Paulette**, and K. Grossman. Early Bronze Age Hamoukar: “Akkadian”—and beyond? In *Seven generations since the fall of Akkad*, ed. H. Weiss, 279–299. Studia Chaburensia, vol. 3. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.
- 2007 Wilkinson, T. J., McG. Gibson, J. H. Christiansen, M. Widell, D. Schloen, N. Kouchoukos, C. Woods, J. Sanders, K.-L. Simunich, M. Altaweel, J. A. Ur, C. Hritz, J. Lauinger, **T. Paulette**, and J. Tenney. Modeling settlement systems in a dynamic environment: Case studies from Mesopotamia. In *The model-based archaeology of socionatural systems*, eds. T. A. Kohler and S. van der Leeuw, 175–208. Santa Fe: School for Advanced Research Press.
- In prep **Paulette, T.** Introduction. In *A cultural history of wine in antiquity*, ed. T. Paulette. A Cultural History of Wine. London: Bloomsbury Publishing.
- In prep **Paulette, T.** Response to Part IV: Practice. In *Routledge handbook of the ancient Near East and the social sciences*, eds. J. Silverman and E. Pfoh. New York: Routledge.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 **Paulette, T.** [The fermented crescent](#). *Aeon*. October 24, 2024.
- 2024 **Paulette, T.** The land of Ninkasi: Beer in ancient Mesopotamia. *Ancient History* 51.
- 2022 **Paulette, T.** [Bringing the beers of ancient Mesopotamia back to life](#). *Peopling the past*. February 18, 2022.
- 2020 **Paulette, T.** [Brewing Mesopotamian beer brings a sip of this vibrant ancient drinking culture back to life](#). *The Conversation*. August 24, 2020.
- 2017 **Paulette, T.**, and M. Fisher. [Potent potables of the past: Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia](#). *The Ancient Near East Today*, April 2017, vol. 5, no. 4.

CULTURAL HERITAGE REPORTS

- 2015 Cuneo, A., Penacho, S., and L. Barnes Gordon (with contributions by M. Danti, C. Ali, K. Kaercher, K. Franklin, **T. Paulette**, D. Elitzer, and E. van Gessel). [Special Report: Update on the Situation in Palmyra](#). ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives.
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, M. Maqdisi, **T. Paulette**, A. Cuneo, K. Franklin, L. Barnes Gordon, K. Kaercher, and E. Van Gessel. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 47–48](#).

- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and E. Van Gessel. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 46](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, R. Zettler, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, S. Penacho, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 45](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 44](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 42–43](#).
- 2015 Danti, M., **T. Paulette**, L. Barnes Gordon, A. Moaz, C. Ali, K. Franklin, and D. Elitzer. [Special report: On the importance of Palmyra](#). ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives.
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 41](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 40](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 39](#).
- 2015 Danti, M., S. Branting, **T. Paulette**, and A. Cuneo. [Special report: On the destruction of the Northwest Palace at Nimrud](#). ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives.
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 38](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 37](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, A. Cuneo, K. Franklin, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 36](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, A. Cuneo, K. Franklin, L. Barnes Gordon, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 35](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., S. Branting, C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, A. Cuneo, K. Franklin, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 34](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., M. Trevithick, **T. Paulette**, A. Cuneo, K. Franklin, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 33](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 32](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., R. L. Zettler, C. Ali, A. Moaz, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, A. Cuneo, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 31](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., R. L. Zettler, C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, A. Moaz, A. Cuneo, D. Elitzer, and D. Breegi. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 30](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, **T. Paulette**, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 29](#).

- 2015 Danti, M. D., **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, C. Ali, A. Moaz, and D. Elitzer. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 28](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., C. Ali, A. Moaz, **T. Paulette**, and K. Franklin. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 26–27](#).
- 2015 Danti, M. D., J. Casana, **T. Paulette**, K. Franklin, and C. Ali. [ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Weekly Report 25](#).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

EXTERNAL

- 2026 Felicia A. Holton Book Award, Archaeological Institute of America
For In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia
- 2026 Gold Public Engagement Award, Archaeological Institute of America
For public outreach activities during the 2024–2025 academic year
- 2025 Nancy Lapp Popular Book Award, American Society of Overseas Research
For In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia
- 2025 Stevan B. Dana Grant, American Society of Overseas Research, \$5000 (Co-PI)
For archaeological fieldwork at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia, Cyprus
- 2025 SPARC Award, NSF/Spatial Archaeometry Lab, Dartmouth College, research costs defrayed (Co-PI; program canceled after award was made)
For geophysical survey at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia, Cyprus
- 2025 Shepard Urgent Action Grant, American Society of Overseas Research, \$3800 (Co-PI; declined)
For cultural heritage preservation in Syria
- 2023 Kershaw Lectureship in Near East Archaeology, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2020 Senior Archaeology Award, National Science Foundation, \$200,948 (Co-PI)
For archaeological fieldwork at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia, Cyprus
- 2018 Harald Ingholt Lectureship in Near Eastern Archaeology, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2018 Denise L. Gold Excavation Grant, American Society of Overseas Research, \$2500 (Co-PI)
For archaeological fieldwork at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia, Cyprus
- 2017 Responsive Preservation Initiative Grant, Council of American Overseas Research Centers and J. M. Kaplan Fund, \$3700 (Co-PI)
For archaeological fieldwork at Stroumpi-Pigi-Agios Andronikos, Cyprus
- 2017 Grant for Archaeological Field Research in the Development of Early Civilizations, Curtiss T. and Mary G. Brennan Foundation, \$5000 (Co-PI)
For archaeological fieldwork at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia and Stroumpi-Pigi-Agios Andronikos, Cyprus
- 2016 Archaeology Grant, Rust Family Foundation, \$6195 (PI)
For archaeological fieldwork at Prastio Village, Cyprus
- 2010 Travel Grant, American Society of Overseas Research, \$250
For conference travel
- 2008–09 Research Fellowship, The Academic Research Institute in Iraq, \$10,000
For dissertation research

INTERNAL

- 2025 Interdisciplinary Seed Grant, Genetics and Genomics Academy, North Carolina State University, \$21,993 (Co-PI)
For “Bringing history to life: Using metagenomics to understand ancient Mesopotamian beer”
- 2024-25 Provost’s Professional Experience Program, North Carolina State University, \$4000
For undergraduate research assistants, History department archaeology lab
- 2023-24 Provost’s Professional Experience Program, North Carolina State University, \$4000
For undergraduate research assistants, History department archaeology lab
- 2021–22 Provost’s Professional Experience Program, North Carolina State University, \$2000
For undergraduate research assistants, Makounta-Voules Archaeological project
- 2016 Salomon Curricular Grant, Brown University, \$455
For “Alcohol in the Ancient World”
- 2015 Salomon Curricular Grant, Brown University, \$500
For “Handmade: An Archaeological Exploration of Materials and Making”
- 2010–11 Whiting Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of Chicago, \$25,000
For dissertation writing
- 2010–11 Affiliated Fellow, Franke Institute for the Humanities
For dissertation writing
- 2010 Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship, University of Chicago, \$400
For conference travel
- 2004–12 Helen Rich Travel Grants, University of Chicago, \$500–3500
For fieldwork and conference travel
- 2002–06 University Unendowed Fellowship, University of Chicago, tuition and stipend
For graduate study

CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED

- 2023 Beer Cultures in Bronze Age Mesopotamia: Practices, Traditions, and Trajectories (with M. Zingarello). 13th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2022–27 Archaeologies of Memory (with J. Fu). American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Meeting.

KEYNOTE LECTURES

- 2025 What satisfies the heart: Divine drinks in ancient Mesopotamia, *The Deities and their Drinks*, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia, *Archaeology Lecture Series*, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA
- 2025 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia, Charles J. Ping Institute for the Humanities, Ohio University, Athens, OH
- 2025 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia. University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO

- 2025 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2024 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia. *CMENAS Lecture Series*, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY
- 2024 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia. *Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World Colloquium*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Book manuscript discussion: A history of beer and brewing in Mesopotamia, *Ferment Group*, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2016 Where the beer flowed like wine: Brewing and intoxication in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, Dartmouth College, Department of Anthropology, Hanover, NH
- 2015 “Not to know beer is not normal”: The archaeological invisibility of beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *Brown Bag Series in Archaeology*, Brown University, Joukowsky Institute, Providence, RI
- 2015 Grain storage and gastro-politics in Mesopotamia (3000–2000 BC), *Old World Archaeology seminar series*, University of Connecticut, Anthropology Department, Storrs, CT
- 2008 Relocating identity and alterity in Anatolian cities: Archaeological perspectives on the Old Assyrian period (with G. B. Yazıcioglu). *Ancient Societies Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Heuristic models and abstract agents: Finding a place for computer simulation in Mesopotamian archaeology. *Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

INVITED PUBLIC TALKS

- 2026 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia, *History Happy Hour*, Great Lakes Brewing Co., Cleveland, OH
- 2026 Beer in ancient Mesopotamia, The Bike Library, Raleigh, NC
- 2025 Beer in ancient Mesopotamia, Durham County Library, South Regional Library, The Glass Jug Beer Lab, Durham, NC
- 2025 Sumerian beer tasting and discussion, *The Human Factor* (with Alton Brown), College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2025 [Beer in ancient Mesopotamia](#), *AIA Archaeology Hour*, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2025 Brewing in ancient Babylon, Yale Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2025 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia, Tallahassee Beer Society, Tallahassee, FL
- 2024 Mesopotamia, the world’s first great beer culture, *North Carolina Craft Brewers Conference*, Winston-Salem, NC
- 2024 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia, Book discussion (with M. Booker). DH Hill Library, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

- 2024 In the land of Ninkasi: A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia, Book discussion (with K. Morgan). *Triangle Society of the Archaeological Institute of America*, Fullsteam Brewery, Durham, NC
- 2024 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, Kershaw Lecture in Near East Archaeology, *Jacksonville Society of the Archaeological Institute of America*, Jacksonville, FL
- 2023 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, Kershaw Lecture in Near East Archaeology, *Central Pennsylvania Society of the Archaeological Institute of America*, University Park, PA
- 2023 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *North Alabama Society of the Archaeological Institute of America*, Huntsville, AL
- 2023 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *Timothy S. Y. Lam Museum of Anthropology*, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
- 2021 [Mesopotamia: Civilization begins \(with beer\)](#), *Bacchus Uncorked series*, The Getty, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America*, Fresno, CA
- 2020 [Fermentation in ancient Mesopotamia](#), *Fermentology*, Department of Applied Ecology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2019 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *North Carolina Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, Harald Ingholt Lectureship in Near Eastern Archaeology, *Cincinnati Society of the Archaeological Institute of America*, Rhinegeist Brewery, Cincinnati, OH
- 2018 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *Springfield Archaeology*, Mother Stewart's Brewing Co., Springfield, OH
- 2017 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia, *Dr. Craig's Office Hours*, Grad Center Bar, Providence, RI
- 2017 Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, Frederick R. and Margaret B. Matson Lecture, *Western Illinois Society of the Archaeological Institute of America*, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL
- 2017 Inebriation and the early state: The transformative power of beer in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, Frederick R. and Margaret B. Matson Lecture, *Western Illinois Society of the Archaeological Institute of America*, Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL
- 2016 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia. *Archaeology on Tap*. American Society of Overseas Research, Cornwall's Pub, Boston, MA

PUBLIC TALKS

- 2024 Beer in Ancient Mesopotamia: Book discussion (with L. Stewart), So & So Books, Raleigh, NC
- 2023 Beer in ancient Mesopotamia, *Archaeology in the Mediterranean and Ancient Near East: Recent Discoveries and Retrospectives*, Friends of ASOR Seminar, American Society of Overseas Research. Research Triangle Park, NC
- 2016 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia (with P. Conway, M. Fisher, and M. Williams), *Sip Like a Sumerian*, Martha, Philadelphia, PA
- 2014 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia (with P. Conway), *From the Tigris to the Nile: A Sumerian-Egyptian Beer Dinner*, Barley's Smokehouse & Brewpub, Columbus, OH
- 2014 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia (with P. Conway), *A Toast to Ninkasi: Sipping Sumerian Beer*, Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia (with P. Conway), *Sumerian Beer Dinner*, The Gage, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia (with P. Conway), *A Toast to Ninkasi: Sipping Sumerian Beer*, Fountainhead, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia (with P. Conway), *Sumerian Beer Dinner*, Great Lakes Brewing Company, Cleveland, OH
- 2012 Wine in Mesopotamia: a tour of the Edgar and Deborah Jannotta Mesopotamian Gallery, *Uncorking the Past*, ISAC Museum, Chicago, IL

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*invited)

- *2026 [Title TBD], *Weird Stuff: Archaeological Objects that Transgress Anthropological Categories*, *Society for American Archaeology, Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA
- 2025 The Early Bronze Age at Hamoukar, Syria: Excavations in Area C, 2006–2010, *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Boston, MA
- 2025 Grain standing in her furrow: Toward an animist archaeology of agriculture in Mesopotamia (with K. Grossman), *14th Interntl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Lyon, France
- 2025 Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia, 2017–2024: Results from a Chalcolithic and Bronze Age Site on the Northwest Coast of Cyprus (with K. Grossman, L. Graham, and A. McCarthy), *14th Interntl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Lyon, France
- 2024 Archaeological Research at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia, 2023–2024: New Results from a Prehistoric Site on the Northwest Coast of Cyprus (with K. Grossman, L. Graham, and A. McCarthy), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Boston, MA
- 2024 Rethinking caprines-as-capital: Pastoralism and the low-power states of early Mesopotamia (with K. Grossman), *Society for American Archaeology, Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA
- *2024 Beer and brewing in ancient Mesopotamia, *Food and Feasting in the Ancient Near East*, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

- 2023 Drinking straws and communal beer consumption in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *13th Interntl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2023 Beer and the politics of affect in Mesopotamia, *Society for American Archaeology, Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR
- 2023 Society against the state in prehistoric Cyprus? The politics of village life at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia (with K. Grossman), *Society for American Archaeology, Annual Mtg.*, Portland, OR
- 2022 Archaeologies of memory: Setting the stage (with J. Fu), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Boston, MA
- 2022 Excavations at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia: Results from the 2022 Season (with K. Grossman, L. Graham, and A. McCarthy), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Boston, MA
- *2022 A lively ferment: Beer as sign and substance in Mesopotamia, *Zones of Transformation: Extraction, Refining and the Production of Qualia in the Eastern Mediterranean and West Asia*, Institut für Wissensgeschichte des Altertums, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- *2022 Beer and the making of a new food system in early Mesopotamia, *Microbial Foods 2022*. Novo Nordisk Foundation, Copenhagen Bioscience Conferences. Copenhagen, Denmark (presentation canceled)
- *2021 History of irrigation, *North Carolina Irrigation Society, Annual Meeting*. Rocky Mount, NC
- 2020 Society against the state in prehistoric Cyprus? The politics of village life at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia (with K. Grossman, L. Graham, and A. McCarthy), *12th Interntl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Bologna, Italy (canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 In defense of underwater basket weaving: Experiential archaeology in the classroom, *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Village politics in prehistoric Cyprus: Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia, 2017–2019 (with K. Grossman, L. Graham, and A. McCarthy), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, San Diego, CA
- *2019 Fermented beverages of the ancient world, *Science and Culture of Fermentation Symposium*, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- *2019 Hijacking the harvest, laying claim to the future: Grain storage and state making in Mesopotamia (3000–2000 BC), *European Society for Environmental History, Biennial Conference*, Tallinn, Estonia (session canceled)
- *2019 Inebriation and the early state: The transformative power of beer in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, *Alcohol, rituals, and the spiritual world in ancient China and beyond: An interdisciplinary perspective*. Stanford Archaeology Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

- 2018 Pre-urban trajectories on the northwest coast of Cyprus: The first two seasons of the Makounta-Voules Archaeological Project (with Kathryn Grossman, Andrew McCarthy, and Lisa Graham), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Denver, CO
- *2018 It's all about the ingredients: Archaeological perspectives on beer and brewing in Mesopotamia, *11th Interntnl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Munich, Germany
- 2018 Prehistoric Archaeology in the Polis Region: The First Season of Survey and Geophysics at Makounta-Voules and Stroumpi-Pigi-Agios Andronikos, Cyprus (with Kathryn Grossman, Lisa Graham, and Andrew McCarthy), *11th Interntnl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Munich, Germany
- 2017 Storing like a state in Mesopotamia (4000–2000 BC) or: How great were the great organizations? *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Boston, MA
- 2017 Grain, storage, and state making in Mesopotamia (3200–2000 BC), *Society for American Archaeology, Annual Mtg.*, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2016 Where the beer flowed like wine: Brewing and intoxication in Bronze Age Mesopotamia (with M. Fisher), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 Grain storage and gastro-politics in Mesopotamia (3000–2000 BC), *10th Interntnl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Vienna, Austria
- 2015 Recasting the “magic circle”: The politics of food in an incomplete state (with S. Richardson), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 Pork futures past: The pig complex in Early Bronze Age northern Mesopotamia (with M. Price and K. Grossman), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Atlanta, GA
- *2014 Brewing beer in Mesopotamia: Technology, technique, and tradition (with M. Fisher), *American Anthropological Association, Annual Mtg.*, Washington, DC
- *2013 What happens in Sumer stays in Sumer: the archaeological invisibility of beer in Mesopotamia (with M. Fisher), *Theoretical Archaeology Group USA, Annual Mtg.*, Chicago, IL
- 2012 New perspectives on an early administrative practice in the ancient Near East: The study of Proto-literate clay envelopes from Chogha Mish, Iran, using state-of-the-art computed tomography (CT) technology (with C. Woods), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Chicago, IL
- *2012 Early Bronze Age Hamoukar: “Akkadian”—and beyond? (with K. Grossman and C. Reichel), *8th Interntnl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Warsaw, Poland
- 2012 Fire in the brewhouse: Toward an archaeology of beer and brewing in Mesopotamia (with M. Fisher), *8th Interntnl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Warsaw, Poland
- 2011 Where's the beer? Alcohol and urban space in Bronze Age Mesopotamia (with M. Fisher), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 Grain storage in third millennium Mesopotamia: Regional perspectives, *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Atlanta, GA

- 2010 Grain storage in Mesopotamia: Agricultural techniques and political economy during the third millennium BC, *7th Internatl. Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, London, England
- 2009 Coping strategies and socio-political scale in Bronze Age Mesopotamia, Co-chair (with Jeffrey Quilter) of the Coping and Scale Working Group. *Global Long Term Human Ecodynamics Conference*, Eagle Hill, Maine
- *2009 Hamoukar during the third millennium BC: Recent work (with K. Grossman), Second Meeting of the Tigridian Regional Group, *Associated Regional Chronologies of the Ancient Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean*, Venice, Italy
- 2008 Urban trajectories in the third millennium BC: Recent excavations in the Lower Town at Hamoukar (with K. Grossman), *American Society of Overseas Research, Annual Mtg.*, Boston, MA
- 2008 Modeling Bronze Age northern Mesopotamia: New layers of complexity, *Society for American Archaeology, Annual Mtg.*, Vancouver, BC
- 2007 Shifting perspectives from Assur to Kaneš: Identifying diversity between text and artifact (with G. B. Yazıcıoğlu), *Text Envy and Artifact Allure: Evidence, Methods, and Epistemologies across the History/Prehistory Divide*, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Modeling dynamic human ecologies: Examples from Northern Mesopotamia (with M. Altaaweel and J. Christiansen), *British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology, Annual Mtg.*, Edinburgh, Scotland

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2026 Beer in ancient Mesopotamia, *Drunk on History*, recorded January 19, 2026 (release date TBD)
- 2025 In the land of Ninkasi with Professor Tate Paulette, *Comfortably Hungry*, recorded October 15, 2025 (release date TBD)
- 2025 [Where beer began](#). *The Delicious Legacy*, December 27, 2025
- 2025 [A history of beer in ancient Mesopotamia with Dr. Tate Paulette](#), *The Two Cities*, July 23, 2025
- 2025 [How beer shaped ancient Mesopotamia](#), *Bible and Archaeology*, May 30, 2025
- 2025 [Do we really have beer to thank for the first writing and cities?](#), *Gastropod*, April 22, 2025
- 2024 [Interview with Tate Paulette](#), *Chaldean Cultural Center*, October 4, 2024
- 2024 [In the Land of Ninkasi](#), *Chaldean News*, October
- 2024 [How ancient Mesopotamians made beer](#), *Good Food*, KCRW, September 13, 2024
- 2024 [Origins of Beer](#), *The Ancients*, August 21, 2024
- 2024 [Beer in Ancient Mesopotamia](#), *Digital Hammurabi*, August 13
- 2020 [Brewing up ancient beer](#), *Accolades*. College of Humanities and Social Sciences, NC State University. Fall 2020.
- 2015 The art of making (and, of course, drinking) ancient booze, *OZY*. February 21, 2015
- 2014 [Sumerian beer dinner: The Gage and Great Lakes Brewing Company. 3 Beers in 3 Days](#), April 11, 2014

- 2014 [New technology brews ancient ales. *The Columbia Chronicle*](#), February 24, 2014
- 2013 [The gods must be crazy. *Chicago Beer Geeks*](#), December 9, 2013
- 2013 [Sumerian beer dinner on tap at Fountainhead. *DNAinfo Chicago*](#), August 23, 2013
- 2013 [Fresh brew, ancient recipe. *First Bite*](#), Radio National, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, August 20, 2013
- 2013 [Great Lakes Brewing Co. holds Sumerian beer dinner. *The Plain Dealer*](#), cleveland.com, August 15, 2013
- 2013 Miller time in ancient Mesopotamia (radio interview). *Indiana Jones: Myth, Reality and 21st Century Archaeology*, VoiceAmerica, July 31, 2013
- 2013 [Fresh but ancient beer \(radio interview\). *First Bite*](#), Radio National, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, July 27, 2013
- 2013 [Craft brewing, B.C. style. *Chicago Tribune*](#), July 5, 2013
- 2013 [For its latest beer, a craft brewer chooses an unlikely pairing: Archaeology. *The New York Times*](#), June 17, 2013

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

- 2017– [Makounta-Voules Archaeological Project](#), Cyprus
NC State University (Dirs. K. Grossman, T. Paulette, A. McCarthy, L. Graham)
Co-director
- 2022 Kani Shaie Archaeological Project, Kurdistan Region, Iraq
University of Coimbra, University of Pennsylvania (Dirs. A. Tomé, R. Cabral, S. Renette)
Excavator
- 2017 [Stroumpi-Pigi-Ayios Andronikos Salvage Project](#), Cyprus
Brown University, MIT, University of Edinburgh (Dirs. K. Grossman, T. Paulette, A. McCarthy, L. Graham)
Co-director
- 2016 Prastio Village Cemetery Project, Cyprus
Brown University, MIT (Dirs. K. Grossman, T. Paulette)
Co-director
- 2005–10 Hamoukar, Syria
University of Chicago, Syrian DGAM (Dirs. C. Reichel, S. al-Kuntar)
Area Supervisor
- 2008–09 Tell Zeidan, Syria
University of Chicago, Syrian DGAM (Dir. G. Stein)
Excavation Supervisor
- 2006 Abydos, Egypt
University of Chicago (Dir. S. Harvey)
Excavation Supervisor
- 2004 Tell Tayinat, Turkey
University of Toronto (Dir. T. Harrison)
Excavation Supervisor

- 2000 Calanais, Isle of Lewis, Scotland
University of Edinburgh (Dir. G. Coles)
Excavator
- 2000 Western Cyprus Geoarchaeological Survey, Cyprus
University of Edinburgh (Dir. K. Deckers)
Survey Assistant
- 1999 Western Cyprus Survey, Cyprus
University of Edinburgh (Dir. E. Peltenburg)
Field School Student
- 1998 Scotland, various sites
University of Edinburgh First Year Field School
Field School Student

TEACHING

North Carolina State University, Department of History

- Ancient Middle Eastern Cities (Fall 2017)
Ancient Mediterranean World (Fall 2017, Spring/Fall 2018, Spring/Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Spring/Fall 2022, Spring/Fall 2023, Spring/Fall 2024, Spring/Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
Civilization of the Ancient Near East (Spring/Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
History: Study Abroad, Cyprus Archaeological Field School (Summer 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2025)
History of Agriculture (Spring 2019, 2020)
Alcohol in the Ancient World (Fall 2023)
Material Culture (Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

Dartmouth College, Department of Anthropology

- Alcohol in the Ancient World (Spring 2021)

Brown University, Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World

- Cities in the Sand: The Archaeology of Urbanism in Mesopotamia (Spring 2017)
Alcohol in the Ancient World (Fall 2016)
Handmade: An Archaeological Exploration of Materials and Making (Spring 2016)
Farm to Table: Foodways and Gastro-politics in the Ancient Near East (Fall 2015)

University of Chicago, Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures

- The Dawn of History: Society and Culture in Ancient Mesopotamia (online, Fall 2014)

University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

- B.A. Preceptor (2009–10, 2011–12)
Ancient Economies from Mesopotamia to Rome (Teaching Asst., 2012)
History of the Ancient Near East: Mesopotamia/Iran (Teaching Asst., 2008)

University of Chicago, Department of Geophysical Sciences

- The Dynamic Environment and the Emergence of Humankind (Teaching Asst., 2007, 2008)
The Dynamic Environment and Settlement Systems (Teaching Asst., 2006, 2007, 2008)

SERVICE

PEER REVIEW

American Journal of Archaeology, Antiquity, Archaeology of Food and Foodways, Brewery History, Bulletin of the American Society of Overseas Research, German Research Foundation, Journal of Archaeological Research, Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports, Nature, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Ancient beers, past and present, *Envisioning Urban Futures*, The Long View Project, North Carolina State University (poster)
- 2026 Classics Club Professor Panel, North Carolina State University
- 2024 How did I get here? Thomas Jefferson Scholars, North Carolina State University
- 2023 Beer in the world's first cities, *Envisioning Urban Futures*, The Long View Project, North Carolina State University (poster)
- 2020 Early cities and settlements, *Wicked Problems, Wolfpack Solutions*, online course for all incoming first year students, North Carolina State University
- 2020 The history of beer, *The History, Science, and Business of Beer*, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, North Carolina State University
- 2020 Recipes from ancient Mesopotamia, *Spices, Microbiology, and Food Preservation Project* (public science with local high school students), Dinah E Gore Teaching and Research Kitchens, North Carolina State University
- 2019 Discussion of *Patina: A profane archaeology (S. L. Dawdy)*, Honors seminar, History Department, North Carolina State University
- 2018 Barley, bacon, and booze in the Bronze Age: A brief history of agriculture in ancient Mesopotamia, Alpha Zeta, Founder's Day, North Carolina State University
- 2017 Beer and brewing in Mesopotamia, Thomas Jefferson Scholars, North Carolina State University
- 2013 Archaeological perspectives on disaster, *Natural Disasters and Social Responses: A Global Perspective*, Summer Teacher Institute, University of Chicago
- 2009–13 Archaeology: an introduction, *Archaeology Day*, Chicago Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, Art Institute of Chicago

EXTERNAL SERVICE

- 2024 NEH Committee, American Center of Research in Jordan
- 2023– Fellowship Committee, Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy, American Society of Overseas Research
- 2021– Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy, American Society of Overseas Research
- 2012– Damascus Committee, American Society of Overseas Research

INTERNAL SERVICE

- 2026 Director of Undergraduate Programs (interim), History Department, NCSU
- 2025–26 Public History Committee, History Department, NCSU

- 2025 Ad hoc Faculty Course Load Policy Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2025 Strategic Planning Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2024–25 Graduate Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2023–24 Search Committee, Assistant Professor, History of the Ancient Mediterranean World, History Department, NCSU
- 2023 Interviewer, Lecturer in Ancient History, History Department, NCSU
- 2022–23 Search Committee, Assistant Professor, History of the Ancient Mediterranean World, History Department, NCSU
- 2022–24 Curriculum Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2021–22 Budget Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2021–22 Salary Points and Award Nominations Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2020 Chair, Search Committee, Lecturer in Ancient History, History Department, NCSU
- 2019– Study Abroad Fellowship assessment, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, NCSU
- 2019–20 Graduate Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2018–19 Research Committee, History Department, NCSU
- 2017–19 International Programs Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, NCSU

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

MA THESIS ADVISOR

- 2024– Noah Barton, History, North Carolina State University
- 2023– Luke Basile, History, North Carolina State University
- 2022–25 Joshua Thomas, History, North Carolina State University
Thesis: [*Kartli and Constantinople: Religion and Geopolitics in Late Antique Georgia*](#)
- 2021–24 Ashley Hunter, History, North Carolina State University
Thesis: [*Death and Diplomacy: Colonial Interactions during Roman Expansion into Temperate Europe*](#)
- 2021–23 Jordan Brady, History, North Carolina State University
Thesis: [*City of Thunder: Numismatics, Space, and Civic Identity in Seleucia-Pieria*](#)
- 2020–22 Michelle Guy, History, North Carolina State University
Thesis: [*Enchanting, Banishing, and Confusing: Clay Excretion Figurines in the Egyptian Old Kingdom*](#)
- 2019–21 Rachel Webberman, Public History, North Carolina State University
Thesis: [*Performing Danger: Bulls, Swords, and the Acrobatic Body in the Ancient Near East*](#)

MA THESIS/PROJECT/PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

- 2026 Jackson Leonard, Public History, North Carolina State University
- 2026 Liam McCandless, Public History, North Carolina State University
- 2025 Katie Bushman, Public History, North Carolina State University
- 2025 Lucy Bornhorst, Public History, North Carolina State University
- 2025 Daniel Papadopoulos, Public History, North Carolina State University

- 2024 Frances Fleming, Public History, North Carolina State University
- 2024 DeLayne Jolly, Public History, North Carolina State University
- 2021–23 Nora AlAati, Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University
Thesis: *Putting on a Show: A Re-Analysis of Gender and Performativity at the Royal Cemetery of Ur*
- 2020– Emma Wagner, Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University
- 2020–22 Joe North, Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University
Project: *A Study of the Seals and Sealings of Abu Salabikh and the Purpose Behind the Stamp Seal over a Cylinder Sealing in the Late Uruk to Early Dynastic Periods*
- 2019–21 Kirstyn Waller, History, North Carolina State University
Thesis: *Cultural Contact, Identity, and the Small Finds: An Interdisciplinary Case Study for Historicizing and Interpreting Jordan's Classical Heritage*
- 2019–21 Laura Smith, History, North Carolina State University
Thesis: *Integrated communities: Acculturation among Roman port city diaspora communities*

BA THESIS ADVISOR

- 2025– Lazarus Moman, History Department, North Carolina State University
- 2023–24 Ashley Benson, History Department, North Carolina State University
Thesis: *The Fabric of the Republic: The Interplay of Roman Citizenship, Patriotism, and Nationalism in the Roman Republic*
- 2022–24 Zaccheri Morra, History Department, North Carolina State University
Thesis: *Love, Hatred, and Women: An Exploration of Ancient Greek Cultural Gender Norms*

BA THESIS COMMITTEE

- 2019 Summer Shives, Anthropology Department, North Carolina State University
Thesis: *Animal exploitation at Makounta-Voules-Mersinoudia*

OTHER POSITIONS

- 2012–13 Public Services and Bibliographic Assistant for Maps
University of Chicago Library
- 2012–13 Research Assistant, Early Writing Project (Christopher Woods)
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, University of Chicago
- 2012 Editorial Assistant
Publications Office, Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, Univ. of Chicago
- 2011–12 Photographer, Persepolis Fortification Archive Project (Matthew W. Stolper)
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, University of Chicago
- 2008–10 Research Assistant, Nippur Publications Project (McGuire Gibson)
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, University of Chicago
- 2008–10 Research Assistant (Seth Richardson)
Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, University of Chicago
- 2006–08 Project Liaison, Modeling Ancient Settlement Systems (MASS) project
University of Chicago, Durham University, Argonne National Laboratory
- 2002–08 Researcher, Modeling Ancient Settlement Systems (MASS) project
University of Chicago, Durham University, Argonne National Laboratory

2004–05 Student Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop
University of Chicago

2001–02 Archaeological Field Technician
Coastal Carolina Research, Tarboro, NC

LANGUAGES

French	reading knowledge	Sumerian	two years of study
German	reading knowledge	Akkadian	one year of study
Arabic	basic conversational	Latin	one year of study
Spanish	three years of study	Scottish Gaelic	one year of study