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### **EDUCATION**

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- 2022-Present **North Carolina State University**, Raleigh, NC  
M.A. in Anthropology, Specialization in Archaeology
- 2022 **Western Carolina University**, Cullowhee, NC  
B.S. in Anthropology, Archaeological Studies Concentration. Minor in Biology  
Cum Laude (3.648 GPA)
- 2018 **Northern Nash High School**, Rocky Mount, NC

### **APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2022-Present **North Carolina State University**,  
Raleigh, NC  
Graduate Teaching Assistant  
Introduction to Physical Anthropology (ANT 251) Emily McDowell M.A.  
Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (ANT 370) Emily McDowell M.A.  
Unearthing the Past: Introduction to World Archaeology (ANT 253) Dr. Kathryn  
Grossman

### **APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGICAL SKILLS**

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- Basic Gradiometer Operation (Bartington Grad-01 601)
- Basic Excavation Skills
- Intermediate Water Screening Skills
- Advanced Laboratory Skills
  - Lab Management Skills
  - Cleaning of Artifacts
  - Cataloging of Artifacts
  - Cleaning of Human Remains

- Cleaning of Faunal Remains
- Inventory of Human Remains
- Inventory of Faunal Remains
- Intermediate Photography
- Archival Experience
- Basic 3-D Scanning
  - 3-D scanning of artifacts

## **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022            Western Carolina University Archaeological Field School Field Assistant
- Excavation of 1x1 m test units
  - Excavation of 30 cm shovel test units
  - Screening of soil dug from units using ¼” screen
  - Operation of gradiometer (Bartington Grad-01 601)
  - Laid out tapes and grids for operation of gradiometer
  - Careful excavation of post holes and post molds
  - Careful excavation using a trowel
  - Supervision of archaeological field school students during excavation of test units and shovel tests
  - Watauga Site (31MA89)
- 2022            Backhoe Monitoring Project: Phase II Testing
- Western Carolina University former site of Natural Science Building
  - Excavated and screened soil dug from units
  - Operated mechanical water pump to remove water from units
- 2021            Western Carolina University Archaeological Field School
- Excavated and screened soil dug from units in conjunction with other students
  - Watauga Site (31MA89)
- 2021            Spikebuck Archaeological Project
- Operation of gradiometer (Bartington Grad-01 601)
  - Laid out tapes and grids for operation of gradiometer
  - Spikebuck Site (31CY1)
- 2021            Watauga Gradiometer work
- Operation of gradiometer
  - Laid out tapes and grids for operation of gradiometer
  - Watauga Site (31MA89)
- 2020            Forensic Osteology Research Station (FOREST) Donor Excavation
- Excavated and screened in conjunction with WCU Students and WCU Forensic Anthropology (FANT) faculty
  - Photographed excavation and remains for curation within the John A. Williams Human Skeletal Collection (JAW)

- 2019-2021 Forensic Osteology Research Station (FOREST) Photography
- Management of student volunteers assisting with FOREST photography
  - Training of student volunteers in the FOREST photography protocol
  - Experience with Nikon Professional DSLR camera equipment and game cameras
  - Entrusted with key access to the FOREST

## **LABORATORY EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022 Management of Archaeological Collection
- The North Carolina State Capitol Site (31WA1469)
  - Cataloging of artifacts
  - Photography of artifacts
  - 3-D Scanning of artifacts
  - Brought collection up to curatorial standards
  - Consultation between NC State Anthropology and the Office of State Archaeology (OSA)
  - Collections Management (ANT 595) Dr. Dru McGill
- 2022 Repatriation and Inventory of Skeletal Remains
- Inventory and wrapping of skeletal remains retrieved from the Macon County Industrial Park Site (31MA185) to be repatriated back to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)
- 2021-Present Archaeological Laboratory Assistant in the Tali Tsisgwayahi Archaeological Collections
- Cataloging artifacts into the Tali Tsisgwayahi Archaeological collections to be used in future archaeological research projects
  - Cleaning of artifacts to be analyzed and quantified for cataloging
  - Working alongside student volunteers in water screening dirt samples from the Watauga Site (31MA89)
  - Operation of basic hand and power tools for the use in an Experimental Archaeology Class
  - Reconstruction of tools, and pottery stamp paddles for use in an Experimental Archaeology Class
- 2020-2021 Archaeological Student Volunteer in the Tali Tsisgwayahi Archaeological Collections
- Cataloging artifacts into the Tali Tsisgwayahi Archaeological Collections
  - Cleaning artifacts to be analyzed and quantified for cataloging
  - Working alongside professors and student volunteers in water screening dirt samples from the Norton Site (31JK615)
  - Cataloging, sorting, and archiving flotation test results from the Norton Site (31JK615)
- 2019-2021 Forensic Anthropology Laboratory Assistant in the Western Carolina Human Identification Laboratory (WCHIL)

- Managing student volunteers in processing of human and faunal remains
- Processing Human Remains to be cataloged into the JAW
- Cleaning Faunal Remains to be cataloged into the Western Carolina Faunal Collection
- Curation of donor photos into digital archival database

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2022            Western Carolina University Archaeological Field School Summer Solstice, Cherokee Council House Research Project

- Creation of a budget for materials for project
- Creation of basic design elements of an experimental archaeology project
- Creation of a timelapse
- Photography of research project
- Creation of a log of methods

2021-2022    Comparative Geochemical Assay of Napier and Connestee Ceramic Sherds as a Means to Evaluate Composition and Raw Materials Sourcing

- Quantifying Artifacts
  - Measuring lands and grooves of exterior surface stamping using digital calipers
  - Measuring thickness using calipers
  - Quantifying color using a Munsell Soil Color Chart
  - Estimating temper density
  - Microphotography using a USB microscope
- Screening and sorting of ceramic sherds by size using a ¼” and ½” size wire screen
- Performance of Geochemical assays of sherds using Niton XL5 portable X-Ray Fluorescence (pXRF)
- Crushed and separated temper from clay of sherds using a mortar and pestle and centrifuge

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Parrish, W., Riggs, B., & Schopfer, S. (2022, March). Comparative Geochemical Assay of Napier and Connestee Ceramic Sherds as a Means to Evaluate Composition and Raw Materials Sourcing [Poster presentation]. 2022 Research and Scholarship Conference. Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina.

## **AWARDS**

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2022            Outstanding Senior 2021-2022 in Anthropology at Western Carolina University

## REFERENCES

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