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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bioarchaeology, Craftsmanship, Medieval Transylvania, Devotional Objects and Apotropaics, Environment, Funerary Mythology

EDUCATION

2028 (Anticipated)	North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC Anthropology, M.A.
2021	Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC Anthropology, B.S., Archaeological Practices Concentration

PUBLICATIONS

2025 Bailey, Christine A., Autumn N. Lennartz, Maggie M. Klemm, **Cameron A. Matheson**, Carter A. Unger, and Rebecca L. George. "Assessing Patterns of Moisture Content in Decomposing, Desiccated, and Mummified Tissue in Western North Carolina." *Forensic Sciences* 5, no. 4 (2025).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2026 Connor, Mia**,** Kaiden Gonzales, **Cameron Matheson**. 2026. "Hooton & Hollerin': How Ancestry Estimation Perpetuates Race Science." Poster presented at the 13th Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Biological Anthropology Interest Group, November 7.

2026 **Matheson, Cameron**, Carlos Carvalho, Katie Zejdlik, Jonathan Bethard, and Zsolt Nyaradi. 2026. "All in the Wrist: Hands as a Proxy for the Lived Experience of an Individual from 17th Century Rural Transylvania." Poster presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Biological Anthropologists, March 18-21.

2024 **Privette, Cameron,** Carlos Carvalho, Lauren Reinman, Katie Zejdlik, and Zsolt Nyárádi. 2024. "The Role of the Grave Digger: Evidence of Various Burial Practices in Transylvanian, Hungarian-Szekler Communities (Ad 1050-1800)." Paper presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, August 28-31.

2024	Carvalho, Carlos Silva, **Cameron Ashford Privette**, Lauren Reinman, Katie Zejdlik, and Zsolt Nyárádi. 2024. "Working for the Dead: The Role of Gravediggers and Their Impact on Burial Practices as Evidence in Transylvanian, Hungarian-Szekler Communities (AD 1050–1800)." Poster presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 17-21.
2023	Bailey, Christine A., Autumn N. Lennartz, Maggie M. Klemm, **Cameron A. Privette**, Carter A. Unger, and Rebecca L. George. 2023. "Assessing Patterns of Moisture Content in Decomposing, Desiccated, and Mummified Tissue in the Southeastern United States." Paper presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 13-18.
2022	**Privette, Cameron,** Katie Zejdlik, and Zsolt Nyárádi. 2022. "Understanding the Use of Coins in Székely Burials, 12th to 17th Century." Paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, August 31-September 3.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023–Present	Archaeological Field Assistant, Archaeotek Canada Medieval Funerary Field School, Dr. Katie Zejdlik, Székelyudvarhely (Odorheiu Secuiesc, Romania)
2022–2023	Archaeological Field Technician, Western Carolina University GIS Lab, Dr. Brett Riggs, Cullowhee, NC, USA
2021	Research Assistant, Western Carolina University Forensic Osteology Research Station (FOREST), Dr. Rebecca George, Cullowhee, NC, USA
2021	Field Recovery Assistant, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Dr. Nicholas Passalacqua, Gaffney, SC

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026–Present	Graduate Teaching Assistant, ANT 251 "Intro to Biological Anthropology", North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
2023	Guest Lecturer ANTH 344 "Forensic Archaeology", Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
2021	Teaching Assistant, Forensic Anthropology and Burned Remains, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

PUBLIC OUTREACH

2026	Educator, Night of Museums, Haáz Rezső Museum, Székelyudvarhely (Odorheiu Secuiesc, Romania)
2026	Educator, Conference for Reconstruction and Experimental Archaeology (REARC), Fredericksburg, Virginia

MEMBERSHIPS

2025–Present	American Association of Biological Anthropologists

REFERENCES

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