

ANTHRO NEWS

THE 2019-2020 UTSA ANTHRO DEPT'S ROUND-UP REPORT



UNDERGRAD NEWS

NEW GRADUATES

In the spring we held a virtual undergraduate recognition celebration where we recognized our graduating seniors. Faculty offered words of wisdom to show support. This year we had 22 graduating seniors. A big congratulations to:

Riley Becker, Jeni Brett, Anastasia Caballero, Yazmin Cevallos, Valeria Diaz De Leon, Kirk Fallin, Virginia Hartung, Darin Ilasin, Jacob Lozano, Jari McCoy, Amy Mouw, Megan Nally, Lesley Perez, Amanda Porter, Courtney Praesel, Alexandra Reid, Sabrina Sanchez, Nicholas Sorenson, Katharine Stephenson, Juan Trevino, De'Mira Vallego, Caitlin Vasquez!

UNDERGRAD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Daisy Paredes successfully completed her honors thesis: "Shared Space-Time: Collective Possibilities for Mental Health Care on University Campuses." (Supervising Professor: K. Jill Fleuriet.)

Katharine Stephens successfully completed her honors thesis: "Marketplace Production and Exchange of Obsidian in the Lost Plaza, Xunantunich, Belize." (Supervising Professor: Jason Yaeger.) This fall, **Katharine** will be starting her PhD studies in the Department of Anthropology at UC Riverside.

Katharine Stephens won second place in the category of Research Poster by a BA/BS student at the 20th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference for her project: "Marketplace Production and Exchange of Obsidian at Xunantunich."

M . A . G R A D S

Kathleen A. Jenkins, "An Ethnographic and Site Structural Analysis of the Sanchez Archaeological Site (AZ:CC:2:452)." (Supervising Professor: Robert J. Hard.)

Timothy Gutierrez, "The Relationship between Manual Therapy and Mental Health as It is Perceived and Co-Created by Recipient and Therapist." (Supervising Professor: K. Jill Fleuriet.)



Los Guachimontones, north of Teuchitlan, Jalisco, Mexico. (Photo courtesy of Anthony DeLuca)

Lori Barkwill Love

"Challenging the Village Concept: Bayesian Analysis and Chemical Characterization in the Mogollon Early Pithous Period of the US Southwest." (Co-supervising Professors: Jason Yaeger and Patricia Gilman.)

Amanda Ellwanger

"Friendly Foes and Shared Spaces: Human Niche Construction Shapes Foraging and Sociality in Chacma Baboons (*Papio hamadryas ursinus*)." (Co-supervising Professors: Thad Bartlett and Joanna Lambert.)

Lynn Kim

"Local responses to Inka Imperialism: Spatial Analyses of Roads, Settlements, and Terraces in the Camata-Carijana Valley, Bolivia." Co-supervising Professors: Laura Levi and Sonia Alconini.)

Whitney Lytle

"A Diachronic Approach to the Sociopolitical Role of Ancestor Veneration at Xuanantunich, Group D." (Supervising Professor: M. Kathryn Brown.)

Zoe Rawski

"Constructing Power in the Preclassic: Monumental Architecture and Sociopolitical Inequality at Early Xunantunich, Belize. (Supervising Professor: M. Kathryn Brown.)

P H . D . P R O P O S A L D E F E N S E S

Adam Birge, "Landscape of Power: Sajama and the Negotiation of Imperialism and Colonialism." (Co-supervising Professors: Laura Levi and Sonia Alconini.)

Christian Sheumaker, "The Materialization of Movement: Discerning Spatio-Temporal Variation within the Wari Camp Community, Belize." (Supervising Professor: Laura Levi.)

Alessandra Villarreal, "Ceramic Production and Distribution: Testing a Middle Preclassic Ceramic Economy in the Mopan River Valley, Belize." (Supervising Professor: M. Kathryn Brown.)



Jeni Brett, 2020 Anthro BA and a member of the incoming Fall 2020 PhD cohort. (Photo courtesy of Thad Bartlett.)

Kristina Solis

"An Analysis of Hunter-Gatherer Territoriality and Post Marital Residence Patterns in the Late Archaic Texas Coastal Plain Using Strontium Radiogenic Isotopes (87Sr/86Sr)." (Supervising Professor: Robert J. Hard.)

Mary Whisenhunt

"Investigating Resilience in Southeast Arizona's Upper Gila River Valley: Prehistoric Settlement Patterns and Material Diversity." (Supervising Professor: Robert J. Hard.)



Barbary macaques in Gibraltar. (Photo courtesy of Alexandra Holdbrook.)

A D D I T I O N A L A C C O L A D E S

Lori Barkwill Love received the 2020 Student Paper Award from the Society for American Archaeology for her paper "Modeling the Early History of Maize in the North American Southwest."

Lori Barkwill Love won first place in the category of Research Poster by a PhD student at the 20th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference for her project: "Modeling Early Maize in the North American Southwest."

Anthony DeLuca won second place in the category of Research Paper by a PhD student at the 20th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference for his project: "Let There Be (More) Light! Using Multispectral Imagery to Detect Archaeological Sites in the Tequila Valleys of Jalisco, Mexico."

Christina Frasier won third place in the category of Research Poster by a PhD student at the 20th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference for her project: "Placekeeping and Cultural Sustainability amidst UTSA's Downtown Campus Expansion."

Rebecca Friedel spent 2019-2020 as a Plant Humanities Fellow at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection (Washington, DC). **Rebecca** was also awarded a Fulbright-Institution of Education grant.

Emily Glotfelty was awarded a research grant from the International Primatological Society.

Emily Glotfelty won first place in the category of Research Poster by an MA student at the 20th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference for her project: "Behavioral Responses to Increased Population Size in *Colobus vellerosus* at Boabeng Fiema, Ghana."

Sara Lucci was awarded a research grant from the International Primatological Society.

Hugo Lucitante (and his advisor Michael Cepek) received a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

Anna Penna was awarded four grants:

- Systematics Research Fund, funded by the Linnean Society of London and the Systematics Association
- American Society of Mammalogists Grant-in-Aid of Research
- Alameda/Smithsonian Endowed Museum Internship
- American Society of Mammalogists Student Travel Grant

Shelby Samartino won second place in the category of Research Poster by a PhD student at the 20th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference for her project: "Vaginal Microbiome Sampling in Bonobos (*Pan paniscus*)."

Sebastián Salgado-Flores (with his advisor Jason Yaeger) received an NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant titled "The Political Ecology of Maya Fuelwood Collection in Postclassic Mensabak, Chiapas, Mexico."

Alessandra Villarreal won first place in the category of Research Paper by a PhD student at the 20th Annual COLFA Spring Research Conference for her project: "Ceramic Production and Distribution: Testing a Middle Preclassic Ceramic Economy in the Mopan River Valley, Belize."

P H . D . A L U M N E W S

Whitney Lytle (UTSA 2020, archaeology) has accepted a position as the Education Director and Curator at the Boothbay Railway Village Museum (Maine).

Milena Andrea Melo (UTSA 2017, cultural anthropology) accepted a tenure-track professorship at UT-Rio Grande Valley.

Carla Pezzia (UTSA 2013) earned tenure at the University of Dallas. Carla was our first PhD in cultural anthropology!

Charles (Andy) Speer (UTSA 2013) earned tenure at Idaho State University. Andy was our first PhD in archaeology!

FACULTY NEWS



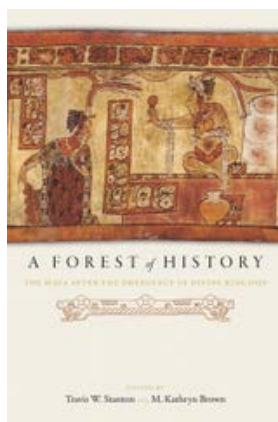
We are very pleased to report the new hire of Andean archaeologist, **Dr. Rebecca Bria**. Welcome, Rebecca!

Thad Bartlett, **M. Kathryn Brown**, **Michael Cepek** (2019) and **K. Jill Fleuriet** (2020) were all promoted to the rank of full Professor.

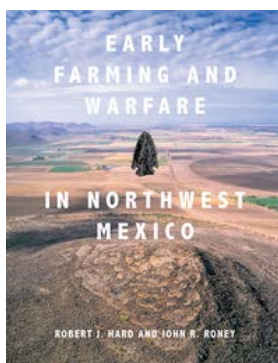
K. Jill Fleuriet was named Acting Dean of the Honors College.

Bernadette Cap was hired as the Andrew Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the San Antonio Museum of Art.

PUBLISHED / FORTHCOMING BOOKS



M. Kathryn Brown and Travis Stanton's edited volume, *A Forest of History: The Maya After the Emergence of Divine Kingship*, was published (University of Colorado Press, July 2020).



Michael Cepek's book, *Life in Oil* was translated into Spanish as *La Supervivencia del Pueblo Cofán en los Campos Petroleros de la Amazonía Ecuatoriana* (Facultad Latinoamericana de las Ciencias Sociales, November 2019).



Robert J. Hard and John R. Roney's book, *Early Farming and Warfare in Northwest Mexico* was published (University of Utah Press, February 2020).

Jamon Halvaksz's book, *Gardens of Gold: Place-Making in Papua New Guinea* (University of Washington Press) will be released in September 2020.

GRANTS/AWARDS

Thad Bartlett received the President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence.

M. Kathryn Brown won the American Institute of Archaeology's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

M. Kathryn Brown was awarded a two-year grant from the Alphawood Foundation titled "The Roles of Religion, Economy and Warfare: A Case Study from Mopan Valley, Belize."



Jason Yaeger, at a Classic Maya tomb in Buenavista del Cayo, Belize. (Photo courtesy of Jason Yaeger.)



M. Kathryn Brown, receiving the American Institute of Archaeology Teaching Award. (Photo courtesy of Jason Yaeger & M. Kathryn Brown.)

M. Kathryn Brown received the President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Advancing Globalization.

Marcus Hamilton received the President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Research Achievement.

Robert J. Hard was awarded an Internal Research Awards Program (INTRA) grant from the VPREDKE's office for his project, "The Emergence of Collective Action."

Robert J. Hard was named a member of the UTSA Academy of Distinguished Researchers.

Luca Pozzi was awarded a research grant from the National Science Foundation titled: "Collaborative research: Phylogenomic Analyses of Lorisiform Primates Using Museum Collections."

Luca Pozzi was awarded an Internal Research Awards Program (INTRA) grant from the VPREDKE's office for his project, "The Role of Climate Change in Shaping Species Diversity: A Regional Study in Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea."

Luca Pozzi received the President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Core Curriculum Teaching.

Eva Wikberg was awarded a research grant from the Leakey foundation, titled: "Causes and Consequences of Behavioral Flexibility in the Boabeng-Fiema Population of *Colobus vellerosus*: Is Social Flexibility Sufficient for Coping with Changing Environments?"

Eva Wikberg received the Stumberg Summer Research Award for "Male Tolerance in Two Species of Colobus Monkeys."

Jason Yaeger and **M. Kathryn Brown** received a GREAT (Grants for Research Advancement and Transformation) grant from the VPREDKE's office for the project "Climate Change, Resilience, and Water Management: Ancient Maya Niche Construction in Western Belize." They are collaborating with **Bernadette Cap**, **Hongjie Xie**, and **Yongli Gao**.

CENTER FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH (CAR) NEWS

Texas Historical Commission Award of Excellence in Media Achievement

This prestigious award was presented for the project "300th Anniversary of Béjar: Historical GIS Story Maps," a collaboration by Bexar County's Heritage & Parks and Information Technology Departments and the University of Texas at San Antonio's History Department and Center for Archaeological Research. The project tells the story of Béjar's anniversary by focusing on the region's earliest inhabitants until 1820, when Spanish rule ended. Key collaborators on this project include Dr. Jack Reynolds (History), Dr. Jessica Nowlin (CAR and Philosophy and Classics), and **Clint McKenzie** (CAR and Anthropology Ph.D. student).

Raymond Mauldin has been named Interim Director and **Cynthia Munoz** Interim Assistant Director of the Center for Archaeological Research. CAR has 49 active projects including ongoing work in Bexar County, as well as South Texas, Central Texas, and upcoming work in North Texas.



CAR Archaeologist Jason Perez (BA Anthropology UTSA) working on a stone-lined channel found in the Book Building Courtyard during the Veremendi Project, downtown San Antonio. (Photo courtesy of Raymond Mauldin.)

IN THE NEWS....

[Sarah Luna](#), an undergraduate alum (2003), now on faculty at Tufts, published her first book.

In March 2020, the Dept's Molecular Anthropology Lab (PIs: **Campos**, **Pozzi**, and **Wikberg**) donated lab supplies to UT Health San Antonio.

UTSA examines reporters' portrayal of U.S. border under Trump.

Research shows even animals in the wild benefit from physical distancing to prevent disease.

Research could reveal how human social life evolved.

Jamon Halvaksz participated in a web show inspired by his Anthropology of Superheroes course.

Social distancing could prevent microbial transmission in monkeys.

UTSA archaeologists rescue Maya royal vessels missed by looters.