

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Washington University in St. Louis, Anthropology (Archaeology), Aug. 2026 - present.
M.A. University of Chicago, Anthropology, Sep. 2024 - Jun. 2025.
B.A. Boston University, Socio-cultural Anthropology and Archaeology, Jan. 2022 - May 2024.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

INTERESTS: Landscape Archaeology; Nomadism; Mobility; Geospatial Analysis; Anthropological Theory
REGIONAL: Central Asia & Middle East

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- The Center for Ancient Middle Eastern Landscapes, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL** Oct. 2025 - Jun. 2026
Research Assistant
- Utilized high-altitude imagery to identify, document, and analyze archaeological features and cultural landscapes.
 - Digitized historical maps and imagery for spatial analysis.
 - Investigated multi-scalar ecological and infrastructural contexts of ancient settlements, including cities, fortifications, ports, and irrigation systems.
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Linfen, Shanxi, China** Jun. 2024 - Aug. 2024
Research Assistant
- Conducted archaeological excavation at the Taosi Site in Linfen, Shanxi.
 - Measured and documented stratigraphic relationships and produced detailed drawings of excavation contexts.
 - Cataloged and documented archaeological finds.
- Environmental Archaeology Laboratory, Boston University, Boston, MA** Sep. 2023 - May 2024
Lab Assistant
- Conducted paleoethnobotanical and faunal analysis under the direction of Professor John M. Marston.
 - Operated microscopes, sieves, and other laboratory equipment used in environmental archaeology.
- Nanjing Archaeology Institute, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China** Jun. 2023 - Aug. 2023
Research Assistant
- Conducted fieldwork at the Nanjing Yuecheng Site and documented finds, stratigraphy, and contextual information.
 - Contributed sorting, cataloging, and descriptive review to *A Selection of Ceramics Unearthed from Changganli of the Six Dynasties in Nanjing* (Cultural Relics Press, 2024).

SKILLS

GIS mapping / spatial analysis; archaeological excavation; artefact analysis; ceramic analysis; paleoethnobotanical analysis; historical map and imagery digitization; drone operation; EMu collections management system

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Mandarin): Native
English: Advanced
Spanish: Intermediate
Russian: Beginner

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2026 Dean's Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Arts & Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis.
2024 University Scholarship, The University of Chicago.