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Education

2007

Ph.D., Sainsbury Research Unit, University of East Anglia.

1997-2003

B.Sc., M.Sc., Dept. of Anthropology, Université de Montréal.

Publications

2026

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2025

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- 2021
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- 2020
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- 2019
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- 2017
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- 2017
Chicoine, D. The Casma City of El Purgatorio: Ancient Urbanism in the Andes (by Melissa A. Vogel) [BOOK REVIEW]. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 73 (3): 548-549.
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- 2017
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- 2016
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- 2016
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- 2012
Chicoine, D. Dating Garbage Deposition. In *Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste: The Social Science of Garbage*, edited by C. A. Zimring & W. Rathje, pp. 172-173. SAGE Publications, Thousand Oaks.
- 2011
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- 2011
Chicoine, D. Death and Religion in the Southern Moche Periphery: Funerary Practices at Huambacho, Nepeña Valley, Peru. *Latin American Antiquity* 22 (4): 525-548.
- 2011
Chicoine, D. Feasting Landscapes and Political Economy at the Early Horizon Center of Huambacho, Nepeña Valley, Peru. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 30 (3): 432-453.
- 2010
Chicoine, D. Elite Strategies and Ritual Settings in Coastal Peru during the 1st Millennium BC. In *Comparative Perspectives in the Archaeology of Coastal South America*, edited by R. E. Cutright, E. López-Hurtado & A. Martin, pp. 191-212. Center for Comparative Archaeology, University of Pittsburgh, Fondo Editorial PUCP, Ministerio de Cultura del Ecuador, Pittsburgh, Lima, and Quito.
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2007

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2006

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2004

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2001

Chicoine, D. Propagande et jeux politiques chez les Mayas de la période Classique. *Altérités: Revue d'anthropologie du contemporain* 2: 1-26.

Chaired Theses & Dissertations

Jalayne Allison (BA Anthropology, 2026)

"Examining the Pre-Columbian Use of Psychotropic Plants in the South American Andes: Tobacco, Coca, and Ayahuasca"

Joseph Petersen (MA Anthropology, 2026)

"Technicity and Attentional Regimes in Ancient Northern Peru: Archaeological and Computational Perspectives"

Conan Mills (MA Anthropology, 2026)

"Archaeology of the Old LSU Site: Digging into Louisiana's Early Higher Education"

Cam Crooks (BA Anthropology, BA History, 2025)

"Gendered Changes in Stature in Northamptonshire from the Roman to the Medieval Period" (winner of Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher Award)

Julia Johnston (MA Anthropology, 2025)

"Ancestral Ties: Ethnographic Perspectives on Bioarchaeological Legal Frameworks in Peru and the United States"

Amy Hernandez (née Hair) (PhD Anthropology, 2025)

"Osteon Analysis and Health Status at the Colonial Maya Site of Tipu, Belize"

Kenneth Sutherland (PhD Geography & Anthropology, 2024)

"What Macrofloral and Faunal are Cooking? A Synthesis of Early Horizon Foodways in the Nepeña Valley, Peru"

Aja Palermo (MA Anthropology, 2024)

"If Threads Could Talk: Listening to Andean Textiles at the LSU Museum of Art"

Itzamara Ixta Pichardo (MA Anthropology, 2024)

"The Ancient Occupation of the East Terrace at Cerro San Isidro, Moro District, Nepeña Valley, Peru"

Haley Stuckey (BA Anthropology, BA English [Creative Writing], BIS History, Philosophy, and Sociology, 2023)

"Conducting Enchantment: Organized Sound and Ritual Spaces in Modern and Ancient Worlds"

Madeline Blanchard (MA Anthropology, 2023)

"Becoming Avian: Amazonian Featherworks from the John P. O'Neill Collection"

Elizabeth Cruzado (PhD Geography & Anthropology, 2021)

"The Ancient Occupation of Nivín, Casma, Peru: Co-Creating Heritage in Andean Archaeology" (winner of Josephine A. Roberts LSU Alumni Association 2022 Distinguished Dissertation Award in Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)

Jacob Warner (PhD Geography & Anthropology, 2021) (co-advised with Kristine DeLong)

“Reconstructing the El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) in Northern Peru: Climate Perspectives from *Donax obesulus* Geochemistry and Archaeomalacology” (winner of 2019 Douglas C. Kellogg Fellowship for Geoarchaeological Research [SAA])

Monica Fenton (MA Anthropology, 2021)

“What the Shell? The Zooarchaeology of Cerro San Isidro, Peru”

Kaitlyn Lowrance (MA Anthropology, 2021)

“Ancient Pottery Making at Cerro San Isidro, Nepeña Valley, Peru”

Audrey DeLuca (MA Anthropology, 2020)

“Moche Juvenile Burial Patterns”

Ashleigh Passafume (BA Anthropology, 2019)

“The Social Logic of Space in Early Horizon Peru: 3D Reconstructions of Residential Compounds at Caylán, Nepeña Valley”

Kimberly Munro (PhD Geography & Anthropology, 2018)

“Landscapes of Persistence and Ritual Architecture at the Cosma Complex, Upper Nepeña Valley, Peru” (finalist LSU Alumni Association 2018 Distinguished Dissertation Award [social sciences and humanities category])

Kenneth Sutherland (MA Anthropology, 2017)

“Pots, Pans, and Politics: Feasting in Early Horizon Nepeña, Peru” (finalist Conference of Southern Graduate Schools 2018 Master Thesis Award)

Michelle Miller (MA Anthropology, 2016)

“Ceramic Technology, Production, and Exchange as Seen Through Macroscopic Analysis of Pottery Fragments from the Early Horizon Center Caylán, Nepeña Valley, Peru”

Jenna Hurtubise (MA Anthropology, 2015)

“Mortuary Practices and Social Identity at the Late Middle Sicán Matrix 101, Lambayeque Valley, Peru”

Jacob Warner (MA Anthropology, 2015)

“Production, Discard, and Urban Life at the Early Horizon Center of Caylán, Coastal Peru”

Ashley Whitten (MA Anthropology, 2015)

“Early Horizon Community Organization and Neighborhoods as Seen Through the Spatial Analysis of Residential Architecture at the Urban Center of Caylán, Peru”

James Treloar (MA Anthropology, 2014)

“Early Horizon Defensive Structures and the Role of Warfare in the Lower Nepeña Valley, Peru”

Caitlyn McNabb (MA Anthropology, 2013)

“Emergent Irrigation Agriculture and Settlement Patterns in the Lower Nepeña Valley, North-Central Coast of Peru”

Beverly Clement (MA Anthropology, 2012)

“Late Formative Plant Use and Diet at Caylán (Peru) as Seen Through the Analysis of Macrobotanical Remains and Human Feces”

Matthew Helmer (MA Anthropology, 2011)

“Social Life and Ancient Andean Public Landscapes: Actions and Performances as Seen Through the Use of a First Millennium BCE Plaza at Caylán, Peru”