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Education

Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 5/2011
Dissertation: Conditions of Social Change at El Dornajo, Southwestern Ecuador
Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies

M.A. Anthropology, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 8/2002
Thesis: Artisan Autonomy in the Middle Sicán State

M.A. Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, University of South Florida, 5/2022

B.A. Art History, University of Arizona, 5/1998
Minor in Latin American Studies

Academic Positions

2019-Present Associate Professor of Instruction, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
2017-2019 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
2013-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
2012-2013 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Science, Flagler College
2011 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh
2003-2004 Staff Archaeologist/Adjunct Instructor, Pima Community College Archaeology Centre

Awards

2019 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award at the University of South Florida.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Anthropology	Southwestern Archaeology
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	North American Archaeology
Introduction to Archaeology	South American Archaeology
Artifact Analysis	Mesoamerican Archaeology
Quantitative Methods	Maya, Aztec, Inka Archaeology
Advanced Quantitative Methods	Archaeology of Death and Burial
Ancient Cities and Sustainability	Artifact Identification

Current Research

Proyecto de Investigación Arqueológico de Chira (PIAChira) in Peru. This project investigates the impact of state expansion on the local political and economic organization of the valley during the Late Intermediate Period.

Archaeological Field Experience

- 2018-2023 Co-Director Chira Valley Archaeological Project, Peru.
- 2013 Lab Director of the Southern Costa Rica Archaeological Project, Costa Rica.
- 2010 Lithic analysis, Tetra Tech, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2008 Director of the Rio Zarumilla Archaeological Project, Ecuador.
- 2007 Lab Director of the Rio Parita Archaeological Project, Panama.
- 2007 Researcher for the Chiefdoms Database Project, University of Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2004-2005 Crew member of Christine Davis Consultants, Verona, PA.
- 2003-2004 Staff Archaeologist, Pima Community College Centre for Archaeological Field Training, Tucson, Az.
- 2001 Instructor and Crew Chief Salango Archaeological Project Field School, Ecuador, Florida Atlantic University.
- 2001-2002 Graduate Assistant to the curator at the Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIUC, Carbondale, IL.
- 1999-2000 Crew Chief and ceramic analyst for the Sicán Archaeological Project, Peru.
- 1998-1999 Intermittent field and lab crew member, Center for Desert Archaeology, Tucson, AZ.; Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, Tucson, Az.; SWCA, Inc. Tucson, Az; San Pedro Archaeology, Sonoita, Az.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2023 Rust Family Foundation Grant, \$5,000
- 2023 Brennan Foundation Grant, \$5,000
- 2008 NSF Dissertation Grant, \$15,000
- 2006-2007 Mellon Fellowship, one year of academic support with a salary
- 2007 U of Pitt. Anthropology Department, \$2,000, pre-dissertation research award
- 2006 CLAS Summer Travel Grant, \$2,000, pre-dissertation research
- 2006 U of Pitt. Anthropology Department, \$1,500, pre-dissertation research award
- 1999-2001 SIUC Graduate Dean's Fellowship, two years of academic support with a salary
- 1997 U of A Language Travel Grant, \$1,000, language immersion

Additional Professional Skills

Language: Proficient-fluent Spanish

Software: AutoCAD, Surfer, Idrisi, Excel, Systat, basic ACCESS, SPSS, basic ArcMap

Publications and Presentations

Articles

- 2017 Organización social y ritual mortuorio en el Período de Desarrollos Regionales: el sitio El Dornajo, Suroeste del Ecuador. By Sarah Taylor and María Patricia Ordoñez. *International Journal of South American Archaeology*.
- 2015 The Construction of Vulnerability along the Zarumilla River Valley in Prehistory. *Human Organization Journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology* Vol. 74, No. 4, Winter Special Issue: Applied Anthropology of Risks, Hazards, and Disasters Edited by A.J. Faas and Roberto E. Barrios.
- 2012 Interregional Interaction and Social Change at El Dornajo. In *Political Economy, Neoliberalism, and the Prehistoric Economies of Latin America (Research in Economic Anthropology, Volume 32)*, Ty Matejowsky and Donald C. Wood (ed). Emerald Group Publishing Limited, pp. 291 – 325.

Chapters

- 2023 Dietary Change and Nutritional Status among Refugees from Burma in West Central Florida: Implications for Health and Educational Programs. Roberta D. Baer, Sarah Taylor, Kelsee Hentschel-Fey, Adriana Dail, Sean Baird, Jacqueline Sivén, Channah Leff, Seiichi Villalona. In *Refugee Resettlement in the United States: Loss, Transition, and Resilience in a Post-9/11 World*. Marnie K. Watson, Pritha Gopalan (eds). Routledge Press.
- 2010 Evaluating the Role of Inter-Societal Interaction in the Emergence of Institutionalized Hierarchy: an example from southern Ecuador / northern Peru. In *Comparative Perspectives on the Archaeology of Coastal South America*. Robyn Cutright, Enrique López-Hurtado, and Alexander Martin (ed). Co-published by The Center for Comparative Archaeology at the University of Pittsburgh, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú (Lima), and el Ministerio de Cultura del Ecuador (Quito).

Under Review/In Press

- 2023 Robyn Cutright and Sarah Taylor. Entre Manglares y Desierto: los Valles de Tumbes y Chira como Puerta de Entrada entre Mundos Ecoculturales. In *Vida, Tierra y Agua: los paisajes humanos, ecológicos y arqueológicos en los Andes antiguos*. Edited by Alvaro Higuera, Rafael Vega-Centeno, and Jahl Dulanto.

Reports

- May 2018 *Dietary Issues for Burmese Refugee Adults*. By Roberta D. Baer, Sarah Taylor, Jacqueline Sivén, Seiichi Villalona, Kelsee Hentschel-Fey, and Channah Leff. Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
- June 2016 Reporte Sobre el Analisis Isotopico y Elemental de las Muestras de Hueso y Dientes de El Dornajo, El Oro Province, Ecuador. By Sarah Taylor, María Patricia Ordoñez, Robert H. Tykot, Gennifer Goad, and Georgette Massou. Submitted to the Nacional Institute of Cultural Patrimony, Ecuador.

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- June 2015 *Weekday Diets of Burmese Refugee School-Aged Children*. By Roberta D. Baer Sarah Taylor, Adriana Dail, Cori Bender, and Sean Baird. Department of Anthropology University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
- October 2008 Informe preliminar del Proyecto Arqueológico Zarumilla, 2008, sitio El Dornajo. Report presented to the Office of National Patrimony, Guayaquil, Ecuador.
- July 2004 *Archaeological Test Excavations at The Martin Site (AZ BB:9:273 [ASM])*. PCCAC Field Report 94-04. By Lea Mason-Kohlmeier, Helen O'Brien, and Margaret Shaw. Edited by: Sarah R. Taylor
- July 2004 *Archaeological Test Excavations at The Mega Site (AZ BB:9:375 [ASM])*. PCCAC Field Report 03-03.
- June 2004 *Notification of Fieldwork Completion and Preliminary Report for a Cultural Resources Survey of 1440 Acres of the Willow Springs Ranch Property Pinal County, Arizona*. PCCAC Field Report 03-02. By Bill Locascio, Heather Kehres, Sarah Taylor, Helen O'Brien, and Mike Cook.
- August 2002 *Informe sobre las investigaciones conducidas en el sitio arqueológico Río Chico, cantón Puerto López, provincia de Manabí*. By Martínez Valentina, William J. Kennedy, Sarah Taylor, and Matt Sayre Field. Report presented to the Office of National Patrimony, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Presentations

- 2018 The Dietary Importance of Maize and Aquatic Resources during the Regional Development Period at El Dornajo, Southwest Ecuador. By Sarah R. Taylor and Robert H. Tykot. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in Washington D.C.
- 2016 Mitigating Hurricane Risk in Colonial Saint Augustine, Florida. By Sarah Taylor and Carl Halbirt. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in Orlando, FL.
- 2016 Exploring the Social Effects of Hurricane Recovery in Colonial Saint Augustine. By William Locascio and Sarah Taylor. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in Orlando, FL.
- 2015 Hurricane Response and Recovery in Colonial St. Augustine Florida. By Sarah Taylor, William Locascio, and Carl Halbirt. Paper presented at the Annual Society for Applied Anthropology meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2014 Natural Disasters and Social Change in Pre-Hispanic Southwestern Ecuador. Paper at the Annual Society for Applied Anthropology meeting in Albuquerque, NM.
- 2012 Social Organization at El Dornajo, Southwestern Ecuador. Paper presented at the 77th Annual Society for American Archaeology meetings in Memphis, TN.
- 2009 Conditions of Social Change at El Dornajo, El Oro, Ecuador. Poster presented at the 74th Annual Society for American Archaeology meetings in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2008 Fronteras, interacción y cambios sociales. Paper presented at the III Congreso Ecuatoriano de Antropología y Arqueología, Guayaquil, Ecuador, October 2008.
- 2007 El Papel de la Interacción Intersocial en la Emergencia de la Complejidad: Conceptualización y Metodología. Paper presented at the Comparative Perspectives on the Archaeology of Coastal South America conference, Lima, Peru, August 2007.
- 2002 Inferring Organizational Characteristics from Production Technology: Mold-Made Ceramic Production at Huaca Sialupe. Paper presented at the 31st Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory, Chicago.

2001 Variability in Mold-Made Sican Ceramics: A Multi-Dimensional Perspective from a Workshop at Huaca Sialupe, co-author Izumi Shimada. Poster presented at the 66th Annual Society for American Archaeology meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Professional Affiliations

Register of Professional Archaeologists
Society for American Archaeology
Society for Applied Archaeology