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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
Dissertation: *Storageware and Stature in the American South: Socioeconomic Conditions of the Southern Smallholder, 1830s-1930s*
- 2004 B.A., Anthropology, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University
- 2016-2017 IT Consultant, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University
- 2014-2016 Senior IT Associate, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University
- 2012-2014 Student Technician II, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University
- 2009—2012 Graduate Assistant Non-Teaching, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University
- 2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Folklore and the Supernatural*, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University
- 2007 Interim Program Coordinator, MSC Visual Arts Committee Advisor, Texas A&M University
- 2005—2008 Acting Assistant Registrar, MSC Forsyth Center Galleries, Texas A&M University
- 2003—2004 Student Research Assistant, Antonio J. Waring, Jr. Archaeology Laboratory, University of West Georgia

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Historical archaeology, bioarchaeology, health and foodways in the southeastern United States, storageware

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Undergraduate Level Courses

- 2017 Visiting Lecturer: ANTH 301: Indians of North America
- 2014 Guest Instructor: ANTH 410: Archaeological Theory
- 2008 Teaching Assistant: ANTH 340: Folklore and the Supernatural (Writing intensive course)

Mentoring

- 2007-2008 MSC Visual Arts Committee: Advised and assisted university student group with exhibit planning and installation, field trips, and yearly fundraising.

Development

- 2016, 2015 Chancellors' Summit on Academic Technology at Texas A&M University
- 2016 CIRTl Network Course: Basics of Online Learning and Teaching
- 2014 CIRTl Network Course: An Introduction to Evidence-Based Undergraduate STEM Teaching. Received Statement of Accomplishment with Distinction

Teaching and Technology

- 2014-2017 Liberal Arts IT: Taught, advised, and assisted College instructors in using technology to enhance traditional classes and conduct distance education classes. Assisted with tech-based solutions for disabled users.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Papers in Progress

Thomas, Sunshine and Neil Puckett Reproduction Dependent Micronutrient Foodways in the Great Basin. Target submission: Summer 2017

Non-Peer-Reviewed Works

Thomas, Sunshine (2015) Academic Classroom Remodels: Technology and Equipment Renewal Recommendations. Internal report for Liberal Arts Information Technology, Texas A&M University.

Thoms, Alston V., Patricia A. Clabaugh, **Sunshine Thomas**, and Masahiro Kamiya (2005) Archaeological Survey and Monitoring in 2005 at the Richard Beene Site, South-Central, Texas. Technical Report No. 7, Center for Ecological Archaeology, Texas A&M University.

Dellanus, Dana, **Sunshine Thomas** and Susan Fishman-Armstrong (2004) "A Teacher's Guide to 'What is Archaeology' a Traveling Teaching Trunk" Antonio J. Waring Jr. Laboratory, University of West Georgia. (In-house guide)

Thomas, Sunshine, Dana Dellanus, and Susan Fishman-Armstrong (2004) "A Teacher's Guide to 'A Mock Excavation' a Traveling Teaching Trunk" Antonio J. Waring Jr. Laboratory, University of West Georgia. (In-house guide)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Papers

Thomas, Sunshine. (2016) Cotton to the Doorstep: Gardening and Food Storage in the Early 20th Century Southeast. Presented at the 49th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, Washington, D.C.

Thoms, Alston, Andrew Laurence, Masahiro Kamiya, Laura O'Halloran, and **Sunshine Thomas** (2010) From Geophytes and Nuts to Cook Stones and Beyond: Experimentally Tracking Wild Microfossils from Their Contemporary Hideouts in Texas to Ancient Cooking Facilities. Presented at the Spring 2010 Council for Texas Archaeologists Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

Posters

Thomas, Sunshine and Laura O'Halloran. (2010) To Dig or Not to Dig: Researcher Access to Anthropological Collections. Presented at 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 14-18, St. Louis, MO.

Thomas, Sunshine (2009) Wide Mouthed Georgia Stoneware Volume Estimation and Rim Radius Correlation. Presented at 74nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 22-26, Atlanta, GA

Thomas, Sunshine and Alston V. Thoms (2007) Earthmoving in South Texas:

Stabilization Efforts and Future Excavation Potential at the Richard Beene Site (41BX831). Presented at 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 25-29, Austin, Texas.

GRANTS

- 2016 Departmental travel grant. Society for Historical Archaeology paper title: *Cotton to the Doorstep: Gardening and Food Storage in the Early 20th Century Southeast* (\$700)
- 2014 College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Support Award. Completed: SOLO Wilderness First Aid (\$160)
- 2009 Departmental research grant. Proposal title: *Researcher Access to Anthropological Collections* (\$200)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2017 College of Liberal IT Help Desk Supervisor
- 2015-2017 College of Liberal Arts, Academic Zone Supervisor
- 2014-2017 Classroom remodel projects-budgeting, planning, and coordination
- 2016 Winter Staff Appreciation Luncheon-planning and coordination
- 2009-2012 Information Security Awareness, Assessment, and Compliance Annual Reports for the Department of Anthropology

SERVICE

- 2017 Hangouts Meet for Your Classroom (workshop for faculty and grad students)
- 2017 WebEx Basics for Your Classroom (workshop for faculty and grad students)
- 2017 How to Teach Undergraduates in the Social Sciences How to User R for Data Analysis, workshop support (workshop for faculty and grad students)
- 2017 An Introduction to ATLAS.ti, workshop support (workshop for faculty and grad students)
- 2016-2017 Liberal Arts Staff Development Committee Member

- 2015 An Introduction to ATLAS.ti, workshop support (workshop for faculty and grad students)
- 2015 Texas A&M Student Research Week Judge (Presentations)
- 2014 Texas A&M Student Research Week Judge (Posters)
- 2014 Group session host. SAA Online Seminar: The National Science Foundation Archaeology Program: Insight

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Crew Member (PI: Christine Jones) Fort Gates Cemetery Excavation, Gatesville, Texas, Texas A&M University Central Texas
- 2016 Crew Member (PI: Neil Puckett) Walker River and Walker Lake shore, Nevada, Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A&M University
- 2015 Crew Member (PI: Neil Puckett) Walker Lake, Nevada, Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A&M University
- 2012-14 Crew Member-Records and Logistics (PI: Jessi Halligan) Page Ladson Site, Florida, Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A&M University
- 2012 Crew Member (PI: Mike Waters) Coats-Hines Site, Tennessee, Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A&M University
- 2011 Crew Member (PI: Alston Thoms) Fort Hood, TX, Earth Oven Excavations and Mapping
- 2010 Archaeology Technician (PI: Marc Tiemann) Sam Houston National Forest Survey, Texas Sphere 3 Environmental, Inc.
- 2010 Crew Member (PI: Alston Thoms) Cypress Creek, TX, Paleo-Faunal Site Investigation
- 2008-09, 2011 Crew Member (PI: Mike Waters) Freidkin Site, Texas, Center for the Study of First Americans, Texas A&M University
- 2005-2008 Acting Assistant Registrar (Registrar/Curator: Cory Arcak)
Assistant curator: *iSupercool! Hot Glass and Cold Work and Glassmaking Tools, Technologies, & Processes*
Curator: *Pressed Glass from the Bill & Irma Runyon Art Collections*

- 2007-08 Interim Program Coordinator, MSC Visual Arts Committee Advisor, Texas A&M University
Night-minds by Kathryn Knudsen
- 2006 Publication Assistant (Supervisor: Patricia Clabaugh) Texas A&M University
- 2006 Survey Crew Member (PIs: Alston Thoms and Patricia Clabaugh) West Columbia Cemetery, Texas, Texas A&M University
- 2005 Survey and Monitoring Crew Member (PI: Alston Thoms and Patricia Clabaugh) Texas A&M University
- 2005 Laboratory Research Assistant (Director: Patricia Clabaugh) Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University
- 2004 Excavation and Laboratory Assistant (PI: Amy Young) University of Southern Mississippi
- 2003-04 Educational Outreach Assistant (Registrar: Susan Fishman-Armstrong) Antonio J. Waring Jr. Archaeology Laboratory, University of West Georgia
- 2003 Bioarchaeology Field School (Director: Jane Buikstra) Kampsville, Illinois, University of New Mexico

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

CompTIA A+ Certification
AAUS Scientific Diver

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society for American Archaeology
Society for Historical Archaeology
Southeastern Archaeological Conference

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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