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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Archaeology of complex societies, state formation and expansion, political and economic organization, ceramics, compositional analysis, petrography, Mesoamerica (especially Oaxaca, Maya Lowlands)

### EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Dissertation: *Settlement Heterogeneity in the Zapotec State: A View from Yaasuchi, Oaxaca, Mexico*
- 1998 M.A., Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 1995 B.A., Anthropology, Yale University  
*Summa cum laude* with Distinction in Anthropology  
Phi Beta Kappa

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2013-present **Associate Professor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2007-13 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2005-08 **Research Associate**, Division of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History, New York
- 2006-07 **Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2006 **Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2005-06 **Assistant Research Scientist**, Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan

### PUBLICATIONS

- 2011 Assessing Natural Clay Composition in the Valley of Oaxaca As a Basis for Ceramic Provenance Studies (L.D. Minc and R.J. Sherman). *Archaeometry* 53(2):285-328.
- 2010 Expansionary Dynamics of the Nascent Monte Albán State (R. Jason Sherman, Andrew K. Balkansky, Charles S. Spencer, and Brian D. Nicholls). *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 29:278-301.
- 2007 Crema Ware and Elite Power at Monte Albán: Ceramic Production and Iconography in the Oaxaca Valley, Mexico (Christina M. Elson and R. Jason Sherman). *Journal of Field Archaeology* 32(3):265-282.

- 2007 “M Glow Blue”: Archaeometric Research at Michigan’s Ford Nuclear Reactor (L.D. Minc, R.J. Sherman, C. Elson, C.S. Spencer, and E.M. Redmond). *Archaeometry* 49(2):215-228.
- 2005 Investigating Urban Diversity in South-Central Quintana Roo (Laura Villamil and Jason Sherman). In *Quintana Roo Archaeology*, edited by Justine M. Shaw and Jennifer P. Mathews, pp. 197-213. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2010 *Proyecto Arqueológico Centro de Quintana Roo, Margarita 2008: Descripción de la Cerámica* (Laura P. Villamil and R. Jason Sherman). Technical report submitted to the Consejo de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico.
- 2010 *Proyecto Arqueológico Centro de Quintana Roo, Margarita 2008: Suplemento al Informe de las Excavaciones Realizadas en el Sitio de Margarita durante la Temporada 2008* (Laura P. Villamil and R. Jason Sherman). Technical report submitted to the Consejo de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico.
- 2009 *Proyecto Arqueológico Centro de Quintana Roo, Margarita 2008* (Laura P. Villamil and R. Jason Sherman). Technical report submitted to the Consejo de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico.
- 2005 *Proyecto Arqueológico La Ciénega (Yaasuchi), Oaxaca*. Final report submitted to the Consejo de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico.
- 2004 Trace-element Analysis on Pottery from Oaxaca (R. Jason Sherman, Leah Minc, Christina M. Elson, Charles S. Spencer, and Elsa M. Redmond). Electronic article, <http://research.amnh.org/anthropology/research/mca/projects/oaxaca>, American Museum of Natural History, New York.
- 2001 *Proyecto Arqueológico La Ciénega, Oaxaca: Temporada 2001, Segunda Fase: Excavaciones*. Report submitted to the Consejo de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico.
- 2001 *Proyecto Arqueológico La Ciénega, Oaxaca: Temporada 2001, Primera Fase*. Report submitted to the Consejo de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2015 Assessing Ceramic Production and Exchange in the Early Monte Albán State (Oaxaca, Mexico) (Jason Sherman and Leah Minc). Paper presented at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco.
- 2013 Clay Survey and Ceramic Provenance in the Valley of Oaxaca: Mapping Out Pottery Production and Exchange in the Late to Terminal Formative (Leah Minc, Jason Sherman, Christina Elson, Charles Spencer, and Elsa Redmond). Paper presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu.

- 2012 Recent Investigations at Margarita, Quintana Roo, Mexico: 2010-2011 Excavations (Laura Villamil and Jason Sherman). Paper presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis.
- 2012 Margarita and the Sociopolitical Landscape of South-Central Quintana Roo, Mexico (Jason Sherman and Laura Villamil). Paper presented at the 35th Annual Midwest Mesoamericanist Meeting, Michigan State University, East Lansing.
- 2009 Excavations at Margarita (Quintana Roo, Mexico): Preliminary Results of the 2008 Season (Jason Sherman and Laura Villamil). Paper presented at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta.
- 2008 Power, Ideology, and the Emergence of the State in the Oaxaca Valley, Mexico. Invited lecture, Archaeological Institute of America, Milwaukee Society.
- 2007 Local Elites and the Problem of Integration in the Early Zapotec State. Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2006 Interpreting Evidence of Ceramic Production: An Example from Yaasuchi, Oaxaca, Mexico (Jason Sherman and Laura Villamil). Paper presented at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2004 Los Resultados Preliminares de Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis (INAA) de la Cerámica de las Fases Monte Albán I y Monte Albán II de los Sitios de El Palenque, Cerro Tilcajete y Yaasuchi (R. Jason Sherman, Leah Minc, Christina M. Elson, Charles S. Spencer, and Elsa M. Redmond). Presentation at the IV Mesa Redonda de Monte Albán, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 2004 Yaasuchi and Its Place on the Formative to Postclassic Oaxaca Landscape. Presentation at the 27th Annual Midwest Conference on Mesoamerican Archaeology and Ethnohistory, University of Kentucky.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008 Graduate School Research Committee Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Project title: *The Margarita Settlement Survey: Ancient Maya Rural Settlement in South-central Quintana Roo, Mexico* (\$8,930)
- 2004 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2003 Dissertation Block Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2001 US/ED Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (\$18,789)
- 1997-2001 Discretionary Research Grants (5 awards), Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2000 James B. Griffin Fund Dissertation Research Grant, Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2000 Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 1997-99 Margaret Wray French Pre-Dissertation Research Grants (3 awards), Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

1996-99 Regents' Fellowship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan  
1997 Summer Preliminary Field Research Grant, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program,  
University of Michigan

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2008-present **Co-director**, Proyecto Arqueológico Centro de Quintana Roo, Mexico  
2007-present **Petrographic analysis** of archaeological ceramics and natural clays from Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico  
2005 **Field Assistant**, St. Catherines Island Archaeological Project, St. Catherines Island, Georgia; directed by Dr. David Hurst Thomas  
2003-04 **Neutron activation analysis** of ceramics from Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico; collaboration with Dr. Leah Minc, Dr. Christina Elson, Dr. Charles Spencer, and Dr. Elsa Redmond  
2003-04 **Research Assistant**, ethnological and ethnobotanical collections, Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan  
2002-03 **Research Assistant**, Latin American archaeological collection, Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan  
2000-03 **Field Supervisor and Laboratory Assistant** (3 seasons), Proyecto Arqueológico Centro de Quintana Roo, Mexico; directed by Dr. Laura Villamil  
2001-02 **Director**, Yaasuchi Archaeological Project, Oaxaca, Mexico  
1997-99 **Field Supervisor** (3 seasons), excavations at San Martín Tilcajete, Oaxaca, Mexico; directed by Dr. Charles Spencer and Dr. Elsa Redmond  
1998 **Field Assistant**, Central Quintana Roo Regional Reconnaissance, Quintana Roo, Mexico; directed by Dr. Laura Villamil  
1997 **Field Assistant**, El Palmillo Survey Project, Oaxaca, Mexico; directed by Dr. Gary Feinman  
1995-96 **Assistant Laboratory Supervisor**, St. Catherines Island Archaeological Project, Department of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History, New York; directed by Dr. David Hurst Thomas and Lorann Pendleton  
1995 **Field Assistant**, excavations at Middle Paleolithic site near Hermies, Norde-Pas-de-Calais, France; directed by Luc Vallin and Bertrand Masson  
1995 **Assistant Field Supervisor**, Nahal Tillah Regional Archaeological Project, Israel; directed by Dr. Thomas Levy  
1993-94 **Research Intern** (2 seasons), Large Site Survey Project, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Colorado; directed by Dr. William Lipe  
1991 **Field Assistant**, excavations at Tel Dan, Israel; directed by Dr. Avraham Biran  
1991 **Field School Student**, excavations at Gilat, Israel; directed by Dr. Thomas Levy  
1989-90 **Field Assistant** (2 seasons), excavations at Catherine's Site and Saddlehorn Ruin, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Colorado; directed by Dr. Mark Varien and Dr. Ricky Lightfoot

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013-present **Associate Professor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
2007-13 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
2006-07 **Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
2006 **Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

1998-99      **Head Graduate Student Instructor** (2 terms), Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan  
1998          **Graduate Student Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan  
1993-94      **Research Intern** (2 seasons), Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Colorado. Instructed lay project participants in archaeological field and laboratory methods.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Undergraduate:*

Introduction to Anthropology (four-field)  
Introduction to Anthropology: Human Origins  
Digging Up the Past: Approaches to Archaeology  
The Aztec Empire (online)

### *Undergraduate/graduate:*

Archaeology of Middle America  
Archaeology of Western Mesoamerica (seminar)  
Power and Ideology in Archaeology (seminar)

### *Graduate:*

The Development of Ancient States and Empires (seminar)

## **GRADUATE ADVISING**

Cheri Price (graduation expected 2015) M.S. thesis research involves petrographic analysis of natural clays and ceramics from the Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico.

Sara Miller (2014) M.S. thesis: *Historiographical and Archaeological Study of the M.S. Thomson Collection at the Milwaukee Public Museum*

Allyse Freeman (2014) M.S. thesis: *Investigating Sociopolitical Complexity through the Presentation of Food: An Analysis of Middle to Late Formative Ceramics from Amalucan, Mexico*

Amy Kaczmarek (2013) M.S. thesis: *Vessel Form and Function in the Ceramic Assemblages from Bilbao and Santa Lucia Cotzumalhuapa, Guatemala*

Christina L. Zweig (2010) M.S. thesis: *The Formative Ceramic Figurine Collection from the Site of Cahal Pech, Cayo, Belize*

## **SERVICE**

### *University / departmental service (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee):*

2014-present    Chair, Colloquium Committee, Department of Anthropology  
2014-present    Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Anthropology  
2014-present    Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Anthropology

2014 Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Anthropology  
2009-14 Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Certificate Program Committee  
2011-14 Graduate Student External Funding Committee, Department of Anthropology  
2013-14 Web Committee, Department of Anthropology  
2013-14 Grievances Committee, Department of Anthropology  
2011-13 Library Committee, Department of Anthropology  
2009-12 UWM Faculty Senate  
2008-11 Colloquium Committee, Department of Anthropology

*Professional service:*

2010 Co-organizer and moderator, 33rd Annual Midwest Mesoamericanist Meeting,  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
2010 Reviewer, *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*  
2008-09 Proposal reviewer, National Geographic Committee for Research and Exploration  
2003 Organizer and moderator, 26th Annual Midwest Conference on Mesoamerican  
Archaeology and Ethnohistory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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