

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### Education:

1986 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Chicago  
1982 Bachelor of Letters in Prehistory, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.  
1981 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Chicago  
1978 B.A. in History, Southwest Missouri State University.

#### Teaching Positions:

2002-present Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin  
1994-02 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin  
1989-94 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin  
1988-89 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, New York

#### Other Positions and Service:

2003-pres Chair, Department of Anthropology  
2008-pres Chair, Faculty Building Advisory Committee  
2009-pres Member, Faculty Council  
2004-pres Liberal Arts Course and Curriculum Committee  
2004-05 Powers Task Force to Revise the Undergraduate Curriculum  
2000-pres. Faculty Building Advisory Committee  
2000-09 Connexus Digital Arts and Media Bridging Disciplines Program  
1999-03 Director – Technology, Literacy, and Culture, an interdisciplinary concentration in the College of Liberal Arts  
1997-2003 Graduate Assembly, Academic Committee

#### Books:

2007 *The Archaeology of the Caribbean*, Cambridge University Press, World Archaeology Series.

2006 *The Prehistory of Nevis, a small island in the Lesser Antilles*, by Samuel M. Wilson with contributions by Lee Newsom, J. Daniel Rogers, Laura Kozuch, and Elizabeth Wing. Yale University Publications in Anthropology.

1999 *The Emperor's Giraffe, and Other Stories of Cultures in Contact*. Boulder: Westview Press. (Paperback edition, 2000).

1997 *The Indigenous People of the Caribbean*, an edited volume of 22 papers. University Press of Florida. (Paperback edition published 1999).

1993 *Ethnohistory and Archaeology: Approaches to Postcontact Change in the Americas*. J. Daniel Rogers and Samuel M. Wilson (eds). New York: Plenum Press.

1990 *Hispaniola: Caribbean Chiefdoms in the Age of Columbus*. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press.

#### Articles and Chapters:

- Submitted to *Journal of Archaeological Science* "Chronologies in wood and resin: AMS 14C dating of pre-Hispanic Caribbean wood sculpture." Joanna Ostapkowicz, Christopher Bronk Ramsey, Fiona Brock, Tom Higham, Alex Wiedenhoeft, Erika Ribechini, Samuel Wilson.
- 2011 "'Treasures . . . of black wood, brilliantly polished': five examples of Taíno sculpture from the tenth-sixteenth century Caribbean." By Joanna Ostapkowicz, Alex Wiedenhoeft, Christopher Bronk Ramsey, Erika Ribechini, Samuel Wilson, Fiona Brock, & Tom Higham. *Antiquity* 85 (2011): 1-18.
- 2010 Ostapkowicz, Joanna, Christopher Bronk Ramsey, Alex Wiedenhoeft, Fiona Brock, Tom Higham, Samuel Wilson "'This relic of antiquity': 5th-15th century wood carvings from the southern Lesser Antilles", in *Leiden in the Caribbean: From Prehistory to Ethnography in the Circum-Caribbean*.
- (in prep) "Distance, knowledge, and ritual practice in the Caribbean and Lower Central America."
- 2005 "Afterword" in *Dialogues in Cuban Archaeology*, edited by L. Antonio Curet, Shannon L. Dawdy, and Gabino La Rosa. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press.
- 2005 "Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis of Pottery from the George C. Davis (41CE19) site, Texas. Christophe Descantes, Darrell Creel, Robert Speakman, Samuel Wilson, Michael D. Glascock. *Journal of Archaeological Science*.
- 2003 "Linking Prehistory and History in the Caribbean" in Corinne Hofman and André Delpuech (Eds.) *The Late Ceramic in the Caribbean*. British Archaeological Reports.
- 2002 (Samuel Wilson and Leighton Peterson) "The Anthropology of Online Communities." *Annual Review of Anthropology* Vol. 31: 449-468.
- 2001 "The Rise of Phoenix." *Natural History* 110(3)22-24.
- 2001 "Informed Consent." *Natural History* 110(2):90.
- 2001 "Déterminisme, incertitude et origine des États" ("Determinism, uncertainty, and the origins of states") in Ilya Prigogine (ed.) *L'homme devant l'incertain*. Paris: Editions Odile Jacob, pp. 171-194.
- 2001 "The prehistory and early history of the Caribbean." In Charles Woods (ed.) *The Biogeography of the Caribbean*. Boca Raton: CRC Press, pp. 519-528.
- (in press) "Testing and Assessment On-line" and "Refining your site" in *Putting Your Course Online*, edited by Kenneth Foote. University of Texas Press.
- 1999 Preceramic Connections between the Caribbean and the Yucatán Peninsula. Proceedings of the XVIth Congress of the International Association of Caribbean Archaeologists. Guadeloupe.
- 1998 Wilson, Samuel M., Harry B. Iceland, and Thomas R. Hester, "Preceramic connections between Yucatan and the Caribbean." *Latin American Antiquity* 9(4): 342-352.
- 1997 "The Taíno Social and Political Order." In *Taíno: Pre-Columbian Art and Culture from the Caribbean*. (Catalogue of an exhibit at the Museo del Barrio, New York). New York: Monacelli Press, pp. 46-55.
- 1997 "The Caribbean Before European Conquest: A Chronology." In *Taíno: Pre-Columbian Art and Culture from the Caribbean*. (Catalogue of an exhibit at the Museo del Barrio, New York). New York: Monacelli Press, pp. 14-17.

- 1997 "Surviving European Conquest in the Caribbean." *Revista de Arqueología Americana*, vol. 12: 141-160.
- 1996 "The rise of complex societies in the Caribbean", preprints of the XIII International Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences, Forlì, Italy.
- 1996 "Archaeology of the Caribbean", in *The Oxford Companion to Archaeology*. Oxford University Press.
- 1993 Aad Versteeg, Kees Schinckle, and Samuel M. Wilson "Large-scale excavations versus surveys: examples from Nevis, St. Kitts, and St. Eustatius in the Northern Caribbean" *Analecta Praehistorica Leidensia* Vol. 26, 1993: 139-161.
- (in press, 1993) "Quincentenary Discourses in the Caribbean", in *Commemoration and Critique: the Columbian Quincentenary in Comparative Perspective*. Duke University Press.
- 1993 "Historical Dynamics in the Contact Era" (with J. Daniel Rogers), and "Structure and History: Combining archaeology and ethnohistory in the contact period Caribbean." Articles in *Ethnohistory and Archaeology* (Plenum Press).
- 1993 "The Cultural Mosaic of the Prehistoric Caribbean", *Proceedings of the British Academy*, Vol 81:37-66.
- 1991 "The Archaeological Settlement Survey of Nevis: 1984-1988." *Proceedings of the 13th International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology*. Curaçao: Reports of the Archaeological-Anthropological Institute of the Netherlands Antilles, No. 9, 269-279.
- 1990 "Taino Elite Integration and Societal Complexity on Hispaniola." *Proceedings of the Eleventh Congress of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology*, San Juan: La Fundación Arqueológica, Antropológica e Histórica de Puerto Rico, pp. 517-524, (conference date, 1985).
- 1990 "Peopling the Antilles" *Archaeology* 43(5):52-57 (September/October).
- 1990 "Columbus, My Enemy" *Natural History* 99(12):44-49, December, 1990.
- 1990 "Modelling Randomness in Locational Archaeology." Samuel M. Wilson and Don Melnick. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 17 (4): 403-412.
- 1989 "The Prehistoric Settlement History of Nevis, West Indies." *Journal of Field Archaeology* 16(4):427-450.
- 1989 "Arawak Indians", "Carib Indians" and "San Blas Indians". Articles for the *World Book Encyclopedia*.
- 1985 "The Prehistory of Nevis: Preliminary Report for 1985." *Bulletin of the Nevis Conservation and Historical Society*.
- 1985 "Phytolith Analysis of the Kuk site, an early agricultural site in the Papua New Guinea Highlands." *Archaeology in Oceania* 20:90-97.

#### **Service Publications**

- 1999 "The Caribbean, 1996, 1997, 1998" Current Research on SAA's web site:  
<http://www.saa.org/Publications/CurrentResearch/1998carib.html>
- 1994 "The Caribbean" Current Research article in *American Antiquity*.
- 1993 "The Caribbean" Current Research article in *American Antiquity* Vol 58(1):149-151.
- 1992 "The Caribbean" Current Research article in *American Antiquity* Vol 57(1):§.

1991 "The Caribbean" Current Research article in *American Antiquity* Vol 56(1): 143-149.

### Natural History Columns

1991 Columns for *Natural History*:

March, "The Admiral and the Chief" Vol 100(3):14-19.

April, "Death and Taxes", Vol. 100(4):22-25.

Reprinted in *Annual Editions: Anthropology 92/93*, Guilford CT, Dushkin Publishing Group, Inc. (1991), and in *Annual Editions: Anthropology 93/94* (1993).

July, "Pandora's Bite", Vol. 100(7):26-29.

September, "White Legends and Lost Tribes", Vol. 100(9): 16-20.

Reprinted in *Reflections on Common Ground*, proceedings of a conference of the same name organized and published by the Lummi Indian Tribal council, with the assistance of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes.

October, "Trickster Treats", Vol. 100(10):4-8.

November, "Pilgrims' Paradox", Vol. 100(11):22-26.

December, "Saint George and John Canoe", Vol. 100(12):22-28.

1992 Columns for *Natural History*

January, "Columbus's Competition", Vol 101(1):26-31.

February, "Eskimos and Vikings", Vol. 101(2):18-21.

Reprinted in *Berlitz World Report*, October 1992

May, "That unmanned wild Country...", Vol. 101(5):16-20.

Reprinted in *Freshman Skills*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich College Publishers, 1994.

Reprinted in Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center Ltd. preparation course manuals.

June, "The Gardeners of Eden", Vol. 101(7):21-24.

October, "Columbus's Comedown" Vol. 101(10):2-8.

December, "The Emperor's Giraffe", Vol 101(12):22-26.

Reprinted in *Readings in World Civilizations*, Kevin Reilly, ed., St. Martin's Press, 1995, pp. 298-301.

Reprinted in *World History, Volume I, Prehistory to 1500*, Annual Editions, 1996, edited by David McComb. Guilford CT: Dushkin Publishing Group. Pp. 210-211.

Reprinted in *Annual Editions: World History, Volume 1*, Fall 1997. McGraw-Hill.

1993 March: "Caribbean Diasporas", Vol 102(3):54-59.

November, "Coffee, Tea, or Opium" Vol 102 (11):74-81.

Reprinted in *World History, Volume II, 1500 to the Present*, Annual Editions, 1996, edited by David McComb. Guilford CT: Dushkin Publishing Group. Pp. 111-113.

Reprinted in *World History, Vol. 2*, Fall 1997, 1999, 2000. Dushkin Publishing Group, McGraw-Hill.

December, "The matter of Smallpox" Vol 102 (12)

1994

September, "On the matter of Smallpox" Vol 103(9): 64-69.

October, "A Texas Powwow" Vol 103(10): 20-25.

December, "Disney Dissonance" Vol. 103 (12)

1995

"Cricket in the Blood" May, Vol 104(5):58-64.

1999

"When we were very young" December 1999

Reprinted in *Faces of Anthropology: A reader for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Southern Nevada.

### Grants and Fellowships:

- 2007-2010 Pre-Hispanic Caribbean Sculptural Arts in Wood. Getty Foundation (£135,000). Joanna Ostapkowicz, C. Ramsey, M. Richards, A. Wiedenhoft, S. Wilson.
- 2003 Vander Poel, Mitchel, University Research Initiative funding for field season at Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site, Texas.
- 2001-2002 NEH Fellowship for University Teachers
- 2001-2002 U. of Texas University Research Institute Faculty Research Assignment
- 2001 Mellon Faculty Fellowship for travel to Aruba
- 1999-2000 FERCO grant in support of archaeological research in the Lesser Antilles
- 1999 Mellon Faculty Fellowship for travel to Cuba
- 1997 College of Liberal Arts award for travel to Cuba
- 1995-6 NEH Archaeology Program, "The Prehistory of Nevis and the Leeward Islands"
- 1995-6 U. of Texas University Research Institute Faculty Research Assignment
- 1994 College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Development Grant
- 1993 University Research Institute Grant (SRG)
- 1991 University Research Institute Grant (SRG)
- 1991 University Research Institute Summer Research Award
- 1990 Mellon Faculty Fellowship
- 1987 Nevis Conservation and Historical Society Grant (for archaeological research on Nevis, West Indies)

**Selected Papers Presented:**

- 2005 "Stone pavements, roads, and enclosures in Central America and the Caribbean." Paper presented at the XXI International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology, Port of Spain, Trinidad, July.
- 2004 "The Genesis of Governments in Human History: Seeking the Human Face of Complexity in the Past." paper given at the symposium titled "Complexity Science and Exploration of the Emerging World" put on by the Prigogene Center for Statistical Mechanics and Complex Systems.
- 2002 "Linking Prehistory and History in the Caribbean." Presented at the Symposium, "The Late Ceramic Period in the Caribbean," April 14-19, Leiden, Netherlands, and Paris, France.
- 2001 "The Prehistory of Nevis: Summary and Conclusions." Presented at the XIX International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology, Aruba, July.
- 2000 "Death and Taxes: Observations on the remarkable similarities between complex societies worldwide." Presented at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, October 2000.
- 1999 Cultural Pluralism and the Emergence of Complex Society in the Greater Antilles. Presented at the XVIII International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology, St. George's, Grenada, July 1999
- 1998 Respondant for the The Society for Latin American Anthropology's Invited Lecture at the 1998 meetings of the AAA, Philadelphia: Jalil Sued Badillo: La Pena de Muerte in Puerto Rico: Retrospectiva Historica Para Una Reflexion Contemporanea.
- 1997 "Cambio cultural en el Caribe Prehistórico: una perspectiva desde las Antillas Menores," presented at the Centro de Anthropología of the Academia de Ciencias, Havana, Cuba. Also, versions of this talk given at the Unión de Escritores de Cuba and the Sociedad Económica de Amigos del País in Havana.
- 1997 "Ethnic interaction, cultural diversity, and the emergence of complex societies in the Caribbean", in the Symposium, "New Directions in Caribbean Prehistory: Beyond Migration." Society for American Archaeology meetings, Nashville.

- 1995 "Pre-ceramic Connections between the Caribbean and the Yucatán Peninsula", paper given at the XVIth Congress of the International Association of Caribbean Archaeologists, Guadeloupe.
- 1993 "Contested Histories of Island Carib resistance in the Lesser Antilles." Invited paper at the Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, November, 1993
- 1993 "The Indigenous Presence in the Modern Caribbean." Invited paper by the Historical society of the United States Virgin Islands Historical Society, November, 1993.
- 1993 "Twenty-five years of archaeology in the Lesser Antilles." Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, St. Louis, Mo., 16 April, 1993.
- 1992 "Native Peoples of the Americas: a view from the Caribbean." Paper presented at the British Academy, 4 December 1992.
- 1992 "Nationalist Constructions of the Quincentenary in the Caribbean." Paper given in the symposium, "Reclaiming New Worlds", Department of English, University of Texas at Austin.
- 1992 "Reinterpreting the Cosmos: competing theories of the other in the first century of European - Native American contact." Paper given at the Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, October, 1992
- 1992 "Inter- and Intra-site settlement patterning in the Leeward Islands of the Lesser Antilles" (with Aad Versteeg and Kees Schinckle), Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Pittsburgh, April, 1992.
- 1992 "Enigmatic Encounters, Confused Conquests" Meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Chicago, February, 1992.
- 1991 "Quincentenary Discourses in the Caribbean" Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November, 1991.
- 1990 "Strategies for Survival in the Contact Period" paper presented at the symposium "Non-Imperial Polities in the New World", Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panamá.
- 1990 "First Encounters in the Caribbean", paper presented at the opening of the *First Encounters* exhibit at the Witte Museum, San Antonio.
- 1985 "The Spanish Caciques: Renegades in the Chiefdoms of the Caribbean." Paper presented at the American Society for Ethnohistory, 1985 Annual Meeting.
- 1984 "Ethnohistorical Archaeology and the Anthropological Concept of the Chiefdom." Paper presented at the Central States Archaeological Society meetings, April, 1984.
- 1984 "Preliminary Assessment of the Archaeological Sites on Nevis, W.I." Ms. on file at the Hamilton Museum, Nevis, West Indies.

**Reviews:**

- 1992 Review of Bruce D. Smith (ed.) *Mississippian Emergence*. *American Indian Quarterly* 16(3):425-27.
- 1992 Review of Charles R. Ewen *From Spaniard to Creole*. *American Anthropologist* 94(3):755-756.

1989 Review of C. N. Dubelaar, *The Petroglyphs in the Guianas and adjacent areas of Brazil and Venezuela: an Inventory*, for *Nieuwe West-Indische Gids*.

1983 Review of *The Archaeology of Urban America*. Roy S. Dickens Jr. (ed.), *Journal of Archaeological Science* 10(3):295-6.

**Theses and Dissertation:**

1986 "The Conquest of the Caribbean Chiefdoms: Sociopolitical Change on Prehispanic Hispaniola".  
Doctoral Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.

1982 "Phytolith Evidence from Kuk, an early agricultural site in Papua New Guinea." Bachelors of Letters  
Thesis, Department of Anthropology and Prehistory, Australian National University.

1981 "Diffusion and Historical Explanation: the Mesoamerican/Mississippian Case" M.A. Thesis on file,  
Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.