

EDUCATION

BA, **Ohio University** 1999, Anthropology, Minor Plant Biology
MS, **Florida State University** 2002, Anthropology. Thesis Title: *Ancient Maya Ritual Cave Utilization: A Paleoethnobotanical Perspective*, pp. 402.
PhD Candidate, **Northwestern University**, Anthropology.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Chicago Botanic Garden Fellowship, Summer 2004
Student Paper Award, Society for American Archaeology, 2002
Outstanding Graduating Senior in Anthropology, Ohio University, 1999
Graduated Cum Laude, Ohio University, 1999
Member of Lambda Alpha, Delta Chapter, Anthropology National Honor Society

FUNDING AND GRANTS

2006. Graduate Research Fellowship. Northwestern University Graduate School. For research and tuition during 2006-2007 academic year
2006. Mellon Foundation Doctoral Research Grant. Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University. For research and tuition during summer and fall 2006.
May 2005. Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICIS) Research Grant, Northwestern University.
May 2005. Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Research Grant, Northwestern University.
June 2005. Friends of Anthropology (FAN) Research Grant, Northwestern University.
February 2001. Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies Inc. (FAMSI) Research Grant.
March 2000. Congress of Graduate Students Research Travel Grant, Florida State University.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Morehart, Christopher T.

2005 Plants and Caves in Ancient Maya Society. In *Reconstructing Maya Ritual and Cosmology in the Cave Context*, edited by Keith Prufer and James Brady, pp. 167-185. University of Colorado Press, Boulder.

Morehart, Christopher T.

in press The Fourth Obligation: Food Offerings in Caves and the Politics of Sacred Relationships in Maya Landscapes. To be published in *The Proceedings of the 11th Annual European Maya Conference*, Anton Sauerwein Verlag, Markt Schwaben.

Morehart, Christopher T., Jaime J. Awe, Michael Mirro, Vanessa Owen, and Christophe G. Helmke

2004 Ancient Textile Remains from Barton Creek Cave, Cayo District, Belize. *Mexicon* 26(3):50-56.

Morehart, Christopher T., David L. Lentz, and Keith Prufer

2005 Wood of the Gods: The Ritual Use of Pine (*Pinus* spp.) by the Ancient Lowland Maya. *Latin American Antiquity* 16(3):255-274

Morehart, Christopher T., and Christophe G. Helmke

in press Situating Power and Locating Knowledge: A Paleoethnobotanical Perspective to Ancient Maya Gender and Social Relations. To be published 2008 in *Archaeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association*, special volume on gender in archaeology. Edited by Cynthia Robin and Elizabeth Brumfiel.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Morehart, Christopher T.

2001 *Plants of the Underworld: Ritual Plant Use in Ancient Maya Cave Ceremonies*. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, 100th Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

Morehart, Christopher T.

2002 *A Paleoethnobotanical Perspective on Ancient Maya Cave Utilization*. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology, 67th Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Morehart, Christopher T.

2004 *Food Offerings in Caves as Gifts to the Gods and the Recreation of Myth in Ancient Maya Society*. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology, 69th Annual Meeting, Montreal,

Canada.

Morehart, Christopher T.

2006 *Landscapes of Knowledge, Power, and Practice: Social Permutations in Plant Practices and the Late Classic Maya*. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology, 71st Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Morehart, Christopher T.

2006 *The Fourth Obligation: Food Offerings in Caves and the Politics of Sacred Relationships in Maya Landscapes*. Paper presented at the European Maya Conference, 11th Annual Meeting, Malmö, Sweden.

Morehart, Christopher T. and Noah Butler

2007 *Flexibility and the Fourth Obligation: Food Offerings in Caves and the Materiality of Maya Sacred Relationships*. Paper presented at the Midwest Conference on Mesoamerican Archaeology and Ethnohistory, 30th Annual Meeting, Evanston, IL.

Morehart, Christopher T., Keith Prufer, and David L. Lentz

2003 *Wood of the Gods: The Ritual Use of Pine by the Ancient Maya*. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology, 68th Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Morehart, Christopher T., Andrew R. Wyatt, and David L. Lentz

2004 *Paleoethnobotany in the Upper Belize Valley*. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology, 69th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

Morehart, Christopher T. and Christophe Helmke

2005 *Situating Power and Locating Knowledge: A Paleoethnobotanical Perspective to Ancient Maya Gender and Social Relations*. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association, 104th Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

Ferguson, Josalyn, Cameron Griffith, Christopher T. Morehart, and Reiko Ishihara

2003 *Archaeological Investigations in Actun Chapat, Belize*. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology, 68th Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Tegan Jones, Renate Pudzisz, Christopher Morehart, and David Lentz

2005 *In Search of Ramon: A Paleoethnobotanical Study of Plant Remains from Tikal*. Poster presented at the Society for Economic Botany, 47th Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas

Kathryn Reese-Taylor, Martín Rangel, Debra Walker, Peter Mathews, David Stuart, Alejandra Alonso, Silvia Alvarado, Ernesto Arredondo, Christopher Morehart, Shawn Morton y Fernando Rochaix

2005 *El Clasico Temprano de Naachtun: Resultados de Investigaciones, 2005*. Paper presented at the XIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala 18-22 July 2005.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Morehart, Christopher T.

2001 Paleoethnobotanical Investigations of Seven Caves in the Roaring Creek, Barton Creek and Macal River Valleys of Western Belize: Goals, Methods and Preliminary Results. In *The Western Belize Regional Cave Project: A Report of the 2000 Field Season*, edited by Reiko Ishihara, Cameron Griffith, and Jaime J. Awe. Department of Anthropology, Occasional Papers Series, University of New Hampshire: Durham.

Morehart, Christopher T.

2001 Preliminary Analysis of Paleoethnobotanical Samples from Pook's Hill, Cayo District, Belize. In *The Western Belize Regional Cave Project: A Report of the 2000 Field Season*, edited Reiko Ishihara, Cameron Griffith, and Jaime J. Awe. Department of Anthropology, Occasional Papers Series, University of New Hampshire: Durham.

Morehart, Christopher T.

2002 *Plants of the Underworld: Ritual Plant Use in Ancient Maya Cave Ceremonies*. Online grant report submitted to the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc (FAMSI), Grant # 00097. <http://www.famsi.org/reports/00097/index.html>

Morehart, Christopher T.

2002 Ancient Maya Ritual Cave Utilization: A Paleoethnobotanical Perspective. Master's thesis, Department of Anthropology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. UMI Dissertation Services.

Morehart, Christopher T.

2003 Paleoethnobotany at Avila. In *Belize Postclassic Project 2002: Investigation of the Shore Settlements of Progresso Lagoon, and San Estevan*, edited by Josalyn M. Ferguson, Maxine H. Oland, and Marilyn A. Masson, pp. 126-151. Institute of Mesoamerican Studies Occasional Publication No. 9, The University at Albany-SUNY, Albany, NY.

Morehart, Christopher T., and Fernando Rochaix

2006 Operación 10 y 11. In Proyecto Arqueológico Naachtun. Informe No. 2, Segunda Temporada De Campo, dirigido por Martin Rangle and Kathryn Reese-Taylor, pp. 49-60. Informe entregado al Instituto de Antropología e Historia de Guatemala.

Griffith, Cameron and Christopher T. Morehart

2001 A Preliminary Report on the Excavations and Continued Investigations of Actun Halal, Belize. In *The Western Belize Regional Cave Project: A Report of the 2000 Field Season*, edited by Reiko Ishihara, Cameron Griffith, and Jaime J. Awe. Department of Anthropology, Occasional Papers Series, University of New Hampshire: Durham.

Helmke, Christophe G., Norbert Stanchly, Jennifer C. Piehl, and Christopher T. Morehart

2001 Pooks Hill, Operations 5A and 6A: Archaeological Investigations of Structure 2A and the Plaza Platform, Roaring Creek Valley, Cayo District, Belize. In *The Western Belize Regional Cave Project: A Report of the 2000 Field Season*, edited by Reiko Ishihara, Cameron Griffith, and Jaime J. Awe. Department of Anthropology, Occasional Papers Series, University of New Hampshire: Durham.

Swann, Brenda and Christopher T. Morehart

2003 *Damage Report and Management Recommendations for Jenn 19 (8TA371), Ecofina Water Conservation Area, Suwannee River Water Management District, Taylor County, Florida.* Report on file, Bureau of Archaeological Research, Florida Division of Historical Resources, Tallahassee, Florida.

Glowacki, Mary, Christine Newman, and Christopher T. Morehart

2003 *Rookery Bay Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) January 2003 Field Project.* Report on file, Bureau of Archaeological Research, Florida Division of Historical Resources, Tallahassee, Florida.

Glowacki, Mary, Christine Newman, and Christopher T. Morehart

2003 *Inventory and Assessment of Cultural Resources in the Picayune Strand State Forest, Collier County, Florida.* Report on file, Bureau of Archaeological Research, Florida Division of Historical Resources, Tallahassee, Florida.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS/SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

The Social Life of Seeds: Paleoethnobotanical Approaches to the Biographies of Plants and People in Ancient Mesoamerica. Session organized for the Society for American Archaeology, 71st Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2006. Organizers: **Christopher T. Morehart** and Shanti Morell-Hart.

WORK EXPERIENCE (see also field experience)

Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, September 2005-April 2006

Teaching Assistant.

Chicago Botanic Garden, Evanston, IL, August 2003-June 2006. Laboratory assistant. Plant collecting and paleoethnobotanical analysis.

Bureau of Archaeological Research, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, Sept. 2002 – July 2003.

Historic Preservation Planner, Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) Archaeological Survey Maintaining CARL files and archaeological survey databases, producing GIS based maps of surveyed lands and archaeological sites, editing and writing archaeological survey reports, assisting in research design and implementation, producing bi-weekly, monthly, and annual reports of CARL activities for the Florida Department of State.

Belize Postclassic Project, San Estevan, Belize-Progresso Lagoon Region, July 2002 – August 2002.
Teaching Assistant and Field Supervisor at the Terminal Classic period site of Strath Bogue.
Paleoethnobotanical consultant at the Colonial period site of Avila.

New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY. September 2000-September 2001. Paleoethnobotanical laboratory research

New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY. October 2000-September 2001. Herbarium assistant

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. September 1999 – May 2000. Research assistant and teaching assistant

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. September 1999-December 1999. Researcher for *Woven Voices*, a Mesoamerican textiles exhibit

Ohio University, Athens, OH. September 1998 – June 1999. Paleobotanical laboratory and collections assistant.

Ohio University, Athens, OH. September 1997 – June 1999. Laboratory Assistant in Mesoamerican archaeological lab.

Environment and Archaeology, Florence, Kentucky, March 1999. Field technician on a Phase One archaeological survey in Florence, Kentucky

Environment and Archaeology, Florence, Kentucky, July 1998 – August 1998. Field Technician on a Phase One archaeological survey in Upstate New York.

3D Environmental Services, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 1997. Field Technician on a Phase Two archaeological excavation in Easton, Pennsylvania

Environment and Archaeology, Florence, Kentucky, August 1997. Field Technician on a Phase One archaeological survey in Virginia

3D Environmental Services, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 1997. Field Technician on a Phase One archaeological survey in Ohio

FIELD EXPERIENCE (see also work experience)

Proyecto Arqueológico Xuenkal, Espita, Yucatan, Mexico, June-July 2006.

Project directed by Kam Manahan and Traci Ardren.

Test pitting operations, intensive household excavations, archaeobotanical recovery.

Proyecto Arqueológico Xaltocan, Xaltocan, Estado de Mexico, Mexico, July 2006.

Project directed by Elizabeth Brumfiel.

Pedestrian survey and ground truthing of relic chinampa agricultural fields.

Proyecto Arqueológico Naachtun, Mirador Basin, Peten, Guatemala, April 2005 – present.

Project directed by Kathryn Reese-Taylor, Martin Rangel, Peter Mathews, and Debra Walker.

Settlement survey and reconnaissance between sites Naachtun and La Muralla.

Belize Postclassic Project, San Estevan, Belize-Progresso Lagoon Region, July 2002 – August 2002.

Project directed by Marilyn Masson and Debra Walker.

Teaching Assistant and Field Supervisor at the Terminal Classic period site of Strath Bogue.

Paleoethnobotanical consultant at the Colonial period site of Avila.

Yalahau Regional Human Ecology Project, Quintana Roo, Mexico, May 2001 – June 2001.

Project directed by Scott Fedick and Jennifer Mathews.

Field Technician: Survey and mapping of prehistoric settlements.

Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance / Western Belize Regional Cave Project, May 2000-August 2000.

Project directed by Jaime Awe.

Project Paleoethnobotanist: Recovery of botanical remains from a series of caves: Actun Chechem Ha, Actun Chapat, Actun Halal, Barton Creek Cave, Actun Nak Beh, Twin Caves, and Tarantula Cave.

Field Supervisor: Supervised excavations in Actun Halal (June 2000).

Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance / Western Belize Regional Cave Project, July 1999.

Field School in Maya archaeology.

Project directed by Jaime Awe.

Excavation and mapping of a series of caves: Actun Yaxteel Ahau, Actun Chechem Ha, and Actun Chapat. Also excavation of Baking Pot, a regional center.

Ohio University, June 1998 – July 1998, Field School in Ohio Archaeology.

Project directed by Elliot Abrams.

Supervisor: Excavation of an Early Woodland, Adena hamlet. Mapping of a sacred circle earthwork.

Ohio University, December 1996, Integrative Tropical Plant Biology.

Project directed by James Cavender.

Extensive field survey of the ethnobotany of Belize and Guatemala.

Ohio University, June 1996, Field School in Ohio Archaeology

Project directed by Elliot Abrams.

Student: Excavation of a Late Woodland-Early Fort Ancient habitation site.

LANGUAGES

Spanish

SKILLS AND TRAINING

Archaeological survey and excavation

Archaeobotanical recovery and analysis

Prehistoric textile analysis

Scanning electron microscopy

ArcGIS and Global Mapper

Autocad

Adobe photoshop and illustrator

Microsoft word, excel, and access

Survey and GPS technology

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society for American Archaeology, 2000 to present

American Anthropological Association, 2000 to present

Society for Economic Botany, 2000 to present