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### **EDUCATION:**

- Northwestern University
  - Ph.D. program in anthropology, Fall 2006-present
  - 4.00 GPA
- University of California, Berkeley
  - B.A. in anthropology and Spanish, December 2005
  - 3.92 GPA, high distinction in general scholarship, high honors in anthropology, Phi Beta Kappa
  - Honors thesis title: “The Kneeling Mexica Woman: Evidence for Male Domination or Gender Complementarity?”

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:**

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2007-2010)
- Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (2008)
- Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research (2007)
- National Science Foundation Subsidization Grant for laboratory analysis at the University of Missouri Research Reactor (2007)
- Conference Travel Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (2007)
- Conference Travel Grant, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University (2007)
- Summer Research Grant, Mary Foster Fund and Friends of Anthropology at Northwestern (2007)
- Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University (2006-2007)
- University of California, Berkeley Summer Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program Fellow (2005)
- University of California, Berkeley Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (2004)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University (2007-2008)
  - Anth 213: Human Origins (Fall 2007)
  - Anth 214: Culture Origins (Winter 2007)
  - Anth 355: Sexualities (Spring 2008)
- Tutorial Instructor, SERTS (Science and Engineering Research and Teaching Synthesis) Program
  - “New High Resolution Analyses in Archaeology”, for Anth 213: Human Origins, (Fall 2007)

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

2007:

- Overholtzer, Lisa. Figurillas de barro de Xaltocan, México. In *Estrategias de las Unidades Domésticas en Xaltocan Postclásico, México: Informe Final al Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia*, edited by Elizabeth M. Brumfiel.

In Press:

- Brumfiel, Elizabeth M. and Lisa Overholtzer. In Press. Alien Bodies, Everyday People, and Internal Spaces: Embodiment, Figurines and Social Discourse in Postclassic Mexico. In *Mesoamerican Figurines: Small-Scale Indexes of Large-Scale Phenomena*. Eds. Halperin, Christina T., Katherine A. Faust, and Rhonda Taube. Gainesville: University Press of Florida.

In Preparation:

- So that the baby not be formed like a pottery rattle: Rattle Figurines and Aztec Household Reproductive Practices. Target journal: Ancient Mesoamerica.
- Men and Women in the Aztec Household: Insight from Ceramic Figurines at Xaltocan, Mexico. Target Journal: American Anthropologist.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Trading Faces: INAA results from Ceramic Figurines from Postclassic Xaltocan, Mexico. Presentation to be made at the 73th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Vancouver, B.C., March 26-30, 2008.
- Trading Faces: INAA results from Ceramic Figurines from Postclassic Xaltocan, Mexico. Presentation made at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on Mesoamerican Archaeology and Ethnohistory at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, March 15, 2008.
- The Kneeling Mexica Woman: Evidence for Male Domination or Gender Complementarity? Poster presentation made at 2004 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting digitally through AnthroCommons. (<http://culturalheritageinternational.org/anthrocommons/attachments/overholtzer/overholtzer.htm>)

## **SCHOLARLY LECTURES:**

- Injc amo cacalactimotlaliz in piltzintli—So that the baby not be formed like a pottery rattle: Rattle Figurines and Aztec Household Reproductive Practices, Invited Lecture, Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, April 2007
- Alien Bodies, Everyday People, and Internal Spaces: Embodiment, Figurines and Social Discourse in Postclassic Mexico, with Elizabeth M. Brumfiel, Invited Lecture, Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series, Northwestern University, February 2007

## **FIELD EXPERIENCE:**

- Operation Supervisor, Household Strategies at Xaltocan, Mexico, Field Season, under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth M. Brumfiel (June-August 2007)

- Unit Supervisor, El Hibeh, Egypt, Archaeological Field Season, under the direction of Dr. Carol A. Redmount and Dr. Maury Morgenstein (July-August 2005)
- Unit Supervisor, Lake Yojoa, Honduras Field School, under the direction of Dr. Rosemary A. Joyce (June 2004)
- Participant, Campus Conservatory Field School, University of California, Berkeley campus, under the direction of Dr. Laurie Wilkie (June 2003)

### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- Analyzed obsidian in the laboratory and undertook pedestrian surveys as a part of the Household Strategies at Xaltocan, Mexico Project, under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth M. Brumfiel. (July 2006)
- Performed compositional analysis of 20 Central Mexican figurines from Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology through petrographic and chemical analysis (ED-XRF), in order to examine the Aztec market system. (Fall 2005)
- Workshop on Nahuatl Studies in Translation and Intersemiotic Systems, University of California, Berkeley. Translated and discussed Nahuatl documents. (October 2004-December 2005)
- Honduran Colonial Archives Project, UC Berkeley, Research Assistant. Searched the archives for 16-18<sup>th</sup> century colonial Spanish documents about sites in the Ulúa River Valley. Transcribed, translated, and indexed documents in database. (September 2004-December 2005)

### **SERVICE:**

- Mentor, Evanston Township High School Biology Honors Program (2008-present)
- Undergraduate Mentor, Anthropology Undergraduate Society Mentorship Program, Northwestern University (2007-present)
- Session leader, Take Our Daughters to Work Day, Northwestern University (2007, 2008)
- Graduate Student Representative, Departmental Meetings, Northwestern University (2007-present)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Society for American Archaeology (2006-present)
- Sociedad Mexicana de Antropología (2007-present)

### **SKILLS:**

- Language skills: Fluent written and spoken Spanish, intermediate Nahuatl translation
- Computer skills: FileMaker Pro, SPSS, Stata, DeltaGraph, ArcGIS
- Archaeological skills: Excavation, ceramic analysis, optical petrography, soil micromorphology, chemical analysis using ED-XRF (energy dispersive x-ray fluorescence), photography, GIS (Geographic Information Systems)