

**Curriculum Vitae
Of
Theresa Maureen Preston**

Academic Address

Department of Anthropology
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Research Interests

Ethnography of Central and South America; gender; age; families and households; symbolic capital and social status; foodways

Education

2003-present Ph.D. student in Anthropology, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

2003 B.A. in Cultural Anthropology, minor in Gender Studies, Scripps College, Claremont, California

1999 Fairview High School, Boulder, Colorado

Field Research and Study Abroad

Summer 2005 Graduate field research on nutritional supplements, marketing, and documentation of archaeological figurines in Costa Rica

Summer 2004 Graduate field research on nutritional supplements, consumption, and gender in Costa Rica

Summer 2002 Undergraduate senior thesis field research on gender, generation, and domestic reproduction in Costa Rica

2001 Personal travel and study in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama

1998-1999 Field research for high school thesis on changing ranching practices in western Colorado

Summer 1998 Volunteer for Amigos de las America, Costa Rica

Summer 1997 High School Field School at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center

Academic and Research Awards

2005 Northwestern Graduate Conference Travel Grant

- 2004 Friends of Anthropology Summer Research Grant
- 2004 Latin American and Caribbean Studies Summer Research Grant
- 2004 Honorable Mention NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2003-present Northwestern University Fellowship
- 2003 Honors Thesis in Cultural Anthropology, “Agency, Resistance, and Change: An Ethnography of Costa Rican Women’s Ways of Knowing”
- 2002 Mary W. Johnson Summer Research Fellowship
- 2002 Dean’s List
- 1999 Dean’s List

Editorial Appointments

- Summer 2003 Assistant Editor, *Journal of Contemporary Legends*
- 2002 Copy editor, *The Voice*, Scripps Student Newspaper

Invited Presentations and Conference Papers

- 2005 Paper presented at the Graduate Student Food, Social History, and Contemporary Culture Conference,
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
“*Gallo Pinto*”: Tradition, Memory, and Identity in Costa Rican Foodways”
- 2005 Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Conference,
Washington D. C.
“Breaking Down Binaries: Gender, Art, and Tools in Ancient Costa Rica”
- 2005 Paper presented at the American Folklore Association Conference,
Atlanta, GA
“In the Kitchen: A Mother and Daughter Negotiate Changing Gender and Generational Roles in Costa Rica”
- 2004 Presentation on History and Methodology of Cultural Anthropology,
Universidad de Costa Rica, Río Claro, Corredores
- 2002 College-wide dinner and presentation of work for Mary W. Johnson fellowship

Teaching Positions

- 2006 TA for Anthro 232 Myth and Symbolism

2005 TA for Anthro 211 Culture and Society

2005 TA for Anthro 255 Contemporary African Worlds

2005 TA for Anthro 235 Attending to Culture

2005 TA for Anthro 214 Culture Origins

2004 TA for Anthro 211 Culture and Society

2002 Writing Instructor at Prototypes, Women's Drug Rehabilitation Center, Pomona, California

Professional Service

2004-2005 Graduate student representative during faculty meetings

Professional Associations

American Anthropological Association

American Folklore Society