

# Zaneta Thayer

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **Research Interests:**

Evolutionary theory, human biology, growth and development, human variation, adaptive response to stress, incorporating development into the Modern Synthesis.

### **Education:**

*Northwestern University* Sept. 2008 – Present  
PhD candidate in biological anthropology

*Dartmouth College* Sept. 2004 – June 2008  
B.A. Anthropology *High Honors in Anthropology*  
B.A. Biology *Cum Laude*

*University of Auckland* Jan. 2007 – March 2007  
Anthropology foreign study abroad

### **Relevant Coursework:**

Introduction to Biological Anthropology, Human Osteology, Human Physiology, Hominin Evolution, Microevolution, Macroevolution, Evolutionary Developmental Biology, Evolutionary and Ecological Biology, Animal Behavior, Biostatistics, Vertebrate Zoology, Genetics, Developmental Biology

### **Research Skills:**

Morphology: skeletal biology, Morphometrics  
Curatorial: collection organizing/cataloguing  
Molecular biology: DNA extraction/amplification  
Animal husbandry: experience working with *Anolis* lizards in research laboratory

Software: SPSS, R, EFF23, MLmetrics  
Language: Spanish (proficient)

**Professional Presentations:**

Zaneta Thayer and Seth Dobson (2008). "On the adaptive value of the chin from the perspective of sexual dimorphism." Paper presented at Northeast Anthropology Association Meetings, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Zaneta Thayer (2008). "On the adaptive significance of the chin from the perspective of sexual dimorphism." Invited paper presentation at Dartmouth College McKennan colloquia, Hanover, New Hampshire.

**Grants and Fellowships:**

Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship, 2008  
NSF Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2008  
Claire Garber Goodman Anthropological Research Grant, 2007

**Awards and Honors:**

Awarded High Honors in Anthropology for Senior Honors Thesis  
Third Honor Group (top 30%) at Dartmouth College, 2004 - 2008  
Academic Citation in Religion 5, "The New Testament" at Dartmouth College

**Tutoring/Mentoring Experience:**

*Native American Education Program:* served as a tutor/mentor for underprivileged Native American youth

*Women in Science Program:* mentored underclass women science majors

*Undergraduate Advisor:* served as resource for undergraduates on matters ranging from personal to academic

*Introduction to Biological Anthropology:* served as tutor through Academic Skills Center

**Professional Organizations:**

Northeast Anthropology Association