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APPOINTMENTS

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow, 2012-present
Grand Challenge Learning Teaching Fellow for Sustainability, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016-2017
Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2011-present
Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2007-2011
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, New Mexico State University, 2003-2007
Research Associate, American Section, University Museum, and visiting faculty, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania (sabbatical, Jan.-May 2004)
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, New Mexico State University, 1997-2003
Member of the Core Faculty of the Center for Latin American Studies (funded by Title VI), 1997-2007
Curator, Maya prehistory, New Mexico State University Museum, 1997-2007
Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology, UC-Berkeley, Sept. 1995-Dec. 1996

EDUCATION

1987-1994 **University of California, Los Angeles**
Ph.D., Archaeology, August 1994. Chair: James N. Hill
1985-1987 **University of California, Los Angeles**
M.A., Archaeology
1981-1985 **Colorado State University**
B.A., Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Crumley, Carole L., Carrie Hritz, Christian Isendahl, **Lisa J. Lucero**, John Meunier, John T. Murphy, Steffen Nijhuis, Payam Ostovar, Clemens Reichel, Federica Sulas, Vernon L. Scarborough, and T. L. Thurston
in press *If the Past Teaches, What Does the Future Learn? Ancient Urban Regions and the Durable Future*, edited by John T. Murphy and Carole L. Crumley. Research in Urbanism. The Delft University, Delft, the Netherlands.
Fiske, Shirley, Susan Crate, Carole Crumley, Kathleen Galvin, Heather Lazarus, George Lubber, **Lisa J. Lucero**, Anthony Oliver-Smith, Ben Orlove, Sarah Strauss, and Richard Wilk
2015 [*Changing the Atmosphere: Anthropology and Climate Change*](#). American Anthropological Association Climate Change Task Force Report, Arlington, VA. 7-page summary [brochure](#) (Nov. 2017).
Lucero, Lisa J.
2006 (re-issued in paperback 2010) *Water and Ritual: The Rise and Fall of Classic Maya Rulers*. The Linda Schele Series in Maya and Pre-Columbian Studies. University of Texas Press, Austin.
Lucero, Lisa J.
2001 *Social Integration in the Ancient Maya Hinterlands: Ceramic Variability in the Belize River Area*. Anthropological Research Paper No. 53. Arizona State University, Tempe.

Edited Books

Larmon, Jean T., **Lisa J. Lucero**, and Fred Valdez, Jr., editors

in press *Sustainability and Water Management in the Maya World and Beyond*. University Press of Colorado, Boulder. Feb. 2022

Lucero, Lisa J., and Barbara W. Fash

2006 *Precolumbian Water Management: Ideology, Ritual, and Politics*. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Bacus, Elisabeth A., and Lisa J. Lucero

1999 *Complex Politics in the Ancient Tropical World*. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association Number 9. American Anthropological Association, Arlington, VA.

Journal Articles

Coningham, Robin, and Lisa J. Lucero

2021 [Urban Infrastructure, Climate Change, Disaster and Risk: Lessons from the Past for the Future](#).

Special issue, 'Climate, Disaster and Risk,' *Journal of the British Academy* 9(s8):79-114.

Lucero, Lisa J., and Jesann Gonzalez Cruz

2020 [Reconceptualizing Urbanism: Insights from Maya Cosmology](#). Special Topic, 'Reciprocal Impacts: Human Behavior and Urban Resilience,' *Frontiers in Sustainable Cities: Urban Resource Management*. 2:1. doi: 10.3389/frsc.2020.00001.

Larmon, Jean T., H. Gregory McDonald, Stanley Ambrose, Larisa R. G. DeSantis, and **Lisa J. Lucero**

2019 A Year in the Life of a Giant Ground Sloth During the Last Glacial Maximum in Belize. *Science Advances* 5:eaau1200.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2018 A Cosmology of Conservation in the Ancient Maya World. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 74(3):327-359.

Lucero, Lisa J., Jessica Harrison, Jean Larmon, Zachary Nissen, and Erin Benson

2016 [Prolonged Droughts, Short-Term Responses and Diaspora: The Power of Water and Pilgrimage at the Sacred Cenotes of Cara Blanca, Belize](#). *WIREs Water*. doi: 10.1002/wat2.1148

Lucero, Lisa J., Roland Fletcher, and Robin Coningham

2015 From "Collapse" to Urban Diaspora: The Transformation of Low-Density, Dispersed Agrarian Urbanism. *Antiquity* 89(347):1139-1154.

Lucero, Lisa J., and Andrew Kinkella

2015 Pilgrimage to the Edge of the Watery Underworld: An Ancient Maya Water Temple at Cara Blanca, Belize. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 25(1):163-185.

Lucero, Lisa J., Joel D. Gunn, and Vernon L. Scarborough

2011 [Climate Change and Classic Maya Water Management](#). Special Issue, "Managing Water Resources and Development in a Changing Climate" *Water* 3(2):479-494.

Scarborough, Vernon L., and Lisa J. Lucero

2010 [The Non-Hierarchical Development of Complexity in the Semitropics: Water and Cooperation](#). Special Issue, "Ancient Near East and Americas," *Water History* 2(2):185-205.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2010 Materialized Cosmology among Ancient Maya Commoners. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 10(1):138-167.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2007 Classic Maya Temples, Politics, and the Voice of the People. *Latin American Antiquity* 18(4):407-427.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2003 The Politics of Ritual: The Emergence of Classic Maya Rulers. *Current Anthropology* 44(4):523-558.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2002 The Collapse of the Classic Maya: A Case for the Role of Water Control. *American Anthropologist* 104(3):814-826.

Ford, Anabel, and Lisa J. Lucero

2001 The Malevolent Demons of Ceramic Production: Where Have all the Failures Gone? *Estudios de Cultura Maya* 21:57-74

Lucero, Lisa J.

1999 Classic Lowland Maya Political Organization: A Review. *Journal of World Prehistory*. 13(2):211-263.

Ford, Anabel, Nicole Woodman, and Lisa J. Lucero

1992 Results of the 1991 Maya Ceramic Workshop: Creating a New Comparative Standard. *Mexicon* 14:118-121.

Ford, Anabel, Nicole Woodman, and Lisa J. Lucero

1992 Review and Revision of Ceramic Analysis: Results of the 1991 Maya Ceramic Workshop. *Ceramica de Cultura Maya* 16:24-29.

Book Chapters

Lucero, Lisa J.

under review The Jungle, "It's Like a Refrigerator!" In *Tales from the Field*, edited by Mat Saunders. Precolumbia Mesoweb Press, San Francisco.

Lucero, Lisa J.

under review The Transformative Power of the Feathered Serpent in Mesoamerica. In *Understanding the Feathered Serpent in Mesoamerica and Neighboring Regions*, edited by Jeremy Coltman, Cynthia Kristan-Graham, and Jerald Ek. University Press of Colorado, Boulder.

Larmon, Jean T., Lisa J. Lucero, and Fred Valdez, Jr.

in press Introduction: Sustainability and Water Management. In *Sustainability and Water Management in the Maya World and Beyond*, edited by Jean T. Larmon, Lisa J. Lucero, and Fred Valdez, Jr. University Press of Colorado, Boulder.

Isendahl, Christian, Vernon L. Scarborough, Joel D. Gunn, Nicholas P. Dunning, Scott L. Fedick, Gyles Iannone, and **Lisa J. Lucero**

2019 [Applied Perspectives on Precolumbian Maya Water Management Systems: What are the Insights for Water Security?](#) In *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Ecology and Applied Archaeology*, edited by C. Isendahl and D. Stump, pp. 506-523. Oxford University Press, Oxford. (Published online, 2016)

Lucero, Lisa J., and Jean T. Larmon

2018 Climate Change, Mesoamerica and the Classic Maya Collapse. In *Climate Changes in the Holocene: Impacts and Human Adaptation*, ed. by Eustathios Chiotis, pp. 165-181. CRC Press, London.

Isendahl, Christian, Lisa J. Lucero, and Scott Heckbert

2018 Sustaining Freshwater Security and Community Wealth: Diversity and Change in the Pre-Columbian Maya Lowlands. In *Water and Society: Resilience, Decline, and Revival from Ancient Times to the Present*, edited by Federica Sulas and Innocent Pikiray, pp. 17-39. Routledge, London.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2018 Climate Change and Water Management in Tropical Societies: The Classic Maya. In [Exploring Frameworks for Tropical Forest Conservation: Integrating Natural and Cultural Diversity for Sustainability, A Global Perspective](#), edited by Nuria Sanz, Dorian Rommens, and Jose Pulido Mata, pp. 204-213. UNESCO Mexico, Mexico City.

Kinkella, Andrew, and Lisa J. Lucero

2017 Aktun Ek Nen: Reflections on the Black Mirror Cave at the Cara Blanca Pools, Belize. In *The Archaeology of Underwater Caves*, edited by Peter Campbell, pp.182-197. Highfield Press, Southampton.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2017 Ancient Maya Water Management, Droughts, and Urban Diaspora: Implications for the Present. In [Tropical Forest Conservation: Long-Term Processes of Human Evolution, Cultural Adaptations and Consumption Patterns](#), edited by Nuria Sanz, Rachel Christina Lewis, Jose Pulido Mata, and Chantal Connaughton, pp. 162-188. UNESCO Mexico.

- Lucero, Lisa J., Scott L. Fedick, Nicholas Dunning, David Lentz, and Vernon L. Scarborough
 2014 Water and Landscape: Ancient Maya Settlement Decisions. In *The Resilience and Vulnerability of Ancient Landscapes: Transforming Maya Archaeology through IHOPE*, edited by Arlen Chase and Vernon Scarborough, pp. 30-42. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association Number 24. Wiley-Blackwell, Hoboken, NJ.
- Chase, Arlen F., **Lisa J. Lucero**, Vernon L. Scarborough, Diane Z. Chase, Rafael Cobos, Nicholas P. Dunning, Scott L. Fedick, Vilma Fialko, Joel D. Gunn, Michelle Hegmon, Gyles Iannone, David L. Lentz, Rodrigo Liendo, Keith Prufer, Jeremy A. Sabloff, Joseph A. Tainter, Fred Valdez J., and Sander E. van der Leeuw
 2014 Tropical Landscapes and the Ancient Maya: Diversity in Time and Space. In *The Resilience and Vulnerability of Ancient Landscapes: Transforming Maya Archaeology through IHOPE*, edited by Arlen Chase and Vernon Scarborough, pp. 11-29. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association Number 24. Wiley-Blackwell, Hoboken, NJ.
- Lucero, Lisa J., and Andrew Kinkella
 2014 A Place for Pilgrimage: The Ancient Maya Sacred Landscape of Cara Blanca, Belize. In *Of Rocks and Water: Towards an Archaeology of Place*, edited by Omür Harmanşah. Joukowsky Institute Publication 5, pp. 13-39. Oxbow Books, Oxford.
- Lucero, Lisa J.
 2014 [Hypothesis Testing in Archaeological Theory](#). In *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology*, edited by Robert Preucel and Cristóbal Gnecco, pp. 3623-3629. Springer Press, New York.
- Chabot-Hanowell, Benjamin, and Lisa J. Lucero
 2013 Water Control and the Emergence of Polities in the Southern Maya Lowlands: Evolutionary, Economic, and Ecological Models. In *Cooperation and Collective Action: Archaeological Perspectives*, edited by David M. Carballo, pp. 223-242. Fundamental Issues in Archaeology. Springer Press, New York.
- Lucero, Lisa J.
 2008 Memorializing Place among Classic Maya Commoners. In *Memory Work: Archaeologies of Material Practices*, edited by B. J. Mills and W. H. Walker, pp. 187-205. School for Advanced Research Press, Santa Fe.
- Lucero, Lisa J., and Sherry A. Gibbs
 2007 The Creation and Sacrifice of Witches in Classic Maya Society. In *New Perspectives on Human Sacrifice and Ritual Body Treatments in Ancient Maya Society*, edited by V. Tiesler and A. Cucina, pp. 45-73. Springer Press, New York.
- Lucero, Lisa J., and Barbara W. Fash
 2006 Precolumbian Water Management: An Introduction. In *Precolumbian Water Management: Ideology, Ritual, and Politics*, edited by L. J. Lucero and B. Fash, pp. 3-13. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- Lucero, Lisa J.
 2006 The Political and Sacred Power of Water in Ancient Maya Society. In *Precolumbian Water Management: Ideology, Ritual, and Politics*, edited by L. J. Lucero and B. Fash, pp. 116-128. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- Lucero, Lisa J.
 2006 Agricultural Intensification, Water, and Political Power in the Southern Maya Lowlands. In *Agricultural Strategies*, edited by J. Marcus and C. Stanish, pp. 281-305. The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology. UCLA, Los Angeles.
- Lucero, Lisa J., Scott L. Fedick, Andrew Kinkella, and Sean M. Graebner
 2004 Ancient Maya Settlement in the Valley of Peace Area, Belize. In *Archaeology of the Upper Belize River Valley: Half a Century of Maya Research*, edited by J. F. Garber, pp. 86-102. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.
- Walker, William H., and Lisa J. Lucero
 2000 The Depositional History of Ritual and Power. In *Agency in Archaeology*, edited by M. Dobres and J. Robb, pp. 130-147. Routledge Press, London.

Lucero, Lisa J.

1999 Water Control and Maya Politics in the Southern Maya Lowlands. In *Complex Politics in the Ancient Tropical World*, edited by E. A. Bacus and L. J. Lucero, pp. 34-49. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association Number 9. American Anthropological Association, Arlington, VA.

Bacus, Elisabeth A., and Lisa J. Lucero

1999 Introduction: Issues in the Archaeology of Tropical Politics. In *Complex Politics in the Ancient Tropical World*, edited by E. A. Bacus and L. J. Lucero, pp. 1-11. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association Number 9. American Anthropological Association, Arlington, VA.

Conference Proceedings

Lucero, Lisa J., Jean T. Larmon, and Thomas W. Franklin

2019 Exploring the Ancient Maya Landscape at Cara Blanca and Beyond. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 16:191-200.

Lucero, Lisa J., Jean T. Larmon, and Aimée E. Carbaugh

2018 Setting the Stage in Central Belize: 30,000 Years of Tropical Climate, Landscape Transformation, and Human Interaction. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 15:219-230.

Lucero, Lisa J., Jean T. Larmon, and Aimée E. Carbaugh

2017 The Ancient Maya Ceremonial Circuit of Cara Blanca, Belize. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 14:249-259.

Larmon, Jean, and Lisa J. Lucero

2015 The History of Cara Blanca, Pool 6: Logging at the Mystic Pool. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 12:315-322.

Lucero, Lisa J., Jessica Harrison, and Colleen Lindsay

2014 The Sacred Cenote and the Water Temple: Pool 1, Cara Blanca, Belize. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 11:233-243.

Lucero, Lisa J., and Colleen Lindsay

2013 Into the Depths of Cara Blanca: Exploring the Maya Underworld. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 10:165-175.

Lucero, Lisa J., Patricia A. Beddows, and Andrew Kinkella

2011 Diving the Sacred Pools of Cara Blanca, Belize. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 8:233-240.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2008 Plaza 1: Royal Rituals of Yalbac. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 5:219-226.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2006 Los antiguos templos maya como arenas de poder. In *Los Investigadores de la Cultura Maya* 14, pp. 371-380. Universidad Autónoma de Campeche, Campeche, Mexico.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2005 Exploring the Role of Ancient Maya Temples at Yalbac. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 2:349-356.

Lucero, Lisa J.

2004 Exploring Classic Maya Politics: Yalbac, Central Belize. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 1:83-91.

Lucero, Lisa J.

1992 Problems in Identifying Ceramic Production in the Maya Lowlands: Evidence from the Belize River Area. In *Memorias del Primer Congreso Internacional de Mayistas: Mesas Redondas Arqueología Epigraphía*, pp. 143-156. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas.

Comments, Book Reviews, Briefs

- 2021 Book review. *Ancient Maya Politics: A Political Anthropology of the Classic Period 150-900 CE* by Simon Martin. Cambridge University Press (2020). *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 51 (4):662-663.
- 2020 Book review. *Detachment from Place: Beyond an Archaeology of Settlement Abandonment*, edited by Maxime Lamoureux-St-Hilaire and Scott A. Macrae. University Press of Colorado (2019). *American Antiquity* 1-2. doi:10.1017/aaq.2020.76.
- 2015 *The Great Maya Droughts in Cultural Context: Case Studies in Resilience and Vulnerability*, edited by Gyles Iannone. University Press of Colorado, Boulder. *Antiquity* 89(343):250-251.
- 2015 *Soils, Climate and Society: Archaeological Investigations in Ancient America*, edited by John D. Wingard and Susan Eileen Hayes. University Press of Colorado, Boulder. *Agricultural History* 89(30):492-493.
- 2014 *Ancient Maya Political Dynamics*, by Antonia E. Foias. University Press of Florida, Gainesville. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 70:153-154.
- 2013 *Thirst: Water and Power in the Ancient World*, by Steven Mithen, Harvard University Press, Cambridge. *American Antiquity* 78(3):595-596.
- 2010 Comment on 'Consensus and the Fringe in American Archaeology,' by Alice Beck Kehoe. *Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Congress* (6)2:222-223 (10.1007/s11759-010-9137-5).
- 2010 Angkor and the Classic Maya Engineered Landscapes. *The Illinois International Review*, Issue No. 11, Spring, p. 6
- 2008 Commoners with a Voice. Review of *Commoner Ritual and Ideology in Mesoamerica*, edited by Nancy Gonlin and Jon C. Lohse. University Press of Colorado, Boulder, 2007. *Current Anthropology* 49(4):758-759.
- 2006 Comment on 'Plazas, Performers, and Spectators: Political Theaters of the Classic Maya,' by Takeshi Inomata. *Current Anthropology* 47(5):827-828.
- 2006 Opening Up a Dialogue Between Anthropologists and Journalists. *Anthropology News*, February, 47(2):23.
- 2006 Comment on 'Gender, Farming, and Long-Term Change: Maya Historical and Archaeological Perspectives,' by Cynthia Robin. *Current Anthropology* 47(3):423-424.
- 2006 *Maya Political Science: Time, Astronomy and the Cosmos*, by Prudence M. Rice. *Antiquity* 80(307):226-227.
- 2005 *The Terminal Classic in the Maya Lowlands: Collapse, Transition, and Transformation*, edited by Arthur Demarest, Prudence M. Rice, and Don S. Rice. University of Colorado Press, Boulder. *American Anthropologist* 107:145-146.
- 2003 *Ancient Maya Women*, edited by T. Ardren. Altamira Press, Walnut Creek, CA. *Latin American Antiquity* 14:107-108.
- 2003 *The Breakout: The Origins of Civilization*, edited by M. Lamberg-Karlovsky. Peabody Museum Monographs No. 9. Harvard University, Cambridge. *American Antiquity* 68:414-415.
- 2002 Comment on 'Repertoires of Time-Keeping in Anthropology.' Supplemental issue of *Current Anthropology* 43(S4):123-125.
- 1990 *Maya Ceramics*, edited by P. Rice and R. Sharer, BAR International Series, 1987. *Mesoamérica* 20:341-346.

Reports for the Belize Institute of Archaeology (see [project website](#))

Editor: I contributed 1-2 chapters to each report

2019 *Results of the 2018 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Cara Blanca Pool 1 and Beyond*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.

Lucero, Lisa J., Jean T. Larmon, and Erin M. Benson

2017 *Results of the 2016 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Cara Blanca Pool 1 Excavations and the Yalbac Salvage Archaeology Program*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.

2015 *Results of the 2015 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Sediment Core Extraction from Pool 1, Cara Blanca, Belize*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and

History, Belize.

- 2015 *Results of the 2014 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Underwater and Surface Explorations at Cara Blanca*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2014 *Results of the 2013 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Underwater and Surface Explorations at Cara Blanca Pool 1*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2012 *VOPA 2012: Cara Blanca Pool 1*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2011 *VOPA 2011: Exploring Cara Blanca Pool 1 and Assessing Yalbac*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2011 *Results of the 2010 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Cara Blanca and Yalbac*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2009 *Results of the 2008 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Non-Temple Summit Excavations*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2008 *Results of the 2007 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Yalbac's Settlement*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2006 *Results of the 2005 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Yalbac Architecture and Settlement*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2005 *Results of the 2004 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: The Temples and Ballcourt of Yalbac*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2004 *Results of the 2003 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Yalbac*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2003 *Results of the 2002 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Yalbac*. Report submitted to the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Belize.
- 2002 *Results of the 2001 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Saturday Creek and Yalbac*. Report submitted to the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Belize.
- 1999 *The Third (1999) Field Season of the Valley of Peace Archaeological (VOPA) Project*. Report submitted to the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Tourism, Belize.
- 1999 *The Second (1998) Field Season of the Valley of Peace Archaeological (VOPA) Project*. Report submitted to the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Tourism, Belize.
- 1997 *1997 Field Season of the Valley of Peace Archaeological (VOPA) Project*. Report submitted to the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Tourism and the Environment, Belize.

Dissertation

- 1994 *Household and Community Integration among Hinterland Elites and Commoners: Maya Residential Ceramic Assemblages of the Belize River Area*. Ph.D. dissertation, UCLA. University Microfilms, Ann Arbor.

Technical Reports

- 1987 Evidence for Continuity in Use of Solar Astronomy in the Southwest. M.A. Thesis, UCLA. UCLA Rock Art Archives, Los Angeles.

INVITED PAPERS/ROUNDTABLES/WORKSHOPS

- 2021 '[The Maya Inclusive Worldview and Our Future](#),' Archaeology Program Lecture Series, Boston University, October 6. Zoom lecture.
- 2021 Participant in the Conservation Action Plan for Belize Maya Forest (BMF) Trust property in Belize, a new private protected area, owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Most of my archaeology project area is now part of this protected area: July 20, Sept. 2
- 2021 'The Heritage of Maya Traditional Ecological Knowledge,' 1st Annual Belize KULCHA Symposium, Heritage Education Network Belize, September 1-3, Online.

- 2021 'The Ancient Maya Cosmocentric Worldview and Longevity,' presented at the 3rd Warsaw Maya Meeting, 'Ontology and the Essence of Life in the Maya World,' University of Warsaw, May 28-29, Warsaw, Poland (via Zoom).
- 2021 '[Sacred Places and Conservation: Ancient Maya Pilgrimage at Cara Blanca, Belize](#),' presented for 'On Pilgrimage', Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies (IMEMS), Durham University, March 2.
- 2021 'The Maya Cosmology of Conservation and Our Future,' Zoom Workshop, The Maya Society of Minnesota, February 13.
- 2021 'The Power of Water: The Rise and Fall of Classic Maya Kings,' Zoom Lecture, The Maya Society of Minnesota, February 12.
- 2020 '[Ancient Maya Environmentalism: A Cosmology of Conservation](#).' Recorded lecture for [Climate Cultures](#)—Creative Conversations for the Anthropocene, October 20.
- 2020 'The Ancient Maya Worldview and Its Impact on Science and Technology in Society,' Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, Tel Aviv University, March 11, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 2020 'The Ancient Maya Cosmocentric Worldview: A Cosmology of Conservation,' in 'The Archaeology of Religion' conference, Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, Tel Aviv University, March 5, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 2020 'A Cosmology of Conservation: Ancient Maya Resource Management,' Vital Lands Illinois Summit, January 29-30, I-Hotel, Champaign, IL
- 2019 Participant, 'Navigating Careers in Archaeology: A Student Mentoring Session Sponsored by the Archaeology Division,' roundtable organized by Laura Ng and Elizabeth Chilton, 118th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 20-24, Vancouver.
- 2019 Participant for a policy workshop, 'If the Past Teaches, What does the Future Learn?,' National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), organized by Carole L. Crumley, Carrie Hritz, and Christian Isendahl, Oct. 22-25, Annapolis, MD.
- 2019 'A Cosmology of Conservation in the Tropical World: The Ancient Maya,' 13th Annual Maya at the Playa Conference, September 26-29, Palm Coast, FL.
- 2019 'A Cosmology of Conservation: Diverse and Sustainable Resource Management among the Ancient Maya,' opening speaker, Columbia Center for Archaeology, Columbia University, September 20.
- 2019 Discussant, 'On the Tail of the Feathered Serpent: Refining our Understanding of Mesoamerica's Most Enigmatic Being,' organized by Cynthia Kristan-Graham and Jeremy Coltman, 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 10-14, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2019 Participant, '#MeToo in Archaeology,' forum organized by Heather Thakar, Jason De León, Pamela Geller, and Chelsea Fisher, 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 10-14, Albuquerque, NM.
- Larmon, Jean T., Vilma Fialko, and Lisa J. Lucero
- 2019 'Erasing Borders: Integrating the Settlement Hierarchies of Central Belize and the Petén, Guatemala,' in the session 'Making and Breaking Boundaries in the Maya Lowlands: Alliance and Conflict Across the Guatemala – Belize Border,' organized by Christina Halperin and Carolyn Freiwald, 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 10-14, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2019 'The Role of Climate Change in the Classic Maya Collapse,' March 28, School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and the Environmental Humanities Initiative, Yale University.
- 2019 'The Cosmocentric Worldview of the Ancient Maya,' March 29, the Ancient Latin American Lecture Series co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University.
- 2019 'Ancient Maya Cosmology of Conservation: The Sacred Pools of Cara Blanca, Belize,' February 15, Archaeological Institute of America, Toledo Society, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio.
- 2019 'A Cosmology of Conservation in the Ancient Maya World,' Anthropology Colloquium, January 28, Northwestern University.

- 2018 Discussant, 'Navigating Careers in Archaeology: A Mentoring Session Sponsored by the Archaeology Division for Student Members,' roundtable organized by Tiffany Cain and Elizabeth Chilton, 117th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 14-18, San Jose.
- 2018 Discussant, '#MeToo in Archaeology,' roundtable organized by Chelsea Fisher and Jason De León, 117th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 14-18, San Jose.
- 2018 Participant for workshop, 'If the Past Teaches, What does the Future Learn?,' National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), organized by Carole L. Crumley, Carrie Hritz, and Christian Isendahl, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, Annapolis, MD
- 2018 Panelist, PBS 'Native America' screening of Cahokia episode moderated by WILL's Lisa Kelly (PBS affiliate), October 10, Spurlock Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2018 '[The Materiality of Ancient Maya Cosmology](#),' Illinois State Archaeological Survey Brown Bag Speaker Series, September 12, Forbes Natural History Building, University of Illinois.
- 2018 'Introduction to the Intersection of Sustainability and Climate Change in Tropical Social Systems,' in session 'The Intersection of Sustainability and Climate Change in Tropical Social Systems,' organized by Roland Fletcher, Arlen Chase, Diane Z. Chase, and Lisa J. Lucero, presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, D.C. April 11-15.
- 2017 'The Impact of Climate Change on Classic Maya Water Management and Kingship,' Third Shanghai Archaeology Forum sponsored by the Institute of Archaeology at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences at The Research Center for World Archaeology at the Shanghai Academy, December 8-11.
- 2017 Discussant 'What to do with Prehistory's Megasites? A Discussion of Large Anomalous Settlements' organized by Nam Kim, Roland Fletcher, and Kिररily White for the 82nd Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 29-April 2, Vancouver.
- 2017 'Climate Change and Maya Water Management,' UNESCO: Tropical Forest Conservation: Managing Production and Consumption for Tropical Sustainability—A Global Perspective,' January 24-26, UNESCO, Mexico City.
- 2016 Lucero, Lisa J., and Jean T. Larmon, 'Heterarchical and Hierarchical Craft Production and Classic Maya Political Economies,' in session 'Craft Production in State Economies,' organized by Lisa Kealhofer, Peter Graves, and Miriam Stark, 8th World Archaeological Congress, August 28-September 2, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2016 Robert L. Kelly, **Lisa J. Lucero**, and Carole Crumley, 'Future Solutions from the Past,' in session, Next Steps beyond 'Changing the Atmosphere': Strategies for Action on the AAA Statement on Humanity and Climate Change,' organized by Sarah Strauss and Edward Liebow, for Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change, Royal Anthropological Institute and the Department of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas of the British Museum, London, May 27-29.
- 2016 'The Contributions of Vernon Scarborough: Introductory Remarks,' in session, 'The Contributions of Vernon Scarborough in Water Management and Sustainability, Part 1: Global and Comparative,' organized by Lisa J. Lucero, 81st Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 6-10, Orlando.
- 2016 'Ancient Maya Pilgrimage in Times of Drought: Cara Blanca, Belize,' Center for Latin American and Caribbean Lecture Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 11
- 2016 'The Ancient Maya,' Great Discoveries in Archaeology Lecture Series, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA, January 30.
- 2015 'Ancient Maya Water Management, Droughts, and Urban Diaspora: Implications for the Present,' for UNESCO Mexico, Exploring Frameworks for Tropical Forest Conservation: Managing Production and Consumption for Sustainability. Institute of Ecology (INECOL), Xalapa, Mexico, December 6-8
- 2015 'Ancient Maya Cosmology and Pilgrimage at the Sacred Pools of Cara Blanca, Belize,' Maya on the Playa Conference, September 17-20, Flagler County, Florida.
- 2015 'Climate Change, Dissonance and Urban Diaspora in the Southern Maya Lowlands' in session, 'Difference in Archaeological Theory and Practise' organized by Roland Fletcher, 80th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 15-19, San Francisco.
- 2015 'Setting the Stage for the Medieval Maya: Climate Change, Urban Diaspora, and a New Regime,' in

- symposium, *The Medieval Americas: Violence, Religion, and Cultural Exchange Before Columbus*, organized by Tim Pauketat, Lisa J. Lucero, and Kristin De Lucia, University of Illinois, April 3, 2015.
- 2014 'The AAA Climate Change Task Force Report: The Role of IHOPE Maya,' IHOPE-Maya: Society as a Complex System Workshop, November 13-14, Arizona State University, Tempe.
- 2014 'Petitioning the Gods in Times of Drought: Ancient Maya Pilgrimage at the Cara Blanca Pools, Belize.' Chicago Archaeological Society, September 28, Evanston, IL.
- 2014 'Dissonance and the Classic Maya 'Collapse', ' In 'Difference Theory,' organized by Roland Fletcher, 7th Annual Theoretical Archaeology Group—North America Meeting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 23-25.
- 2014 'A Complex World at Another Scale: Maya Heterarchy and Social Change,' Vernon Scarborough, Joel Gunn, **Lisa J. Lucero**, Arlen Chase, and Diane Chase, in session 'Integrated Historical Ecology of Human Ecodynamics: An Applied Archaeology for Future Earth,' organized by Christian Isendahl and Jago Cooper, at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 23-27, Austin, Texas.
- 2014 'Ancient Maya Sacred Geography and Pilgrimage: The Water Temple of Cara Blanca, Belize,' Durham University Special Lecture, February 13.
- 2014 'At the Edge of the Ancient Maya Watery Underworld: The Sacred Geography of Cara Blanca, Belize,' Americas Archaeology Group Seminar, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge, February 11.
- 2014 'Ancient Maya Sacred Geography: The Watery Underworld of Cara Blanca, Belize,' sponsored by the World Archaeology Section, Institute of Archaeology, University College London, February 4.
- 2013 'The Articulation of Center and Hinterland Systems in Low-Density Urban Tropical Societies,' as part of workshop, *Maya Water Management: Socio-Political Inquiries*, iGLOBES: Interdisciplinary and Global Environmental Studies|CNRS, November 18, The University of Arizona.
- 2013 'Lessons from the Past,' School for Advanced Research Short Seminar, organized by Shirley Fiske, Anthony Oliver-Smith, and Lisa J. **Lucero**, October 7-11, 2013, 'Changing the Atmosphere: Anthropological Engagement with Climate Change,' by members of the American Anthropological Association Climate Change Task Force. See <http://blog.aaanet.org/2013/10/11/three-days-two-rooms-one-house/>
- 2013 The Dissonance of Collapse: The Demise of Maya Kings and Perseverance of Farmers, In 'Difference Theory,' organized by Roland Fletcher. Presented at the 78th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 3-7, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2012 Lucero, Lisa J., Gyles Iannone, and Joel Gunn, 'Local Perspectives on Climate Change in the Ancient Maya World, paper presented in session, 'The View from Grassroots and Grids: Insights on Global Climate Change from Below,' organized by Sarah Strauss, Heather Lazrus, Werner Krauss, 111th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 14-18, 2012.
- 2012 "Lessons on from the Ancient Maya," Chicago Humanities Festival (CHF), November 11.
- 2012 "The Ancient Maya: An Introduction," in Wenner-Gren conference, 'Low-Density Urbanism, Water Management, and Sustainability in the Tropics,' July 7-12, Roland Fletcher and Lisa J. Lucero, organizers, APSARA Authority Headquarters, Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- 2012 'Water Management, Climate Change, and the Demise of Kings in Ancient Tropical Societies,' A. Watson Armour III Research Seminar, The Field Museum, Chicago, April 11.
- 2012 'Caves, Ritual Violence, and Darkness in Classic Maya Society' in 'The Cultural Life of Caves: from Paleolithic Shamans to Seven Sleepers,' International Symposium, Pera Museum, Istanbul, Turkey, January 18-21, organized by the Suna-İnan Kiraç Foundation, İstanbul Research Institute in collaboration with the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University.
- 2011 Lucero, Lisa J., Scott L. Fedick, Nicholas Dunning, David Lentz, and Vernon L. Scarborough 'Water and Landscape: Ancient Maya Settlement Decisions,' in Invited Session, 'The Resilience and Vulnerability of Ancient Landscapes: Transforming Maya Archaeology through IHOPE,' organized by A. Chase and V.

- Scarborough, at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 16-20, Montreal, Canada.
- 2011 Faculty Speaker, Fall Convocation, August 19, Assembly Hall, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to welcome 7000 freshmen: <http://vimeo.com/28158092>
- 2011 Classic Maya Kings and Farmers: Scheduling and Sustainability. Paper presented in 'The Sustainability of Low-Density Urbanism in Tropical Forest Environments,' organized by Lisa J. Lucero and Roland Fletcher, Society for American Archaeology-Amerind Seminar, Amerind Foundation, April 4-8, Dagoon, AZ.
- 2011 Maya Commoner Materiality in a Low-Density Urban Landscape. Paper presented for session, 'Tropical Low-Density Urbanism and Landscape Histories,' organized by Lisa J. Lucero and Roland Fletcher, 76th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, March 30-April 3, 2011
- 2011 'The Power of Water and the Classic Maya Collapse,' Washington University, St. Louis, March 7
- 2011 Big Event for Teachers gallery tour, Fiery Pool: The Maya and the Mythic Sea,' St. Louis Art Museum, March 7.
- 2011 Distinguished Alumni Lecture, 'The Classic Maya Collapse: Drought, Kings, and Rituals,' January 18, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA
- 2011 Discussant on "Low-Density Urbanism," IHOPE-Maya Seminar, Jan 6-8, University of Central Florida, Orlando.
- 2010 Lucero, Lisa J., and Cathy L. Costin, 'Political Economies: The Legacy of Timothy K. Earle: Introductory Remarks,' in session 'Political Economies: The Legacy of Timothy K. Earle,' organized by Lisa J. Lucero and Cathy L. Costin. Paper presented at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 17-21, 2010, New Orleans, LA. *Sponsored by the Archeology Division of the American Anthropological Association.*
- 2010 '[Sustainability Lessons from the Past: Classic Maya Water Management.](#)' Sustainable Communities and Environments Fall Lecture series, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, University of Illinois, Sept. 8.
- 2010 Discussant on "Water and Landscape," IHOPE-Maya Seminar, August 18-20, Amerind Foundation, Dagoon, AZ.
- 2010 "Climate Change and the Classic Maya Collapse," Anthropology Department, Illinois State University, February 2.
- 2010 "The Ancient Maya Sacred Landscape: Cara Blanca, Belize." School for Advanced Research Short Seminar, "IHOPE-Maya: Tropical Sustainability from an Ancient Context," January 14-16, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University.
- 2009 "Lessons from the Past: Climate Change and the Classic Maya Collapse," June 5, Centre de l'École française d'Extrême-Orient à Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- 2009 "Cooperation, Ritual, and the Emergence of Classic Maya Rulers," 74th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, April 22-26, 2009, Atlanta in session, 'Evolutionary Dynamics of Cooperation' organized by David Carballo.
- 2009 "Lessons from the Past: Climate Change and the Maya Collapse," in Planet U: The Human Story of Climate Change, University of Illinois, April 8-10.
- 2009 Panel member, 'Climate Change and the Humanities,' the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, University of Illinois, April 7.
- 2009 'Materialized Cosmology among Ancient Maya Commoners,' March 31, Columbia Center for Archaeology, Columbia University.
- 2009 'The Classic Maya Collapse, Climate Change, and the Media,' The Public Framing of Science: A Conversation, March 30th, organized by Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb and William P. Mitchell. Co-sponsored by the Anthropology Section of the New York Academy of Sciences and Wenner-Gren Foundation.
- 2009 "Water and Landscape in the Southern Maya Lowlands." School for Advanced Research Short

- Seminar, "IHOPE-Maya: Tropical Sustainability from an Ancient Context," January 15-17, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2008 ___ and Jed Panganiban "The Ideology of the Absent: The Feathered Serpent and Early Classic Maya Rulership," 107th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 19-23, in Invited session 'Discourses of Distance among the Maya' organized by C. McNeil and T. Pugh.
- 2008 "Violence among Classic Maya Commoners: Reaching the Gods," 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, March 26-30, 2008, Vancouver, in the session 'Socially Embedded Violence in the Ancient Americas: Beyond Sacrifice and Cannibalism,' organized by Miguel Astor Aguilera and Jane Buikstra
- 2008 "The Absence of the Profane: The Ancient Maya Sacred Landscape of Cara Blanca, Belize," presented in Workshop organized by Ömür Harmansah, 'Drawing on Rocks, Gathering by the Water: Archaeological Fieldwork at Rock Reliefs, Sacred Springs and Other Places,' Joukowski Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University, March 1, 2008.
<http://proteus.brown.edu/joukowskiinstitute/5674>
- 2007 "The Rise and Fall of Classic Maya Rulers," Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 30.
- 2007 "Ancient Maya Water Management and Political Sacrifice," 71st Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 25-29, 2007, Austin, in the session 'The UNESCO Water Project: The Ancient Past and the Rehearsed Present,' organized by V. Scarborough and F. Hassan.
- 2007 "Temples and the Voice of the People in Classic Maya Society," inaugural speaker, Smithsonian Lectures in Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, February 6.
- 2006 "Temples as Text in Classic Maya Society: Politics and the Voice of the People," Vanderbilt University, October 4.
- 2006 "Temples as Arenas of Power in Classic Maya Society," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 10.
- 2005 "Memorializing Place among Classic Maya Commoners," 104th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 30-December 4, in Invited session 'The Archaeology of Ritual, Memory, and Materiality' organized by B. Mills and W. H. Walker.
- 2005 "Los antiguos templos maya como arenas de poder," XV Encuentro Internacional, "Los Investigadores de la Cultura Maya," 8-11 de Noviembre. Centro de Convenciones "Campeche XXI," Universidad Autonoma de Campeche, Campeche, Mexico.
- 2005 "Times of Trouble: The Creation and Sacrifice of Witches among the Ancient Maya," 69th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 30-April 3, Salt Lake City, in session 'New Perspectives on Human Sacrifice and Ritual Body Treatments in Ancient Maya Society' organized by V. Tiesler and A. Cucina.
- 2005 "Fragments of Classic Maya Commoner Ritual Life and Death," School of American Research Short Seminar, "The Archaeology of Ritual, Memory, and Materiality," February 16-18, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2004 "Prosperity in the Home and Kingdom: Ancient Maya Arenas of Power," Annual Maya Weekend, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, March 26-28, Philadelphia.
- 2004 "Temple Estates, Factions, and the Voice of the People: The Ancient Maya," University of Pennsylvania Department of Anthropology Colloquium, February 23.
- 2003 "Resources, Ritual, and Politics: The Classic Maya," UCLA Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, April 18.
- 1999 "Ceramic Assemblages as Indicators of Hierarchy and Power," 64th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 24-28, Chicago.
- 1997 "Divine Waters: The Rise and Fall of the Classic Maya," Whittier College, October 17.
- 1997 William H. Walker and ___ "The Prehistoric Pathways of Ritual Agents," 62nd Annual Meetings for the Society for American Archaeology, April 2-6, Nashville.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2018 Lucero, Lisa J., Jean T. Larmon, and Thomas Franklin. 'Exploring the Ancient Maya Landscape at Cara Blanca and Beyond,' presented at the 16th Belize Archaeology Symposium, June 27-30, San Ignacio, Belize.
- 2017 Lucero, Lisa J., Jean T. Larmon, and Aimée E. Carbaugh. 'Setting the Stage in Central Belize: 30,000 Years of Tropical Climate, Landscape Transformation, and Human Interaction,' presented at the 15th Belize Archaeology Symposium, June 27-30, San Ignacio, Belize
- 2016 'Landscape Planning and the Cosmology of Conservation in Ancient Maya Society,' presented at the 14th Belize Archaeology and Anthropology Symposium, June 27- July 1, San Ignacio, Belize
- 2014 Lucero, Lisa J. "At the Edge of the Ancient Maya Watery Underworld: The Sacred Geography of Cara Blanca, Belize," 12th Annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, July 1-4, San Ignacio, Belize.
- 2013 Lucero, Lisa J., Jessica Harrison, and Colleen Lindsay "Dwelling Near the Sacred Waters: Excavations at Cara Blanca Pool 1," 11th Annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, July 2-5, San Ignacio, Belize.
- 2012 Lucero, Lisa J., and Colleen Lindsay "Into the Depths of Cara Blanca: Exploring the Maya Underworld," 10th Annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, June 26-30, San Ignacio, Belize.
- 2011 Keith Prufer, Vernon Scarborough, Arlen Chase, Diane Z. Chase, Rafael Cobos, Nicholas Dunning, Joel D. Gunn, Scott L. Fedick, Vilma Fialko, Gyles Iannone, David Lentz, Rodrigo Liendo, **Lisa J. Lucero**, Jeremy A. Sabloff, Joseph Tainter, Fred Valdez, Jr., and Sander van der Leeuw, "IHOPE Maya: Resilience and Rigidity in the Development and Disintegration of Complex Societies in the Tropical Lowlands of Mesoamerica," in session, 'Regime Shifts in Human and Earth History,' organized by Carol Crumley, Resilience 2011 Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, March 15.
- 2010 ___Patricia A. Beddows, and Andrew Kinkella. "Diving the Sacred Pools of the Ancient Maya," 8th Annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, June 30-July 2, San Ignacio, Belize.
- 2010 "Climate Change and Classic Maya Political Decisions," 75th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 14-18, St. Louis in session, 'Tropical Forest Low-Density Urbanism in the Southern Maya Lowlands and Southern Asia: Past and Present Sustainability' organized by Lisa J. Lucero and Roland Fletcher.
- 2009 "Materialized Cosmology among ancient Maya Commoners at Saturday Creek, Belize," Midwest Mesoamericanist Meeting, March 14, 2009, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2008 'Refiring the Past: Ancient Maya Ceramic Production,' paper presented at the Science and Archaeology Symposium, Nov. 7, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Program on Ancient Technologies and Archaeological Materials (ATAM), a division of the Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program (ITARP).
- 2008 ___Sarah E. Otten, and Melissa R. Baltus. "Ceremonial Practices and Practitioners at Yalbac, Belize," 6th annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, July 2-4, Belize City, Belize.
- 2007 "Ancient Maya Society and the Wetland Biosphere," 106th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 28-December 2.
- 2007 "Royal Rituals of Yalbac," 5th annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, July 3-6, Belize City, Belize.
- 2006 "Revealing Social Lifeways "Processual" Style," 70th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 25-30, 2006, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005 "History Repeats Itself: Platitude or Reality?," 104th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 30-December 4.
- 2005 ___and Joanne P. Baron "The Origins and Placement of Preclassic and Classic Ballcourts: Yalbac," 3rd annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, July 6-9, San Ignacio, Belize.
- 2004 "The 2003 and 2004 Seasons at Yalbac: The Acropolis, Temples, Ballcourt, and Cara Blanca Pools," 2nd annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, July 6-9, Belize City, Belize.
- 2003 "The Emergence of Political Complexity: Ritual and Resources," 102nd annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 19-23, Chicago.
- 2003 "Exploring Classic Maya Politics: Yalbac, Central Belize," 1st annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, July 2-4, Belize City, Belize.
- 2002 "Archaeological Contributions to the Study of Ritual: The Ancient Maya," 101st Annual Meetings of the

- American Anthropological Association, Nov. 20-24, New Orleans
- 2002 "Ancient Maya Ritual and Political Power," 67th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 20-24, Denver.
- 2001 ___ and Andrew Kinkella "The Power of Water in Ancient Maya Politics," 66th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 18-22, New Orleans.
- 1999 "Lowland Maya Archaeology in the Next Millennium," 98th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, November 17-21, Chicago.
- 1998 ___ and Scott L. Fedick "Mosaic Soils, Mosaic Landscape: Ancient Maya Settlement in the Valley of Peace, Belize," 63rd Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 25-29, Seattle.
- 1998 Andrew Kinkella and ___ "Water and Earth: Settlement and Hierarchy in the Valley of Peace," 63rd Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 25-29, Seattle.
- 1997 "Too Much Water and Ritual: The Classic Maya Collapse," Biennial Complex Society Group Meetings, October 31-November 2, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- 1997 "Self-Sufficient Communities in Complex Society: The Ancient Maya," 62nd Annual Meetings for the Society for American Archaeology, April 2-6, Nashville.
- 1997 "Hinterland Community Integration in the Belize River Valley," 3rd Interdisciplinary Conference, March 6-9, Belize City, Belize, Central America.
- 1996 "Concentrated People, Concentrated Power: Water Control and Maya Politics in the Tikal Core Area," 95th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 20-24, San Francisco.
- 1995 Kirsten A. Olson and ___ "Control of Surplus Labor and the Distribution of Wealth and Power in Late Classic Maya Society," 60th Annual Meetings for the Society for American Archaeology, May 3-7, Minneapolis.
- 1994 "Ceramic Function, Technology, and Labor Investment: Factors Affecting Social and Political Conditions," 59th Annual Meetings for the Society for American Archaeology, April 20-24, Anaheim.

TEACHING, University of Illinois

University of Illinois field schools in Belize, Central America: summer 2008, summer 2010, summer 2016
 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois, Fall 2007, Spring 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2016, Fall 2020 (outstanding ranking)

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

National Science Foundation Grant (BCS 2020465, 07/01/2020-06/30/2024), 'Diverse and Sustainable Resource Management among the Rural Maya: Salvage Archaeology in Central Belize' (\$322,988).

Arnold O. Beckman Award (RB20093) for summer 2020 field season, 'Ancient Maya Resource Management: Salvage Archaeology in Central Belize' (\$29,892). Postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19.

Research Board grant (RB18050), 'Exploring the Ancient Maya Cosmology of Conservation in Central Belize' for 2018 season (\$20,000)

Research Board grant (#16013), 'Ancient Maya Hinterland Settlement: Salvage Archaeology in the Fields of Yalbac, Belize,' for 2016 season (\$26,672.00)

President-Elect (2015-2017) and President (2017-2019) of the Archaeology Division of the American Anthropological Association

Electorate Nominating Committee (ENC) of the Anthropology Section, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Feb. 2014- Feb. 2017

National Science Foundation Grant (SBE-BCS 1249235, 5/14-8/16), 'The Ancient Maya Watery Underworld: Ceremonial Life, Rainfall, and Landscape Transformation' for 2014 season (\$119,184).

School for Advanced Research Short Seminar, organized by Shirley Fiske, Anthony Oliver-Smith, and **Lisa J. Lucero**, October 7-11, 2013, 'Changing the Atmosphere: Anthropological Engagement with Climate Change,' by members of the American Anthropological Association Climate Change Task Force: <http://blog.aaanet.org/2013/10/11/three-days-two-rooms-one-house/>

Research Board Grant, 'The Ancient Maya Watery Underworld of Cara Blanca, Belize' (#13173), May-July, 2013, (\$21,930).

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow, November 2012-present

Wenner Gren conference grant (co-organizer Roland Fletcher) (#CONF-594) for a July 2012 conference in Siem Reap, Cambodia, 'Low-Density Urbanism, Water Management, and Sustainability in the Tropics' (\$19,825).

National Science Foundation, High-Risk Research in Physical Anthropology and Archaeology (SBE-BCS 1110005), 'The Ancient Maya Watery Underworld: Exploring the Pools of Cara Blanca, Belize (4/15/11-5/20/11) (\$17,576)

UIUC Research Board Grant (\$11,100), 'The Politics of Inclusion: Maya Plaza Ceremonies at Yalbac, Belize,' summer 2010

National Geographic Research grant (#8673-09), Diving the Sacred Pools of the Ancient Maya, Cara Blanca, Belize, 2010 (\$22,000)

University of Illinois Alumni Discretionary Award (\$1000), Fall 2009

Arnold O. Beckman Award for \$23,698 for a diving expedition in Belize originally 2010 '*Diving the Sacred Pools of the Ancient Maya*'.

William and Flora Hewlett International Research Travel Grant (\$3000), for Belize diving expedition, 2009

CLACS research travel grant of \$1,380 for Belize diving expedition, 2010 funded by the Marianne and Peter Kilby Endowment Fund for Faculty Research in Latin America

Illinois-WUN International Development Grant (\$15,000) for planning meeting in Cambodia for a conference on Tropical Forest Urbanism and Heritage Management in Mesoamerica and Southeast Asia, June 2009.

Arnold O. Beckman Award for \$22,264 for a six-week field project in Belize that includes a summer 2008 U of I archaeology field school.

CLACS research travel grant of \$1,500 for 2008 summer project in Belize funded by the Marianne and Peter Kilby Endowment Fund for Faculty Research in Latin America

'OSCAR' Award (Outstanding Student Contribution for Anthropological Research) from UGASA (Undergraduate Anthropological Student Association), 2007-2008 academic year

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2015 Co-organizer with Tim Pauketat and Kristin De Lucia of symposium, 'The Medieval Americas: Violence, Religion, and Cultural Exchange Before Columbus,' University of Illinois, April 3, 2015.

2011 Selected as the 2010 Society for American Archaeology-Amerind Seminar, 'The Sustainability of Low-Density Urbanism in Tropical Forest Environments,' organized by Lisa J. Lucero and Roland Fletcher, April 4-8, Dragoon, AZ.

2011 Co-organizer with Roland Fletcher of 'Tropical Low-Density Urbanism and Landscape Histories' for the 76th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 30-April 3, Sacramento.

2010 Organized (with Cathy Costin) a session for the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, 'Political Economies: The Legacy of Timothy K. Earle,' November 17-21, 2010, New Orleans, LA. *Sponsored by the Archeology Division of the American Anthropological Association.*

2010 Co-organizer with Roland Fletcher of 'Tropical Forest Low-Density Urbanism in the Southern Maya Lowlands and Southern Asia: Past and Present Sustainability' for the 75th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 14-18, St. Louis.

2009 Co-organizer with Gillen Wood (English) and William Sullivan (Environmental Council) of 'The Human Story of Climate Change,' April 8-10. Speakers include writers from *New York Times*, *USA Today* and the *Chicago Tribune*, popular science, academics, and public policy.

2007 Organizer for "Water and Society: Past, Present, and Future," 106th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 28-December 2.

2006 Co-organizer (with Robert Preucel) for AAA Archaeology Division sponsored "The Legacy of Broken K: James N. Hill and American Archaeology," 70th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 25-30, 2006, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

- 2005 Organizer and chair of Presidential Invited Session, "Anthropology and Public Perceptions: Perspectives from Journalists and Anthropologists," 104th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., November 30-December 4.
- 2002 Organizer and chair of symposium, "Ritual and Politics: The Maya of Saturday Creek and Yalbac, Central Belize," for the 67th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, March 20-24, Denver.
- 2001 Co-organizer (with Barbara Fash) of symposium, "Precolumbian Water Management: Ideology, Ritual and Power," for the 66th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 18-22, New Orleans.
- 1996 Co-organizer (with Elisabeth A. Bacus) of symposium, "The Development and Organization of Sociopolitical Complexity in Tropical Environments" for the 95th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 20-24, San Francisco.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewed Manuscripts

American Anthropologist, Current Anthropology, Latin American Antiquity, American Antiquity, Ancient Mesoamerica, Journal of Anthropological Research, Journal of Anthropological Archaeology, Journal of Archaeological Research, Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Congress, Cambridge Archaeological Journal, Quaternary Research, Cultural Anthropology, Journal of Ethnobiology, Water History, World Archaeology, Scientific Reports (Nature), Ethnoarchaeology: Journal of Archaeological, Ethnographic, and Experimental Studies, Antiquity, Remote Sensing, GSA Special Issue, Journal of Field Archaeology, Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, WIREs Water, Human Ecology, Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie (TESG, Germany), Journal of Social Archaeology, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

Book prospectus and two chapters for Cornell University Press

Book manuscripts for Oxford University Press, University Press of Colorado, University Press of Florida, and Smithsonian Institution Press; text book manuscript for Wadsworth

Reviewed Grant Proposals

National Geographic Society Research and Exploration, National Science Foundation, National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program, Vanderbilt University internal grant

Professional Committees, Panels, Editorial Boards, etc.

Editorial Board, Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies (IMEMS), Durham University, Book series, 'Studies in World Heritage', Boydell & Brewer publishers, Suffolk, UK, June, 2020-2025.

Invited as Expert Reviewer of the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C First Order Draft (submitted Sept. 2017)

Elected President-Elect (2015-2017) and President (2017-2019) of the Archaeology Division of the American Anthropological Association

Award Committee, The Institute for Southeast Asian Archaeology Early Career Award, Fall 2014-Fall 2016

Invited to review IPCC 5th Assessment Report - Synthesis Report (comments submitted 19 May 2014)

Elected as a member of the Electorate Nominating Committee (ENC) of the Anthropology Section, American Association for the Advancement of Science. February 2014-February 2017.

Editorial Advisory Board, book series, "Archaeologies of Landscape in the Americas" (Jerry Moore, editor). University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque. Fall 2012-present

Associate Editor, *WIREs Water*, Wiley-Blackwell (Vernon Scarborough, Senior Editor), Sept. 2012-Sept. 2014

American Anthropological Association Climate Change Task Force member, 2011-2014

Society for American Archaeology Minority Scholarships Committee, 2011-2013

Member of IHOPE Maya (<http://ihopenet.org/home/>), 2008-present

Editorial Board, *Latin American Antiquity*, March 1, 2008-2010

School for Advanced Research Scholar Review Panel, January 18, 2008

National Endowment for the Humanities Panel for New World Archaeology, Spring 2007, 2015
SAA Press Editorial Committee, 2005-2008
Task Force on Diversity Initiatives, Society for American Archaeology, 2005
American Anthropological Association Archaeology Division Secretary, Nov 2004-Nov 2006
American Anthropological Association Committee for Minority Issues, Undesignated Seat #4, Nov 2003-
Nov 2006
Amerind Foundation/Society for American Archaeology Seminars review panel, 2003-2007, chair 2007-
2009

Reviewed Peers

Tenure letter, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, Oct. 2019
Promotion and tenure letter, Georgia State University, summer 2012
Peer review, Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Chair, Archaeology Search Committee, 2011-2012; Chair, Visiting Assistant Professor Search committee, 2015, 2017; Executive Committee of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2011-2012; Professorial Committee, Fall 2011-present; Tenured Faculty Committee, Fall 2007-2011; Admissions, 2007-2008, Co-chair 2012-2013, 2014-2015, Chair 2016-2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019; Colloquia committee, 2019-2020, Fall 2020; Graduate Financial Aid and Summer Research Funding Committee, 2019-2020, Chair, 2021-2022; Research, Summer Funding, Archaeology, 2007-2008; Financial Aid Committee, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2015-2016, 2017-2018; Summer Financial Aid Committee, 2011-2012; Development Committee, 2009-2011; Executive Committee (elected), 2010-2011, 2012-2013; Department Advisory Committee (elected), 2021-2022; Anthropology Diversity Committee, 2007-2008; Curriculum Committee, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, Fall 2020; Medieval Studies Advisory Committee, 2012-2013; Dual Career hiring committee, Fall 2020; Member, Steering Committee for the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment, 2020-2021

Ad hoc committees: Grant Review Committee, 2021-2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for American Archaeology, American Anthropological Association, Phi Beta Kappa, International Water History Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Registered Professional Archaeologist 17292

DONATIONS

Robert Vitolo, Robert Vannix, Forestland Group, David Brennan, Berniece Skinner

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