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• **Education**

M.A. Anthropology, 2010 Texas A&M University, College Station TX 77843

B.A. Anthropology, 2004, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

A.A. Arts and Sciences, 2002 Gloucester County College, Sewell, NJ 08080.

• **Research Interests**

My research explores geographic and temporal variability in Alaskan prehistoric stone tool assemblages and its relationship to the use of different landscapes. I am interested in how prehistoric people used upland landscapes in Central Alaska from the earliest human occupation to less than 1000 years ago. I would like to explore the relationship between arctic and subarctic lithic technology and the peopling of the Americas. I am also interested in the application of geoarchaeological methods to understanding archaeological site formation processes.

• **Publications**

Blong, J (in press, 2011) Paleoindian Toolstone Provisioning and Settlement Organization at the Higgins Site. In: Gingerich, J ed. *In The Eastern Fluted Point Tradition*. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

• **Conference presentations**

Blong, J. (2010) Paleoindian Toolstone Provisioning and Settlement Organization at the Higgins Site, 18AN489. Society for American Archaeology Conference, April 2010.

Graf, K. and Blong J. (2009) Reinvestigations of the Owl Ridge Ste in Central Alaska: A First Look. 17th Arctic Arctic Conference, November 2009.

• **Conference posters**

Graf, K., Blong, J., Halligan J., Geobel T, and Bryant V. (2009) Revisiting Owl Ridge, A Nenana-Complex Site in the Northern Foothills of the Alaska Range. Society for American Archaeology Conference, April 2009.

• **Grants awarded**

Blong, J. (2010) Roy J. Shlemon Student Field Geoarchaeology Award, Center for the Study of the First Americans, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$2,500.

Blong, J. (2010) Prehistoric Upland Use in Denali National Park: A Proposal to Conduct Archaeological Field Research along the Savage River. Murie Science and Learning Center, Denali National Park and Preserve, National Park Service, \$3,500.

Blong, J. (2010) Travel grant to present research at the Society for American Archaeology annual conference \$395.

Blong, J. (2008) Lithic Analysis of the Paleoindian Component of the Higgins Site. Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$400.

- **Invited Lectures**

Blong, J. (2010) Prehistoric Upland Use in Denali National Park and Preserve. Murie Science and Learning Center, Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

- **Archaeological Research Experience**

I have eight years of research, laboratory and field archaeological experience. I have worked at over 45 sites in 16 states in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Rocky Mountain, Southern Plains, Great Basin and Subarctic regions of the United States.

July 2010 to August 2010: Field Supervisor, Texas A&M Department of Anthropology.
This includes:

July 2010: Supervised archaeological and geoarchaeological survey in the Savage River drainage, Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

August 2010: Supervised archaeological and geoarchaeological survey in the Susitna River valley, central Alaska.

June 2010 to July 2010: Field Crew, Texas A&M Department of Anthropology.
This includes:

June/July 2010: Excavated at the Owl Ridge site in south Central Alaska with Dr. Kelly Graf. Owl Ridge contains late Pleistocene and early Holocene components.

June 2010: Field Supervisor, Texas A&M Department of Anthropology.
This includes:

June 2010: Supervised archaeological and geoarchaeological survey in the Nenana

River valley, central Alaska.

June 2009 to August 2009: Crew Chief, Texas A&M Department of Anthropology.

This includes:

June/July 2009: Excavated at the Owl Ridge site in south Central Alaska with Dr. Kelly Graf. Owl Ridge contains late Pleistocene and early Holocene components. Responsibilities as Crew Chief included overseeing an excavation area with a graduate student crew and maintaining field notes related to the block excavation.

July/August 2009: Excavated at the Serpentine site on the Seward Peninsula of western Alaska with Dr. Ted Goebel. The Serpentine site has a late Pleistocene fluted point and microblade occupation. Responsibilities as Crew Chief included overseeing a crew of graduate students, volunteers and professional archaeologists as they excavated the main excavation block at the site. Duties also included maintaining field notes and a field specimen log for the excavation block.

May 2009 to June 2009: Field Crew, Texas A&M Department of Anthropology.

This includes:

May/June 2009: Excavated at the Buttermilk Creek site in Bell County Texas with Dr. Mike Waters. The Buttermilk Creek site contains Paleoindian through Archaic components.

August 2008: Field Crew, University of Wyoming Department of Anthropology.

This includes:

Survey of the floodplain south of the Shawnee-Minisink site in Monroe County, Pennsylvania with Joseph Gingerich, MA; University of Wyoming. Shawnee Minisink contains Paleoindian through Woodland period components. Purpose of the survey was to locate activity sites associated with the Clovis age occupation of Shawnee Minisink.

Survey and excavation at the Thunderbird site in Warren County, Virginia with Joseph Gingerich, MA; University of Wyoming. Purpose of the survey was to relocate the site datum and reestablish the boundaries of the site, Excavations were conducted to relocate the original main excavation block in order to re-expose a series of postmolds attributed to the Paleoindian period and obtain samples for C-14 dating.

May 2008 to July 2008: Field Crew, Texas A&M Department of Anthropology.

This includes:

May/June 2008: Excavated at Bonneville Estates Rockshelter, Elko County, Nevada with Dr. Ted Goebel and Dr. Kelly Graf. Bonneville Estates contains Paleoindian through historic components.

June/July 2008: Survey of the Nenana Valley, Alaska with Dr. Ted Goebel and Dr. Kelly Graf. Survey consisted of testing various landforms in search of prehistoric sites.

July 2008: Excavated at Buttermilk Creek with Dr. Mike Waters. The Buttermilk Creek site contains Paleoindian through Archaic components.

May 2007 to July 2007: Field Crew, Texas A&M Department of Anthropology. Excavated at Buttermilk Creek with Dr. Mike Waters. The site contains Paleoindian through Archaic components.

January 2007 to April 2007: Field Technician, KSK Corporation, Philadelphia, PA. Worked on Phase III mitigations in Delaware and Pennsylvania. I also worked as a laboratory technician processing and cataloging artifacts.

April 2006: Phase III excavation at the Johnson House, Philadelphia PA, a registered national historic landmark historic homestead active in the Underground Railroad during the 19th century.

January-March 2006: Phase III excavation of a historic sharecropper homestead in New Castle County, DE.

May 2006 to July 2006: Volunteer, University of Wyoming, Laramie WY. Volunteered as field crew for an ongoing excavation of a Folsom Paleoindian site in Middle Park Colorado with Dr. Nicole Waagespack and Dr. Todd Surovell.

April 2005 to December 2006: Field Technician, URS Corporation, Burlington NJ. Worked on multiple Phase I and II surveys and Phase III mitigations in New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Georgia, Arkansas, New York, New Hampshire and Florida. I also worked as a laboratory technician processing and cataloging artifacts. I was involved in the analysis of historic and prehistoric artifacts from several sites listed below, my analysis was included in the final reports submitted for these projects.

These sites include:

November 2006: Phase I pipeline survey in north-central AR with a historic component.

November 2006: Phase III mitigation of a prehistoric site along the Pigeon river in Newport TN. Artifacts recovered ranged from archaic to woodland time periods.

October 2006: Phase Ia survey by boat of shoreline along the Hudson River from Glens Falls NY to Albany NY looking for testable areas of the riverbank.

July/August 2006: Phase I survey of a parcel of land along the Flint River near Thomaston GA, with prehistoric components including site numbers 9UP91, 9UP90 and 9UP89.

July 2006: Phase I survey along the Red River near Fulton AR. Archaic pre-historic through historic homestead artifacts recovered.

April/May 2006: Phase VII survey of New Echota, the post-European contact period Cherokee nation capital on the Conasauga River in GA. Archaic pre-historic through modern historic artifacts recovered.

March 2006: Phase I survey near the Watauga River in Elizabethton TN. Archaic pre- historic through modern historic artifacts recovered.

February/March 2006: Phase I/II survey near the Pee Dee river in Albemarle NC with archaic pre- historic through modern historic components.

January/February 2006: Phase VII survey on Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins GA. Pre-historic and historic artifacts were recovered. Work there included survey done on state sites 9HT178, 9HT180, 9HT187,9HT189 and 9HT190.

January 2006: Phase I survey in Wilmington NC, no artifacts recovered.

January 2006: Phase III mitigation in Battery Park, Lower Manhattan, New York City NY. Excavation of battery wall associated with military fort located on Manhattan Island since Dutch colonial times.

January 2006: Phase II survey in Ambler PA. Prehistoric and historic artifacts recovered.

December 2005: Phase III mitigation of two sites along the Hudson River near Fort Edward NY. One site excavated was a portion of the southwest rampart of the English colonial Fort Edward that produced pre-historic and historic artifacts; another was a prehistoric site downstream from the fort that produced pre-historic woodland and historic artifacts.

November 2005: Phase III mitigation in Battery Park, Lower Manhattan, New York City NY. Excavation of battery wall associated with military fort located on Manhattan Island since Dutch colonial times.

November 2005: Phase I/II survey of an industrial site in Nashua, NH producing historic artifacts.

November 2005: Phase I survey of state site 8HN4 south of Clewiston FL, a multi-component prehistoric site.

October 2005: Phase VII survey on Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins GA. Pre-historic and historic artifacts were recovered. Work included further survey done on state site 9HT43.

October 2005: Phase I/II survey of several multi-component prehistoric sites south of Clewiston, FL. These include state sites 8HN44, 8HN47, 8HN48 and 8HN49.

September 2005: Phase I/II survey along Oldmans Creek in Oldmans Township NJ that produced artifacts ranging in time from archaic pre-historic through historic homestead.

August 2005: Phase III mitigation along the French Broad River in Newport, TN. Excavations on state site 40CK197 produced artifacts ranging in time from Paleoindian pre-historic through modern historic.

August 2005: Phase III mitigation of 18ST01 in St. Mary's City MD. Excavated in an area where outlier buildings were believed to be located in association with the Hicks homestead in the colonial capital of Maryland. Pre-historic and historic artifacts recovered.

July 2005: Phase I survey in Salamanca NY. Prehistoric artifacts recovered.

June/July 2005: Phase I/II survey of 31YC71, a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in the Black Mountains near Busick NC. Artifacts recovered ranged in time from the prehistoric archaic through historic homestead.

June 2005: Phase I survey in Burlington City NJ. Prehistoric artifacts recovered.

May/ June 2005: Phase I/II survey of several prehistoric sites south of Clewiston FL. These include state sites 8HN44, 8HN47, 8HN48 and 8HN49.

May 2005: Phase I/II survey in Burlington City NJ of a potential pre-historic site along the Delaware River. Modern artifacts recovered.

June 2005: Volunteer, Shawnee Minisink; Pike County, Pennsylvania. Participated in excavations of Clovis Paleoindian context with Don Kline and Joe Gingerich, Temple University.

March 2005 to April 2005: Field Technician, KCI Technologies, Mechanicsburg, P.A. Worked on a Phase I/II survey in Pennsylvania and Phase III mitigation in West Virginia. These two sites are:

April 2005: Phase III mitigation and repatriation of approximately seven human burials associated with a prehistoric woodland village in Morgantown WVA. Excavations were carried out under the supervision of members of the Seneca Nation of New York.

March/April 2005: Phase I/II survey of state sites 36BU344 and 36BU345 in Bristol PA. Artifacts ranging in time from the archaic pre-historic to modern historic were recovered.

January 2005 to March 2005: Field Technician, Cultural Resources Incorporated, Fredericksburg V.A. Worked on multiple Phase I and II surveys and a phase III mitigation in Virginia. These sites included pre-historic through modern historic components. I also worked as a laboratory technician processing and cataloging artifacts.

This includes:

February/March 2005: Phase III excavation of Carriage Hill, state site 443T612 in Stafford County VA. This area was thought to have been occupied by Union troops during the Civil War as a winter camp. Prehistoric and historic artifacts were recovered. We also excavated several outhouses and the foundation for a structure all believed to be from the Union camp.

January/February 2005: Phase I survey in Stafford County VA. Historic cellar feature and probable icehouse feature were discovered on the property, Pre-historic and historic artifacts were recovered.

January 2005: Phase I survey in Caroline County VA. Prehistoric and historic artifacts recovered

October 2004 to January 2005: Field Technician, KCI Technologies, Mechanicsburg PA Worked on multiple Phase I and Phase II surveys in Virginia and Pennsylvania of multi-component pre-historic and historic sites. I also worked as a laboratory technician processing and cataloging artifacts.

This includes:

November 2004: Phase I/II survey of the area of the now destroyed Fort Williams, part of the Washington DC defenses during the Civil War. Artifacts recovered include prehistoric through modern historic including Civil War military artifacts'

October 2004: Phase I survey in Manassas County VA. Prehistoric and historic artifacts recovered.

October 2004: Phase II survey in Manassas County VA. Excavations revealed a collapsed stone chimney thought to be remains of slave quarters associated with a cotton plantation. Pre-historic and historic artifacts recovered.

July 2004 to October 2004: Field Technician, URS Corporation, Burlington, N.J.

Worked on a Phase I/II survey in New York, a Phase II survey in Pennsylvania and a Phase III mitigation in New Jersey of multi-component pre-historic and historic sites. These three sites are:

September/October 2004: Phase I/II survey and Phase III mitigation of a historic homestead and prehistoric woodland site on Staten Island NY.

September 2004: Phase II survey near the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Williamsport PA. Excavations revealed the remains of the West Branch Division of the Susquehanna Canal, used for transporting goods by barge in the mid 1800's. Prehistoric and historic artifacts recovered.

August/September 2004: Phase III mitigation of a woodland village along the Delaware River in New Jersey in the Delaware Water Gap National Park. Excavations uncovered post-mold patterns for at least three structures. Artifacts ranging from the archaic pre-historic time period to the modern historic were recovered.

June/July 2004: Volunteer, Shawnee Minisink, Pennsylvania. Participated in excavations of Clovis Paleoindian context with Don Kline and Joe Gingerich, Temple University.

May 2004 to July 2004: Field School Staff, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia P.A. Experiences included instruction of field school students in archaeological fieldwork techniques, supervision and participation in field excavation and processing of artifacts and soil flotation samples for the Manna Site (36PI4), a multi-component pre-historic site in the Delaware Valley.

January 2004 to May 2004: Laboratory Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia PA. Analysis and write up of the lithic assemblage from excavations at the Manna Site (36PI4) as a credited independent study assignment.

September 2003 to December 2003: Laboratory Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia PA. Assisted in the processing of artifacts excavated from the Manna Site (36PI4).

July 2003 to September 2003: Field Technician, Thunderbird Archaeological Associates, Woodstock VA. Worked on multiple Phase I and Phase II surveys in Loudon, Prince William, Fairfax and Stafford counties VA of multi-component pre-historic and historic sites. I also worked as a laboratory technician processing and cataloging artifacts.

This includes:

August 2003: Phase II survey in Fredericksburg VA, pre-historic and historic

artifacts recovered.

May 2003 to July 2003: Field School Participant, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia PA. Participated in surface survey, test excavation, and data recording of the Manna Site (36PI4) a multi-component prehistoric site in the Delaware Valley.

September 2002 to December 2002: Laboratory Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia PA. Assisted in the processing of artifacts from Hendricks Island, Pennsylvania, a multi-component prehistoric site in the Delaware Valley.

- **Memberships**

Society for American Archaeology
Arctic Institute of North America
Eastern States Archaeological Federation

- **Specialized Skills**

Field analysis and descriptions of stratigraphy
Experience using Total Stations

- **Honors**

Phi Theta Kappa 2002

- **Relevant coursework**

Undergraduate: Fundamentals of Archaeology; North American Archaeology; South American Archaeology; Field Session in Archaeology; Methods in Archaeology, Field School, Independent Study, Lithic Analysis; Methods in Archaeology, Sediments, Soils and Stratigraphy; Introduction to Geology.

Graduate: Anth-601 Biological Anthropology; Anth-604 Cultural Method and Theory; Anth-698-Cultural Evolution; Anth-602 Archaeological Method and Theory; Anth-637 Paleoethnobotany; Geol-306 Sediments and Stratigraphy; Anth-647 Lithic Technological Organization; Anth-685 Directed studies: research for M.A project; Anth-642 Research Design in Anthropology; Agro-301 Soil Science; Anth-634 Palynology; Anth-689 Method and Theory of the Peopling of the Americas; Anth-630 Human Evolutionary Ecology; Anth-652 First Americans Archaeology, Geog-626 Fluvial Geomorphology; Anth-624 Geoarchaeology; SCSC 310 Soil Morphology and Interpretation.

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