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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Dissertation: Community Identity in the Late Prehistoric Yazoo Basin: The
Archaeology of Parchman Place, Coahoma County, Mississippi
Committee Chair: Dr. Vincas P. Steponaitis
- 2006 M.A., Anthropology, University of Mississippi, University
- 2001 B.A., Anthropology, University of Missouri, Columbia

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work,
University of South Alabama, Mobile
- 2016 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
- 2016 Research Associate, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2015 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Graduate School
- 2015 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South
- 2012-2013 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC Graduate School
- 2011 Timothy P. Mooney Fellowship, UNC Research Laboratories of Archaeology
- 2011 Future Faculty Fellowship, UNC Center for Faculty Excellence
- 2011 Summer Research Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South
- 2011 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South
- 2011 Mississippi Archaeological Association Award for Outstanding Student Paper
- 2011, 2010 Graduate Mentorship Award, Office of Undergraduate Research
- 2010 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant #1036363
- 2010 Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School
- 2010 Summer Research Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South
- 2009 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South

- 2009 Graduate Student Opportunity Fund Grant, UNC Graduate School
 2007 Summer Research Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South
 2005 Graduate Assistantship in Remote Sensing and Anthropology, UM
 2005 Honors Fellowship, UM Graduate School
 2005 Graduate Student Council Grant, UM Graduate Student Council
 2004 Geoinformatics Fellowship, UM

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

- Accepted **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** Negotiating Community at Parchman Place, a Mississippian Town in the Northern Yazoo Basin. In *Reconsidering Mississippian Households and Communities*, ed. Elizabeth Watts Malouchos and Alleen Betzenhauser. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa. Expected publication 2018.
- Accepted **Nelson, Erin Stevens,** Ashley Peles, and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways and Community at the Late Mississippian Site of Parchman Place. In *Ancient Foodways: Integrative Approaches to Understanding Subsistence and Society in the Past*, ed. Dale Hutchinson and C. Margaret Scarry. University of Florida Press. Expected publication 2018.
- 2016 Kassabaum, Megan C. and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** Standing Posts and Special Substances: Gathering and Ritual Deposition at Feltus (22Je500), Jefferson County, Mississippi. *Southeastern Archaeology* 35(2): 134-154.
- 2014 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** Intimate Landscapes: The Social Nature of the Spaces Between. *Archaeological Prospection* 21(1): 49-57.
- 2014 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and Megan C. Kassabaum. Expanding Social Networks Through Ritual Deposition: A Case Study from the Lower Mississippi Valley. *Archaeological Review from Cambridge*, 29 (1): 103-128.
- 2013 **Nelson, Erin Stevens;** R. P. Stephen Davis; Vincas P. Steponaitis and Andrius Valiunas. *Mississippi Mound Trail, Southern Region: Phase I Investigations.* Report prepared for Mississippi Department of Archives and History.
- 2011 Kassabaum, Megan C.; David J. Cranford and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** Multiple Modes of Monumentality: Case Studies from the American South. Invited essay in *The SAA Archaeological Record* 11(4).
- 2006 Reynolds, Matthew; Robbie Ethridge; Bryan Haley; Jay Johnson and **Erin Stevens.** *Georgia's Old Federal Road: Phase II development of a technical context for the Federal Road in North Georgia.* Report prepared for GA DOT.

DISSERTATION AND THESES

- 2016 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** *Community Identity in the Late Prehistoric Yazoo Basin: The Archaeology of Parchman Place.* Ph.D. Dissertation. Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- 2008 **Stevens, Erin.** *Late Prehistoric Social Dynamics in the Northern Yazoo Basin.* Fourth Semester Paper. Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- 2006 **Stevens, Erin.** *The Making of a Monument: Investigating Mound Stratigraphy in the Yazoo Basin.* M.A. thesis. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi, University.
- 2001 **Stevens, Erin.** *Investigating Geophysical Anomalies at Menoken Indian Village.* Senior Honors Thesis. Department of Anthropology, University of Missouri, Columbia.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Symposia Organized

- 2015 Henry, Edward; Bryan Haley; and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** *Rocks, Remote Sensing, and River Societies: The Three R's of Jay K. Johnson.* Symposium co-organized at the 72st Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2014 O'Hear, John W. and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** Mississippi Mound Trail Research. Symposium co-organized at the 71th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

Papers Presented

- 2018 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** Ash Deposition and Community Building in the Mississippian World: A Case Study from the Yazoo Basin. Invited paper to be given at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and John W. O'Hear. As Built: A Retrospective on the Mississippi Mound Trail Project, 2008-2016. Invited paper to be given at the 74th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 2017 **Nelson, Erin Stevens,** Ashley Peles, and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways and Community at the Late Mississippian Site of Parchman Place. Invited paper presented at the Ancient Foodways Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

- 2016 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** Defining a Middle Mississippian Component in the Northern Yazoo Basin. Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Athens, Georgia.
- 2015 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** The Mississippian Delta: An Update from Parchman Place. Invited paper presented at the 72nd Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2015 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** Courtyards, Plazas, Paths: Empty Spaces Full of Meaning. Invited paper presented at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California.
- 2014 O'Hear, John W. and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** Mississippi Mound Trail in Archaeological Context. Invited paper presented at the 71th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.
- 2014 Peles, Ashley; Mallory A. Melton; and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** Foodways in the Yazoo: Integrating Faunal and Floral Analyses at Parchman. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Ethnobiology, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- 2014 Peles, Ashley; **Erin Stevens Nelson;** and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways and Community at the Late Mississippian Site of Parchman. Paper presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.
- 2013 **Nelson, Erin Stevens;** Ashley Peles; and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways in the Delta: Incorporating Faunal, Botanical, and Ceramic Data from Parchman Place. Paper presented at the 70th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- 2013 Cubbon, Emily and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** *Symbolically Significant Substances and Cosmologically Connected Objects: What Do They Do?* Paper presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2012 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** *Off the Map: Social Space at Parchman.* Paper presented at the 69th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 2012 Kassabaum, Megan C. and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** *Standing Posts and Special Substances: Ritual Deposition at Feltus, Jefferson County, Mississippi.* Invited paper presented at the 69th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 2012 O'Hear, John W.; Vincas P. Steponaitis; Megan C. Kassabaum; **Erin Stevens Nelson** and David J. Cranford. *An Overview of the 2012 Field Season at the Feltus Mounds.* Paper presented at the 69th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 2012 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** *Sacred Ash: Connecting Community to Cosmos.* Invited paper presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, Tennessee.

- 2012 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** *Landscape Cosmologies: An Archaeological Example.* Invited paper presented at the UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2011 Cranford, David J.; Megan C. Kassabaum and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** *Palimpsests of Meaning in Southeastern Platform Mounds.* Paper presented at the 68th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2011 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and Tamira K. Brennan. *Conceptualizing Community in the Southeast.* Paper presented at the 68th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2011 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** *Investigating Community at Parchman Place Archaeological Site, Coahoma County, Mississippi.* Invited paper presented at the UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2011 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** *Recent Investigations at Parchman Place: A Community Study.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Archaeological Association, Greenville, Mississippi.
- 2010 Kassabaum, Megan C.; David J. Cranford and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** *Multiple Modes of Monumentality: Case Studies from the American South.* Paper presented at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2009 **Stevens, Erin.** *Thoughts on the Investigation of Communities in the Late Prehistoric Northern Yazoo Basin.* Paper presented at the 66th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Mobile, Alabama.
- 2008 **Stevens, Erin.** *Mound Building Practices in the Northern Yazoo Basin.* Invited paper presented at the UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2008 **Stevens, Erin.** Discussant, Symposium on *Man and Nature*, UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2005 **Stevens, Erin.** *Interpreting Mound Stratigraphy in the Yazoo Basin: A Case for the Harris Matrix.* Paper presented at the 62nd Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2004 **Stevens, Erin.** *A Reconstruction of the Moundbuilding Sequence at Parchman Place Mounds, Mississippi.* Paper presented at the 61st Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference/50th Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference, Saint Louis, Missouri.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Assistant Professor, Introduction to Archaeology and Biological Anthropology
2017 Visiting Lecturer, North American Archaeology
2016-2017 Lecturer, General Anthropology (online)
2014 Instructor of Record, Anthropological Perspectives on Food and Culture
2012 Teaching Assistant, Human Origins
2012 Graduate Research Consultant, Archaeobotany Laboratory Methods
2012 Teaching Assistant, Field School in North American Archaeology
2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
2012 Instructor of Record, Reading for Speed & Comprehension, UNC Learning Center
2011 Fellow, Future Faculty Program, UNC Center for Faculty Excellence
2009-2011 Writing Consultant, UNC Writing Center
2009 Teaching Assistant, Anthropology of War and Peace
2008 Teaching Assistant, Anthropological Perspectives on Food and Culture
2008 Teaching Assistant, Field School in South American Archaeology
2008 Teaching Assistant, Human Evolution and Adaptation
2007 Teaching Assistant, Burch Field Research Seminar in Archaeology of the Lower Mississippi Valley: Archaeology and History of the Lower Mississippi Valley; Lab Methods in Archaeology; Field Methods in Archaeology; Archaeology Detectives
2007 Teaching Assistant, Field School in North American Archaeology
2006-2007 Teaching Assistant, General Anthropology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2010-present Co-PI and Director, Parchman Archaeological Project, Coahoma Co., Mississippi
2015-2017 Archaeobotanical Analyst, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2012-2016 Research Assistant, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2012-2015 Consultant, Mississippi Mound Trail Project, Mississippi Department of Archives & History, Jackson, Mississippi
2013 Paleoethnobotany Assistant, Azoria Project, Institute for Aegean Prehistory, Crete
2008 Geophysical Consulting Team, Time Team America, Oregon Public Broadcasting, episode filmed in Manteo, North Carolina
2007-2008 Laboratory Analyst, TRC Environmental, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
2006 Assistant Field Director, Fort Garland Field School, Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado

2004-2006 Field Supervisor, Geophysical Survey & Field Technician, Center for Archaeological Research, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

2004 Crew Chief, Panamerican Consultants, Inc., Columbus, Georgia

2002-2003 Crew Chief & Civil Service Employee, Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program, American Bottom Survey Division, Wood River, Illinois

2001, 1998 Field & Laboratory Technician, Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Eagle, Colorado

1996-2001 Curation Assistant, University of Missouri Museum of Anthropology, Department of North American Archaeology, Columbia, Missouri

1999 Field Technician, Archaeological Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2017 Museum Studies Committee, USA College of Arts and Science

2011-2013 Graduate Student Faculty Liaison, UNC Department of Anthropology

2012 Environmental Archaeologist Search Committee

2010-2011 Mississippi Archaeological Association Volunteer Dig, Coahoma Co., Mississippi

2008-2009 Welcome Committee, UNC Society of Anthropology Graduate Students

2007-2008 Co-Chairperson, UNC Society of Anthropology Graduate Students

2006-2014 North Carolina Archaeology Day, volunteer and activity supervisor

2005-2006 President, UM Anthropology Student Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for American Archaeology

Southeastern Archaeological Conference

Mississippi Archaeological Association

UNC Southern Research Circle

UNC Historical GIS Working Group

UNC Archaeology of Food Working Group