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EDUCATION

- 1997 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1993 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1991 B.A. in Anthropology, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
1990 B.S. in Architectural Studies/Environmental Design, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2006-date Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Vermont
- Department Chair (2006-date)
- Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2008-date)
- Dean's Performance Review Committee (2009-2010)
- 2004-2006 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Director of Graduate Studies (2004-2006)
- Acting Department Chair (Summer 2004)
- Assistant Director of Graduate Studies (2003-2004)
- Departmental Executive Committee (2001-2005)
- UIC Native American Studies Committee (2001-2006)
- Adjunct Curator, Field Museum of Natural History (1999-2006)
- 1999-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Faculty in Residence (2002-2004)
- 1996-1999 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma
- Graduate Admissions Committee (1996-1999)
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Native American Studies (1996-1999)
- 1995-1996 Visiting Instructor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Auburn University
1995 Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, Kankakee College, Kankakee, Illinois

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2008 *Households and Hegemony: Early Creek Prestige Goods, Symbolic Capital, and Social Power.* University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln.
- 2004 *Historical Dictionary of Early North America.* Scarecrow Press, Lanham, Maryland.
- 2002 *Between Contacts and Colonies: Protohistoric Archaeology in the Southeastern United States.* University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa (edited by C.B. Wesson and M.A. Rees).
- In prep *An Archaeology of the Colonial Southeast.* University of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- In prep *Poor Whites' Trash: An Archaeology of Southern Sharecropping and Tenant Farming.*

Articles & Book Chapters

- In review de Soto (Probably) Never Slept Here: Archaeology, Memory, Myth and Social Identity. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology*. (Submitted 02/12/2010)
- In press Current Archaeologies in the American Southeast. *Native South* (D. Loren and C.B. Wesson).
- 2010 When Moral Economics and Capitalism Collide: Creek Factionalism and the Colonial Southeastern Frontier. In *Across the Great Divide: Continuity and Change in Native North American Societies, A.D. 1400-1900*, edited by L.L. Scheiber and M.D. Mitchell, pp. 61-78. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- 2008 Mixed Metaphors: Dynamic Modernities in Southeastern North America. *Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Conference* 4:67-86.
- 2002 Protohistory and Archaeology: An Overview. In *Between Contacts and Colonists: Protohistoric Archaeology in the Southeastern United States*, edited by C.B. Wesson and M.A. Rees, pp. 1-11. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa. (C.B. Wesson and M.A. Rees).
- 2002 The Prehistoric-Historic Transition: Prestige Goods, Symbolic Capital, and Social Power in Southeastern North America. In *Between Contacts and Colonists: Protohistoric Archaeology in the Southeastern United States*, edited by C.B. Wesson and M.A. Rees, pp. 110-125. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.
- 2001 A Spaghetti Style Gorget from the Jere Shine Site (1MT6), Montgomery County, Alabama. *Journal of Alabama Archaeology* 47:132-152. (C.B. Wesson, J.A. Wall, and D.W. Chase).
- 2001 Creek and Pre-Creek Revisited. *The Archaeology of Resistant Traditions*, edited by T.R. Pauketat, pp. 94-106. University of Florida Press, Gainesville.
- 2001 The Origin of Maize. In *Chata Anompa: Choctaw Language and Culture*, edited by M. Haag and H. Willis, pp. 258-260. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.
- 2001 Houses and Public Buildings. In *Chata Anompa: Choctaw Language and Culture*, edited by M. Haag and H. Willis, pp. 267-271. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.
- 2001 European Contact and Trade. In *Chata Anompa: Choctaw Language and Culture*, edited by M. Haag and H. Willis, pp. 272-275. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.
- 1999 Chiefly Power, Household Production, and Food Storage in Southeastern North America. *World Archaeology* 31:145-164.
- 1998 Mississippian Sacred Landscapes: The View from Alabama. In *Mississippian Towns and Sacred Spaces: Searching for an Architectural Grammar*, edited by R.B. Lewis and C.S. Stout, pp. 93-122. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.
- 1998 The Design of Mississippian Towns. In *Mississippian Towns and Sacred Spaces: Searching for an Architectural Grammar*, edited by R. B. Lewis and C. S. Stout, pp. 1-21. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa. (R.B. Lewis, C.S. Stout, and C.B. Wesson).
- In prep. Inter-Tribal Conflicts over Social Memory, Place and Archaeology at Hickory Ground. *American Antiquity*. (C.B. Wesson, J.W. Cottier and C.T. Sheldon)
- In prep. Archaeological Investigations at the Doughnut Mound, Elmore County, Alabama (1Ee99). *Journal of Field Archaeology*. (C.B. Wesson, S. Freeman, M. Fontana, and D.S. Gundrum).

Reviews

- In press Pestilence and Persistence: Yosemite Indian Demography and Culture in Colonial California. Kathleen L. Hull. *American Anthropologist*.
- 2010 *Zamumo's Gifts: Indian-European Exchange in the Colonial Southeast*. Joseph M. Hall. *American Historical Review* 115:830-831.
- 2010 *The Archaeology of Native Lived Colonialism: Challenging History in the Great Lakes*. Neal Ferris. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 20.
- 2009 *Indian-Made: Navajo Culture in the Marketplace, 1868-1940*. Erika Marie Bsumek. *American Historical Review* 114:1095-1096.
- 2009 *In Contact: Bodies and Spaces in the Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Eastern Woodlands*. Diana DiPaolo Loren. *American Antiquity* 74:780-781.
- 2003 *Studies in Culture Contact: Interaction, Culture Change, and Archaeology*. James G. Cusick. *The Florida Anthropologist* 56.
- 2003 *Etowah: The Political History of a Chiefdom Capital*. Adam King. *Journal of Alabama Archaeology* 49:113-116.
- 2001 *Method and Theory in American Archaeology*. Phillip Phillips, James A. Ford, and James B. Griffin. *Journal of Alabama Archaeology* 47:154-156.
- 2001 *Numbers from Nowhere: The American Indian Contact Population Debate*. David Henige. *American Anthropologist* 102:419-420.
- 2000 *Measuring the Flow of Time: The Works of James A. Ford*. Lee Lyman and Michael J. O'Brien. *Arkansas Review* 31:239-240.
- 1999 *James A. Ford and the Growth of Americanist Archaeology*. Lee Lyman and Michael J. O'Brien. *Arkansas Review* 30:81-82.

Technical Reports

- 2008 Archaeological Investigations at Windrush: A Middle Woodland Cobb's Swamp Site in Central Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission.
- 2001 Archaeological Investigations of the Samuel Property, Elmore County, Alabama. Report on file with the Archaeological Conservancy and the Alabama Historical Commission.
- 1999 Investigations at the Shine Site (1MT6), Montgomery County, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (C.B. Wesson and S. Freeman).
- 1996 NAGPRA Research at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. NAGPRA Research Report 1, Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Laboratories, Champaign, Illinois.
- 1995 A Report of Phase II Investigations at Four Archaeological Sites on Golf Creek, Dothan, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (C.B. Wesson, J.F. Harmon and J.W. Cottier).
- 1994 An Archaeological Survey and Evaluation of two Proposed Bridge Replacements, Russell County, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (C.B. Wesson and J.W. Cottier).
- 1994 An Archaeological Investigation of Three Sites in Baldwin County, Illinois. Public Service Archaeology Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (S. Ahler, G. Walz, and C.B. Wesson).

- 1993 AADP Alternative Site Analysis: Archaeological Resources. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (C.B. Wesson, J.W. Harmon and J.W. Cottier).
- 1993 An Archaeological Survey and Evaluation of a Proposed Park, Coffee County, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (C.B. Wesson, J.F. Harmon, and J.W. Cottier).
- 1993 An Archaeological Survey and Evaluation of a Proposed Land Fill, Henry County, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (J.W. Cottier and C.B. Wesson).
- 1993 An Archaeological Survey and Evaluation of a Proposed Materials Pit, Dale County, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (J.W. Cottier and C.B. Wesson).
- 1993 An Archaeological Survey and Evaluation of a Proposed Right of Way Expansion, Russell County, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (J.W. Cottier and C.B. Wesson).
- 1993 Excavations at the Quincy, Illinois Civic Center Site. Public Service Archaeology Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (K. McGowan, L. Aragon and C.B. Wesson).
- 1993 Excavations at the Villar's Homestead, Danville, Illinois. Public Service Archaeology Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (K. McGowan, L. Aragon, and C.B. Wesson).
- 1991 A Cultural Resource Assessment of the Proposed Spoils Pit for the Taylor Property, Enterprise, Alabama. Report on file with the Alabama Historical Commission. (J.W. Cottier and C.B. Wesson).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 "Nice, commodious buildings and hospitable families": Creek Domestic Life in the Colonial Era. Theoretical Archaeology Group 2010. Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
- 2009 "Archaeological Investigations at the Liddell Site (1WX1)." Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Mobile, Alabama (C.B. Wesson and J.W. Cottier).
- 2009 "Public Architecture Over Time at the Falls of the Coosa." Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Mobile, Alabama (J.W. Cottier, C.T. Sheldon, and C.B. Wesson).
- 2009 "When Moral Economies and Capitalism Collide." Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2009 "Memphis to Mubai: Archaeology Inspired by R. Barry Lewis." Symposium organized for the Seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, Georgia. (R.P. Connolly and C.B. Wesson).
- 2009 "De Soto Never Slept Here." Invited presentation to the Department of Anthropology, University at Albany- SUNY, Albany, New York.
- 2008 "Inter-Tribal Conflicts over Social Memory, Place and Archaeology at Hickory Ground." Paper presented in the session *Memory, Archaeology, and Oral Traditions: Conserving Memory? Oral History, Memory and Heritage Conservation*. 6th World Archaeological Congress, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2008 "Embourgeoisment and the Colonial Southern Frontier." Invited paper presented in the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology session, *Archaeological Perspectives on the Southern Frontier*. Columbia, South Carolina.

- 2007 “Towards A Political Economy of the Colonial Southern Frontier.” Paper presented in the Amerind research symposium, *Across the Great Divide: Continuity and Change in Native North American Societies, A.D. 1400-1850*. Amerind Foundation, Dragoon, Arizona.
- 2007 “A Political Economy of the Colonial Southern Frontier.” Paper presented in the symposium *Across the Great Divide: Continuity and Change in Native North American Societies, A.D. 1400-1850* at the Seventy-second Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.
- 2006 “Mixed Metaphors: Dynamic Modernities in Southeastern North America.” Paper presented in the Symposium *Archaeology and Modernity* at the Seventy-first Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2004 “How to Get a Head in Social Business: Trophy Heads, Body Mutilation, and Social Status in the Pre-Columbian Southeast.” Paper presented in the symposium *The Taking and Displaying of Human Trophies by Amerindians*, at the Sixty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Canada.
- 2003 “Making Sacred Mountains out of Anthills: Creek Sacred Landscapes.” Paper presented in the symposium *Spatial Analysis of Sacred Places, Landscapes, and Places of Special Significance*, at the Sixty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2002 “Slaving, Raiding, and Trading: The Creek Confederacy and a Southeastern Shatter Zone.” Paper presented in the symposium *The Social History of Southeastern Indians: The Seventeenth-Century Indian Slave Trade and the Creation of a Shatter Zone*, at the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi.
- 2002 “Gods, Graves and Gorgets: Archaeological and Iconographic Evidence of Alliance Formation in the Late Mississippian Southeast (AD 1300-1500).” Paper presented at the Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL.
- 2001 “Excavations at the Doughnut Mound, Wetumpka, Alabama.” Paper presented in the symposium *Mississippi Period Research in Alabama and the Mid-South*, at the Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2001 Of Gods and Gorgets: The Archaeology of Social Alliance Formation. Paper presented in the symposium *Mississippi Period Research in Alabama and the Mid-South*, at the Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA. (J. Wall and C.B. Wesson).
- 2001 *Mississippi Period Research in Alabama and the Mid-South*. Symposium organized for the Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA. (C.B. Wesson. and M.A. Rees)
- 2000 Session Chair for Roundtable Luncheon, *Job Strategies: Academic*, Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2000 Session Chair, *Archaeology of Eastern North America*, Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Philadelphia, PA.

- 1999 “Creek and Pre-Creek Revisited: Power, Negotiation, and Cultural Transformation.” Paper presented in the symposium *Resistant Traditions in the Archaeology of Southeastern North American*, at the Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, IL.
- 1998 “Archaeological Investigations at the Shine Site, Montgomery, Alabama.” Paper presented at the Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, SC
- 1997 *Protohistory and Archaeology: Advances in Interdisciplinary Research*. Symposium organized for the Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, LA. (C.B. Wesson and M.A. Rees).
- 1997 “Protohistory and Archaeology: An Overview.” Paper presented in the symposium *Protohistory and Archaeology: Advances in Interdisciplinary Research*, at the Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, LA. (C.B. Wesson and M.A. Rees).
- 1997 “Current Creek Archaeology and Ethnohistory.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Norman, OK.
- 1997 “Households and Hegemony: An Analysis of Historic Creek Culture Change.” Paper presented in the symposium *Current Creek Archaeology and Ethnohistory*, at the Sixty-second Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Nashville, TN.
- 1996 “Sacred Foundations: Cosmic Order and Creek Public Architecture.” Paper presented in the symposium *Sacred Landscapes of the Americas*, at the Sixty-first Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA.
- 1995 “Aspects of Settlement Structure along the Lower Tallapoosa River, Alabama.” Paper presented at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Minneapolis, MN. (C.B. Wesson, J.W. Cottier, and C.T. Sheldon).
- 1994 “Changing Power, Changing Places: Architectural Correlates of Transitions in Creek Chiefly Power.” Paper presented at the Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 1993 “Patterns of Association in the Burials of San Luis Tlatilco, Mexico.” Paper presented at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Midwest Mesoamerican Conference, Urbana, IL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2009 Co-Principal Investigator with John W. Cottier, “Archaeological Investigations at the Liddell Site (1WX1). University of Vermont Archaeological Field School
- 2007 Principal Investigator, “Archaeology of the Charlotte Poor Farm.” University of Vermont Archaeological Field School.
- 2005-06 Co-Principal Investigator with J. W. Cottier, “Archaeological Investigations at Hickory Ground (1Ee89).” University of Illinois at Chicago Archaeological Field School.
- 2003-04 Co-Principal Investigator with M. Fontana and J. W. Cottier, “Archaeological Investigations at Canebreak (1Mc48).” University of Illinois at Chicago Archaeological Field School.
- 2001-03 Principal Investigator, “Southeastern U.S. Collections Research,” Field Museum, Chicago, IL.

- 2001-02 Principal Investigator, "Archaeological Investigations at The Windrush Site." University of Illinois at Chicago Archaeological Field School.
- 2000 Principal Investigator, "Archaeological Survey of the Archaeological Conservancy Property, Wetumpka, Alabama." University of Illinois at Chicago Archaeological Field School.
- 1998-99 Principal Investigator, "Factional Competition, Chiefly Cycling, and Political Centralization in the Shine Chiefdom (1Mt6)." University of Oklahoma Archaeological Field School.
- 1997 Principal Investigator, "Ft. Decatur Mapping Project."
- 1996 Co-Principal Investigator with J. W. Cottier and C. T. Sheldon, "The Fusihatchee Project (1EE191)."
- 1995 Graduate Field Assistant, "The Chalcatzingo Project, Chalcatzingo, Morelos, Mexico." Principal Investigator David C. Grove.
- 1994 Co-Principal Investigator with J. W. Cottier and C. T. Sheldon, "The Fusihatchee Project (1EE191)." University of Illinois Archaeological Field School.
- 1994 Historic Archaeologist, Public Service Archaeology Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (Field research in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Missouri).
- 1993 Co-Principal Investigator with J. W. Cottier and C. T. Sheldon, "The Fusihatchee Project (1EE191)."
- 1992 Graduate Field Assistant, "The Fusihatchee Project (1Ee191)." Auburn University Archaeological Field School. Principal Investigators J. W. Cottier and C. T. Sheldon.
- 1991-93 Field Supervisor, Public Service Archaeology Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Principal Investigator K. McGowan. (Field research in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Missouri).
- 1991 Field Assistant, "The Fusihatchee Project (1EE191)." Alabama Museum of Natural History Expedition Program. Principal Investigators J. W. Cottier and C. T. Sheldon.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2005-06 CIC Native American Studies Fellowship, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL. (\$40,000).
- 2001-03 Southeastern Collections Research, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL. (\$12,000).
- 2001-02 Southeastern Ethnohistory Research Grant, Army Corps of Engineers-CERL (\$35,000).
- 2000 "Factional Competition, Chiefly Cycling, and Political Centralization in the Shine Chiefdom." OVCR, University of Illinois-Chicago (\$15,000).
- 2000 "Archaeology of the Shine Chiefdom." OSSR, University of Illinois at Chicago (\$3,500).
- 1999 Ethnohistory and Archaeology of the Five Civilized Tribes, Corps of Engineers (\$39,270).
- 1999 Faculty Enrichment Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma (\$1,000).

- 1997 "Integrating Computing with Anthropological Education." Computing and Educational Technologies Grant, University of Oklahoma (\$1,500).
- 1997 "NAGPRA Research." Research Grant, Army Corps of Engineers-CERL (\$25,800).
- 1996-97 Archaeological Survey in the Tallapoosa River Valley of Central Alabama." Research Grant, University of Oklahoma (\$2,000).
- 1995-96 Graduate Fellowship, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (\$32,000).
- 1994-95 "Households and Hegemony: An Analysis of Historic Creek Culture Change." Graduate Fellowship, Center for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics (\$5,000).
- 1993-94 "Households and Hegemony: An Analysis of Historic Creek Culture Change." Dissertation Research Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$2,500).

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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| American Anthropological Association | World Archaeological Congress |
| • <i>Archaeology Division</i> | • <i>Newsletter Guest Editor (10/2009)</i> |
| Society for American Archaeology | Midwestern Archaeological Conference |
| • <i>Native American Affairs Committee (99-03)</i> | Northeastern Archaeological Federation |
| • <i>Meetings Committee (99-00)</i> | Vermont Archaeological Society |
| Southeastern Archaeological Conference | Alabama Archaeological Society |
| Australian Research Council's College of Experts
(Humanities and Creative Arts Panel) | |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Inequality, Native American Studies, Households, Political Economy, Colonialism, History of Anthropology, Archaeological Method and Theory, Quantitative Methods, Southeastern U.S., Mesoamerica

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available upon request