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**AREAS OF RESEARCH:**

Political Archaeology/Anthropology, Animal Studies, Archaeological Theory & Method, Anthropology of Food & Cuisine; Zooarchaeology, Isotope Analysis, Archaeometry; Eurasia, the Caucasus

**EDUCATION:**

- 2016 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Chicago.  
Dissertation: *“The Politics of Pasture: The Organization of Pastoral Practices and Political Authority in the Late Bronze Age in the South Caucasus”*
- 2011 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Chicago.  
Thesis: *“Between Town and Citadel: Politics and the Circulation of Animals in the Tsaghkavorit Plain, Late Bronze Age Armenia”*
- 2008 B.A. (with honors) in Anthropology and Biology, University of Chicago.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

- 2017-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University
- 2016-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow in Archaeological Science, Stanford Archaeology Center, Stanford University

**PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES):**

**Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)**

- 2020 “Ancient DNA shows domestic horses were introduced in the southern Caucasus and Anatolia during the Bronze Age” *Science Advances* 6 (Guimares, S, Arbuckle, B., Peters, J., Adcock, S., Buitenhuis, H., **Chazin, H.**, Manaseryan, N., Uerpmann, H-P., Grange, T. and E.M. Geigl)
- 2019 “Isotopic Perspectives on Pastoralist Mobility in the Late Bronze Age South Caucasus” *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 54: 48-67 (with Gwyneth Gordon and Kelly J. Knudson).
- 2018 “New Statistical Approaches to Intra-Individual Isotopic Analysis and Modeling Birth Seasonality in Studies of Herd Animals” *Archaeometry* 61(2):478-493 (with Soudeep Deb, Josh Falk, and Arun Srinivasan).

- 2013 Hannah Chazin & Stephen E. Nash, “Moments, Movements, and Metaphors: Paul Sidney Martin, Pedagogy, and Professionalization in Field Schools, 1926-1974.” *American Antiquity* 78(2):322-343.

### **Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)**

- 2016 “The Life Assemblage: Rethinking the politics of pastoral practices.” In *Incomplete Archaeologies: Assembling Knowledge in the Past and Present. Proceedings from a session at the 2013 EAA Meetings in Pilsen, CZ.* Miller-Bonney, E., K. Franklin, J. A. Johnson, eds. Pp. 28-47. Oxbow Press.
- 2017 “Tracing Late Bronze Age Pastoralist Practices in the South Caucasus: A preliminary zooarchaeological and isotopic investigation from the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia” In *Isotopic Investigations of Pastoral Production: Innovative Approaches to Patterns of Mobility, Economy, and Exploitation.* Ventresca-Miller, A, Markarewicz, C, eds. Maney Publishing.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

- (in draft) Live Stock and Dead Things: Rethinking labor and value in ancient pastoralist societies.  
(book manuscript)
- (in draft) Animal work and tangling linear narratives about human–animal relationships (to be submitted to *American Anthropologist*)
- (in draft) “Safe Materialities: Taphonomy and its implications for archaeological knowledge production.” (to be submitted to *Cambridge Journal of Archaeology*)

### **PUBLICATIONS (SHORT NOTES, REVIEWS, COMMENTS, ETC.):**

- 2015 “36. Rectangular Die”, “37. Doll”, “38. Doll”, “39. Doll with Pierced Ears”, “47. Spindle Whorls/Buttons” (Catalog items) In *A Cosmopolitan City: Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Old Cairo.* Vorderstrasse, T. and Treptow, T., eds. Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.  
(with Tasha Vorderstrasse)

### **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

#### **External Fellowships & Awards**

- 2019 Institute for Advanced Studies School of Historical Studies Mellon Fellowship (2019-2020)
- 2013 Fulbright IIE U.S. Student Scholarship – Armenia (*declined*)
- 2013 American Research Institute of the South Caucasus Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2010 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program
- 2010 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

#### **Internal Fellowships & Awards**

- 2018 Harriman Institute PepsiCo Faculty Fellowship

- 2015 William Rainey Harper/Provost Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2015 Frederick Starr Prize Lectureship
- 2014 Social Sciences Division Dissertation Research Fellowship (*declined*)
- 2013 Orin Williams Social Sciences Research Travel Fellowship
- 2013 Leiffer Research Fellowship

**GRANTS:**

- 2014 Wenner Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant – “The Politics of Pasture: Organizing Pastoralism and Politics in the Late Bronze Age, South Caucasus”. [\$15,293]
- 2011 Southwestern Foundation for Education and Historical Preservation, Tucson, AZ. Funds for a site relocation and re-recording survey near Reserve, New Mexico. [\$11,370] (with Stephen E. Nash).

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Archaeological Fieldwork**

- ongoing Project Director, The Karashamb Connections Project. Zooarchaeological and isotopic analysis of faunal remains from the necropolis and survey and preliminary excavations at the Karashamb fortress site. (Principal Investigators, Hannah Chazin and Pavel Avetisyan)
- 2010-2016 Joint Armenian-American Project for the Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies (ArAGATS). Excavations at the Late Bronze Age fortresses of Gegharot and Tsaghkahovit, Republic of Armenia. (Principal Investigators, Adam Smith and Ruben Badalyan)
  - 2014 Project Supervisor
  - 2013 Project Supervisor
  - 2011 Trench Supervisor
  - 2010 Trench Supervisor
- 2012 Project Supervisor, The Marmarik Project. Pilot survey and testing at Late Bronze Age fortresses in the Marmarik Valley, Republic of Armenia. (Principal Investigators, David Peterson and Khachatur Meliksetian)
- 2011-2012 Project Director, The Paul Sidney Martin Archaeological Sites Recording Project. Survey, relocating and re-recording of archaeological sites and ethnographic and archival research near Reserve, New Mexico. (Principal Investigators, Stephen E. Nash and Hannah Chazin)
- 2008-2009 Crew Chief and Member, SWCA Environmental Consultants, Denver, CO. Survey and site testing in the High Plains region.
- 2008 Research Assistant, Sintashta Collaborative Archaeological Research Project (SCARP). Excavations at the Middle Bronze Age Sintashta settlement of Stepnoye, Russian Federation. (Principal Investigators, Bryan Hanks and Dmitri Zdanovich)

### Laboratory & Other Research Experience

- 2015 Visiting Researcher, Archaeological Chemistry Lab at Arizona State University.
- 2010-2016 Research Assistant, Joint Armenian American Project for the Archaeology and Geography of Ancient Transcaucasian Societies (ArAGATS), Adam T. Smith, (Cornell University), director.
- 2009 Research Assistant, Paul S. Martin Project, Stephen E. Nash (Denver Museum of Nature and Science), director.
- 2007 Junior Research Fellow, Center for Khmer Studies, Siem Riep, Cambodia.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Ongoing Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University  
Courses taught: Introduction to Archaeology (UG), Living with Animals: Anthropological Perspectives (UG), Contemporary Archaeological Theory (G), Thing Theory (G), Mobilities Past and Present (G), Value, Meaning, Objects: Anthropological Approaches (G)
- 2017 Instructor, Artifacts in the Atomic Age: Isotopes in Archaeology, Stanford Archaeology Center, Stanford University
- 2015 Instructor, Living/Thinking/Doing with Animals: Archaeology of Human-Animal Relationships, self-designed course, Anthropology Department, University of Chicago.
- 2014 Instructor, Self, Culture and Society sequence (1 quarter), Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago.

### INVITED TALKS:

- 2017 *Nurturing mastery: Rethinking archaeological models of intensification through milk as natureculture.* Department of Anthropology, Columbia University. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2013 *Studying Pastoralism in Ancient Armenia: Excavations of Late Bronze Age Kurgans in the Tsaghkavorit Plain.* American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (Yerevan, Armenia), August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

### CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- 2020 *Vertical mobility in the Late Bronze Age Tsaghkavorit Plain: A simple question with complicated answers.* Worlds in Transition: The integration of the mountains into the agro-pastoral systems between the Neolithic and the Iron Ages, Lyon, France, October 9-11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 2019 *Milk Matters: Material and semiotic approaches to the value of milk.* Society for the Social Study of Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 2019 *Safe or unstable materialities? Thinking about the limits of uniformitarian logics in archaeological science.* Theoretical Archaeology Group Annual Meeting (Syracuse, NY), May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

- 2018 *Making Milk: Towards a political ecology of dairy production in the Late Bronze Age South Caucasus.* Theoretical Archaeology Group Annual Meeting (Gainesville, FL), May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2018 *Ordinary or extraordinary? Analytical disjunctures between production and ritual in pastoralist societies.* Society for American Anthropology Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 2017 *Is the Anthropocene a beastly problem? Mastery and narratives of human-animal relationships past, present, and future.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 *Extraordinary ritual objects or merely ordinary bones? Interpreting the circulation of isolated skeletal elements in the Late Bronze Age Tsaghkavorit Plain, Armenia.* Eurasian Archaeology Conference (Ithaca, NY), October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 *Species logics, mastery, and anthropocentrism: Rethinking human-animal relationships across and outside the nature/culture divide.* Theoretical Archaeology Group Annual Meeting (Toronto, ON), May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 *Is the Anthropocene a beastly problem? Thoughts on human-animal relationships and contemporary narratives of change.* Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting (Vancouver, BC), March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- 2016 *The (pre- and post-mortem) social lives of herds: A zooarchaeological and isotopic analysis of Late Bronze Age pastoralism in the South Caucasus.* American School of Oriental Research Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX), November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2015 *Determining what? Pastoralism as a beastly problem.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Denver, CO), November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2015 *Crossing the line (Part I): Making taphonomy work for social practices in prehistory.* Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA), April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2015 *Not all who wander are lost: Rethinking the link between pastoralism and politics in prehistoric Armenia.* UCLA Graduate Conference in Armenian Studies (Los Angeles, CA), February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2015 *Finding the Herd: Isotopic and Zooarchaeological Perspectives on Faunal Remains.* European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting (Istanbul, Turkey), September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 2014 *The Chemistry of Mobility: Preliminary Results, Potentials, and Challenges of Isotope Analysis in the Tsaghkavorit Plain, Armenia.* (with Maureen Marshall). Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting (Austin, TX), April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 2013 *The Life Assemblage: Rethinking pastoral activity and the production of meaning and value.* European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting (Plzen, Czech Republic), September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

- 2013 *A Meager Dish: Subsistence Fails to Satisfy in the Late Bronze Age South Caucasus*. (with Alan Green) Theoretical Archaeology Group Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL), May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2012 *Beyond cash and calories: Herd animals, regimes of value, and the issue of scale*. Fourth Conference on Eurasian Archaeology (Cornell University), October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- 2012 *Were the sheep sweeter? The circulation of domesticated animals in the Late Bronze Age, the Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia*. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting (Memphis, TN), April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS:**

- 2016 *Interpreting evidence of milk production: Human-animal relationships and politics in ancient pastoralist societies*. Stanford Archaeology Center Lunch Club, Stanford University, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2016 *Too many astragali and not enough answers: studying pastoralism and politics in the Late Bronze Age, Armenia*. Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop, University of Chicago, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2015 *Determining what? Thoughts on pastoralism as a beastly problem in anthropology and beyond*. Animal Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2014 *The Life Assemblage: Preliminary thoughts on the politics of pastoralism*. Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop, University of Chicago, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- 2013 *A Brief (irreverent & incomplete) History of Sheep in Armenia*. Armenian Circle, University of Chicago, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2011 *Life on an archaeological excavation in Armenia*. Armenian Circle, University of Chicago, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- 2010 *From field hands to students: Paul S. Martin, Professionalization, the New Archaeology, and the American Southwest*. University of Chicago Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**OTHER PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCES:**

- 2019 Session Organizer, “Materiality, Meaning, Agency, and Value”. Society for the Social Study of Science Annual Meeting. New Orleans, September 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 2019 Discussant. “Avian acoustic traditions”. The Transmission of Songs in Birds, Humans, and Other Animals Conference, Columbia University, February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Session Organizer, “Abandoning the Anthropocene: Materialities, Temporalities, and Politics of a Dangerous Divide”. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 Session Organizer, “Making a ‘-cene’: Archaeology, Politics, and the Anthropocene”. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC. March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

- 2016 Panelist. "Traversing Bolder Theory: Transversal Engagement with New Materialisms". Theoretical Archaeology Group USA. Boulder, CO. April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 2015 Session Organizer, "Cyborgs, Hybrids, and Monsters: Anthropologies of Lively Transgressions". American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, November 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.
- 2015 Session Organizer, "Undoing and Redoing Archaeological Practice: Archaeology as technique across prehistory, history, and the contemporary." Society for American Anthropology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, April 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2013 Session Organizer, "Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough: Does Archaeology Need 'Subsistence'?", Theoretical Archaeology Group USA. Chicago, IL, May 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2013 Chair, Vendor Relations Committee, Theoretical Archaeology Group USA. Chicago, IL, May 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2012 Co-Organizer, Fourth Conference on Eurasian Archaeology: Fitful Histories and Unruly Publics: Rethinking Community and Temporality In Eurasian Archaeology. Cornell University, October 11-12, 2012.
- 2011 Moderator for "Translations" panel at the Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop's Conference: Archaeology | Hybridity. University of Chicago, February 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:**

- Boas Seminar Committee, 2020-2021
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2018-2019
- Inter-University Doctoral Consortium in Anthropological Archaeology, Columbia representative, 2018-present
- Organizer, Archaeology Publishing Brown Bag Series, 2015-2016.
- Member, Student Faculty Liaison Committee, 2010-present.
- Organizer, Peer-to-Peer Archaeological Skills Exchange (all-day seminar), May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Organizer, Archaeology Program Student-Faculty Meeting (biannual), 2013-2014.
- Member, Student Committee on Archaeological Laboratory Facilities Development, 2014.
- Student Rapporteur, Anthropology Students Association Committee on Faculty Recruitment Searches, 2013-2014.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

- Panelist, Humanities and Social Sciences Roundtable, Taking the Next Step Careers Event, 2016.
- Member, Institutional Review Committee for the University of Chicago Police Department, 2013-2014.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

- Consultant. 'Ancient Animals' Activities. 'Explore and Roar' Summer Learning Challenge 2014. Oriental Institute and Chicago Public Library summer program.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

Russian (Good – reading, writing, and speaking)

Armenian (Fair– reading, writing, and speaking)

Spanish (Good – reading, Fair – speaking and writing)