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Speaker’s Bureau
Contact & Information Packet

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OKPAN SPEAKER’S BUREAU
Instructions for Use

The Oklahoma Anthropological Society (OAS) Speaker’s Bureau was created in 2014 in order to connect OAS chapter presidents and program chairs with potential speakers across the state of Oklahoma. The Speaker’s Bureau is now under the management of the Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network (OKPAN) and is available for anyone seeking a speaker to use. These speakers come from all sub-disciplines of anthropology (i.e. cultural, archaeological, linguistic, and biological) and from all realms of anthropological work (academic, federal, state, tribal, contract). We hope that by compiling this list of speakers and their research topics, those seeking a speaker can accomplish two goals for their organizations: 1) to bring in interesting speakers for their meetings, thereby bolstering relationships between their organizations and working anthropologists, and 2) to promote anthropology and archaeology in their communities.

Each of the individuals on this contact sheet has volunteered to speak at meetings. The profiles include contact information, brief research descriptions, and their presentation topics. If your organization is interested in inviting a speaker to your meeting, you must adhere to these guidelines:

- Contact your intended speaker at least TWO weeks in advance. They need time to prepare their talks and make travel arrangements. They will not agree to speak if you contact them less than two weeks before your event.
- Advertise as widely as possible for your event, using fliers and emails to your chapter members. It is demoralizing to speakers if there are only one or two audience members – especially if they are coming from a distance.
- Contact Allison Douglas, OKPAN Assistant Director, at okarchaeology@gmail.com after your event to notify her of the use of the Speaker’s Bureau. Include the speaker’s name, presentation topic, date of presentation, and a brief assessment of the event (which will be kept private). In this way, we can compile data on the requested speakers to assess the success of the Speaker’s Bureau and how we can update it as needed in the future to better meet your needs.

The profiles will be updated as new speakers volunteer and as we receive each assessment and existing profiles will be updated with a list of their previous engagements as well as with any topics changes.

Contact Allison Douglas or Meghan Dudley with any questions at okarchaeology@gmail.com.
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Academic Background  
Archaeology

Areas of Interest  
North American Hunter-Gatherers, Paleoindians, Lithic Technology, Spatial Analysis, Site Formation/Geoarchaeology, Conservation and Public Archaeology, Paleoanthropology

Current Research:  
1) Gunnison Basin CO: Excavations (completed as of 2011) and analysis of the Mountaineer Folsom site and other Paleoindian age Rocky Mountain sites from southern Colorado.

2) Goodson Rock Shelter, OK: Newly begun and ongoing excavations of a multi-component rock-shelter in Craig County, OK. Deeply stratified deposits date from Clovis through late Woodland.

3) Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania: Focus on late Lower Paleolithic and Middle Paleolithic raw material transport and hominin landscape use. This project will begin summer 2014.

Presentation Topics:  
1) The Mountaineer Site and Folsom occupation of the Rocky Mountains. This site contains evidence for extensive residential, overwinter occupation of the southern Rocky Mountains, with multiple Folsom age “houses” consisting of stone ring bases and aspen-pole superstructures.

2) Current fieldwork and research at Goodson Shelter, Craig County, OK: early Paleoindian occupation of the eastern prairie/western woodland ecotone.

3) Lower to Middle Paleolithic hominin raw material usage and landscape archaeology at Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania. This project is slated to begin summer 2014 (pending funding) so a presentation wouldn’t be feasible until spring 2015 at the earliest.
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Academic Background
Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Plains Archaeology, Contact Period, Zooarchaeology, Landscape Archaeology, Public Outreach

Current Research
Plains Archaeology, Contact Period, Zooarchaeology, Landscape Archaeology, Public Outreach

Presentation Topics:
1) Plains archaeology
2) Archaeology volunteer opportunities in Oklahoma
3) Zooarchaeology
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Academic Background
Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Bison kills, Paleoindians, Oklahoma Archaeology

Current Research
Changes annually

Presentation Topics:
1) Oklahoma Bison Kills

2) Paleoindians

3) Recent work in Oklahoma Archaeology
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Academic Background
B.A. in History, Minor- Psychology; A.A. in Behavioral Sciences.

Areas of Interest
Native American History, specifically of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and its allies.

Current Research
Updating tribal records and creating database for Areas of Interest significant to the AST in OK and other affiliated states.

Presentation Topics:
1) Absentee Shawnee Tribe
2) Section 106 Process/Review; TCNS
3) Heritage Resource Technician (HRT) Paraprofessionals
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Academic Background  
History with a teaching option from NCSU

Areas of Interest  
Early 20th Century history

Current Research  
Depression Era farmsteads in Oklahoma

Presentation Topics:  
1) Teaching as a Facilitator: Keeping Students Engaged with Teaching the Social Sciences  
2) Using GIS Technology for Archeology  
3) The Great Depression in Oklahoma (research still in progress)
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**Academic Background**  
Archaeology/Anthropology

**Areas of Interest**  
Southeastern Indian culture: From Paleo-Indian to Mississippian Culture to European Interaction (up to Removal), Mississippian Iconography

**Current Research:**  
Collaboration with NPS on two projects: (1) Helping with wayside exhibits panels providing cultural information from Creation story to Removal history, (2) Helping with interpretation of prehistoric information of Russell Cave National Monument NHS, (3) review, edit, comment on movie scripts, books, historical documentaries, and public informational videos released to a general audience, (4) help design museum exhibits and text, (5) help with 18th century living village display, clothing, utensils, etc.

**Presentation Topics:**

1) Prehistory of Southeastern Indians, specifically Chickasaw (Oral history and its interconnectedness with documented history and how it provides us with our identity as a tribe in the present day). Title of Presentation “Prehistory of Southeastern Indians, Chickasaw History”.

2) Removal and the changes we had to adapt to from a traditional to a new lifestyle. Title of Presentation: “Controllers of Change”.

3) Pine needle basket making or Finger woven belt making demonstrations.

4) Sinti Isht Ahollo: The Horned Snake, Myth or Real?

5) What’s for Dinner? : Cultural Continuity Verified in the Archaeological Record
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Academic Background
Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Plains, faunal, forensic archaeology

Current Research
Various forensic cases, skeletal analysis

Presentation Topics:
1) Forensic archaeology
2) Bison kills
3) Faunal analysis, prehistoric dogs in Oklahoma
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*Academic Background*  
Archaeology

*Areas of Interest*  
Central Plains, Archaic, plant processing, lithic analysis, public archaeology, archaeology education, cross-disciplinary anthropology

*Current Research*  
Public archaeology, archaeology education

*Presentation Topics:*  
1) Use-wear analysis of Middle Archaic lithic plant-processing implements

2) Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network
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Academic Background  
Archaeology PhD

Areas of Interest  
Subsistence – Paleoethnobotany and Faunal studies, Remote Sensing, Wichita prehistory/history

Current Research  
Protohistoric and Historic Wichita archeology – fortifications

Presentation Topics:  
1) Wichita warfare 1500-1850 – evidence from protohistoric and early historic sites  
2) Southern Plains Villagers and their use of crops and other plants in Oklahoma  
3) Finding and Studying plants from archeological sites
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Academic Background
Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Rocky Mountain archaeology, landscape archaeology, archaeological theory, lithic
analysis, public archaeology education

Current Research:
Rocky Mountain landscape archaeology

Presentation Topics:
1) Socialized landscapes in the Bridger Mountains, Montana
2) Dating Non-volcanic natural glass from southeastern Montana
3) Public Archaeology Education in Oklahoma
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Areas of Interest
Landscape, religion, ritual, cosmology, ceramics, social change

Current Research
Exploring modern Pueblo ethnogenesis in northern New Mexico

Presentation Topics:
1) The evolution and formation of modern Pueblo society
2) Identifying and interpreting ritual landscapes
3) Examining the past through both archaeology and indigenous oral histories
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Academic Background
Archaeologist

Areas of Interest
Historic Preservation

Current Research
Prehistory of the Southern Plains, Mississippian period settlement on the west side of the Mississippi River, and migration and culture contact.

Presentation topics:
1) Geophysical Investigations at Sugarloaf Mound in St. Louis MO
2) Settlement Pattern Studies in the Information Age
3) Historic Preservation Law and Process
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Academic Background
Archaeology, Biology

Areas of Interest
Contact period, human effects on environment

Current Research
Contact period, human effects on environment

Presentation Topics:
1) Anthropocene effects on the environment
2) Historic Creek
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Academic Background  
Archaeology

Areas of Interest  
Late Prehistoric (AD1000-1500) Southeastern and Midwestern US, archaeological remote sensing, experimental archaeology

Current Research  
Geophysical survey, excavations, and analysis of collections from mound sites in eastern Oklahoma, including Spiro

Presentation topics:
1) Late prehistoric occupation of eastern Oklahoma and Mississippian sites in the Southeast/Midwest, including Spiro, Moundville, and Cahokia

2) Remote sensing in archaeology
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**Academic Background**  
Archaeology

**Areas of Interest**  
Archaeology of Caddo, Late prehistory of Eastern US

**Current Research**  
Spiro

**Presentation Topics:**

1) Archaeology of Spiro, Eastern Oklahoma, and Caddo

2) Politics and Political Organization of the Past (various topics)

3) Mississippian Archaeology (various topics)

4) Temporary Structures in North America

5) Fantastic claims (Aliens, Bigfoot, Atlantis, etc) and archaeology
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Academic Background  
Archaeology

Areas of Interest  
Near Eastern archaeology, lithics, hunter-gatherers, origins of agriculture

Current Research  
Kharaneh IV excavation project, Jordan

Presentation Topics:  
3) Near Eastern transitions from hunter-gatherers to agriculture  
4) Lithic use-wear analysis (presentation or workshop)  
5) Kharaneh IV project
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Areas of Academic Interest
Paleoindian Period, North America

Current Research
Quantifying Lithic Raw Material Performance Characteristics—Quartzite

Presentation Topics:

2) Excavations at the Hoot Owl Site: Preliminary Findings From western Oklahoma.

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Areas of Interest
High Plains, Wyoming

Current Research
Late Archaic and faunal material of the Laddie Creek site, Wyoming (Thesis)

Presentation Topics:
1) Morocco, 45 years ago: A Tale of Three Shoes. I lived in Morocco for 2 years (1968-1970) and have many wonderful memories as well as some beautiful items that I purchased while there. I bring many of these to the presentations, including women’s clothing. This power-point presentation began as a linguistic paper on “gesture” as a means of communication. I’ve redone it to include a quick picture of Morocco as I knew it, plus the experience of buying shoes when neither of us spoke the other’s language. I presented this to the OKC chapter Fall 2013. I can squeeze or stretch this to about any length desired (30 minutes to 1+ hours).
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Current Research
Little Skin Bayou surface survey

Presentation Topics:
1) The Little Skin Bayou Survey (presented at Fall 2014 OAS meeting). Mel’s slide presentation will tell what aroused his curiosity about Little Skin Bayou; what intrigued him about the kinds of sites he might find; what drove his passion to find all the sites he could; why he decided to keep his survey secret; why he feared he didn’t know enough to complete such a project; and the two goals he hoped to achieve (to complete a reliable survey and show other avocational archaeologist that they could duplicate his efforts).

2) Surface Survey Techniques that help you complete your own research project
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Archaeology, forensic anthropology

Areas of Interest
Museology, human osteology, paleopathology, mortuary behavior studies, authentication
and recontextualization of artifacts

Current Research
Analysis of hollow ceramic figures from West Mexico

Presentation Topics:
1) Examining and understanding ancient ceramic figures from West Mexico
2) Determining authenticity on ancient ceramic figures from West Mexico
3) Bison and human interaction in North America
4) The use of forensic anthropology
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Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Paleoindian Archaeology (field work area: the Rocky Mountains, although my students are starting to work in the high country of OK as well); Peopling of the New World; chipped stone tool analysis; public archaeology; museum anthropology.

Current Research
Active research programs in the Gunnison Basin, CO and SE Idaho/Northern Utah. Students starting research programs in far western and far eastern Oklahoma.

Presentation Topics:
1) Peopling of the New World (various topics possible)
2) Paleoindian archaeology (various topics possible)
3) Various other things… I’m open to suggestions
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Academic Background
Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Hunter-gatherers, monumentality, remote sensing

Current Research
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Presentation Topics:
1) Climate Change, past and present
2) Hunter-gatherer monument construction
3) Archaic societies
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Academic Background
Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Archaeology of complex societies, Ritual practices in archaeology, ceramic analysis, social organization

Current Research
Spiro, Red River Caddo, 19th Century Removal period eastern Oklahoma

Presentation Topics:
1) Spiro Mounds
2) Red River Caddo
3) Archaeology at 19th Century Military Sites (Forts Washita and Gibson)
4) Mississippian Southeast
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*Academic Background*  
Bioarchaeology

*Areas of Interest*  
Bioarchaeology, skeletal biology, paleopathology, archaeology/anthropology of disease, Caddoan archaeology

*Current Research*  
Bioarchaeology of the Fourche Maline mounds of southeastern Oklahoma

*Presentation Topics:*  
1) Life and Death in the Wister Valley—bioarchaeology of small burial mounds in the Wister Valley of southeastern Oklahoma

2) The Flu and You—an anthropological perspective—the origins of flu from a scientific and anthropological perspective (I can do this for nearly any infectious disease)

3) General topics on bioarchaeology, archaeology, hunter-gatherers, Caddoan archaeology, skeletal biology, history of diseases, paleopathology
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Academic Background  
Archaeology/Native American Studies

Areas of Interest  
Choctaw history and traditional culture

Current Research  
Revitalizing Choctaw traditional ceramics, hide-tanning, archery equipment, and clothing, Choctaw plant names and uses, and ancient Choctaw foodways

Presentation Topics:  
1) Chahta Lukfi Atoba Ikbit Himonachi: Revitalizing Choctaw Pottery  
2) Chahta Imillimpa: Choctaw Traditional Food  
3) Chahta Tvlhkochi: Choctaw Hide-Tanning  
   Chahta Itvlhko Shulush: Choctaw Moccasins  
   Chahta Okla: The Choctaw People

The above are titles of completed presentations, viewable at  
www.choctawnationculture.com
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Academic Background
Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Great Plains archaeology, Protohistoric/Contact Period, Colonialism, ceramics, foodways

Current Research
Plains-Puebloan relationships; ancestral Wichita villages in Oklahoma, indigenous responses to European colonialism

Presentation Topics:

1) Wichita archaeology

2) Ceramic technology

3) Ceramics analysis
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**Academic Background**  
Archaeology

**Areas of Interest**  
Trade, social complexity, conflict, Native American/European interaction

**Current Research**  
Field research at Bryson-Paddock and Longest sites on trade, Native American/European interaction, and conflict. Research on early Wichita social and political organization in central Kansas.

**Presentation Topics:**  
1) Mother Moon, Father Sun and the Little River Focus Council Circles of Central Kansas

2) Prehistoric Origins of Plains War Societies

3) Native Americans and European Contact 1540-1760
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Academic Background
Classics/Classical Archaeology

Areas of Interest
Mediterranean archaeology; classics & ancient history; material culture studies

Current Research
Roman pottery; ancient Iberia; surveillance archaeology; Mediterranean domestic architecture; colonialism and imperialism

Presentation Topics:
1) Roman surveillance systems

2) Ceramics analysis (specifically Mediterranean pottery but applicable to other areas)
Biological Anthropology

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Biological anthropology

Areas of Interest
Fatherhood; demography; evolution of human behavior

Current Research
paternity/nonpaternity; stepfathers; voluntary sterilization; diabetes; demography

Presentation Topics:
1) What’s sex got to do with it? Cross cultural perspectives on where babies come from

2) Who’s your daddy? Evolutionary perspectives on human fatherhood, and whether paternity matters

3) Why do men invest in children? Stepfathers, child support, and other evolutionary puzzles
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**Academic Background**  
Biological anthropology

**Areas of Interest**  
primate behavior, primate behavioral ecology, conservation, ecotourism

**Current Research**  
behavioral plasticity in orangutans in zoos and squirrel monkeys in Costa Rica, squirrel monkey conservation, teaching biology/anthropology through field courses

**Presentation Topics:**  
1) The biological anthropology of behavioral plasticity in nonhuman primates  
2) The basics of primatology and primate behavior  
3) Ecotourism, conservation and primates
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Academic Background
Molecular anthropology

Areas of Academic Interest
Microbiomes, parasitism, human-pathogen co evolution, bioinformatics

Current Research
Gene length variation project, the nasal microbiome and asthma state

Presentation Topics:
1) Zoonoses and Anthroponoses

2) Using specific bioinformatic tools to understand ancient microbiome states

3) Human, parasites, and health
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**Academic Background**
Bioarchaeology

**Areas of Interest**
Bioarchaeology, skeletal biology, paleopathology, archaeology/anthropology of disease, Caddoan archaeology

**Current Research**
Bioarchaeology of the Fourche Maline mounds of southeastern Oklahoma

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**Cultural Anthropology**

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*Academic Background*  
Sociocultural Anthropology

*Areas of Interest*  
Indigeneity in the Americas, Documentary Film, Anthropology of Energy

*Presentation Topics:*  
1) Indigeneity in the Americas  
2) Ethnographic Documentary Film  
3) Anthropology of Energy
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Cultural/Medical/Applied Anthropology

Areas of Academic Interest
Native North America

Current Research
Public Perspectives and Experience Regarding Genetic Ancestry Testing in Freedmen
and Tribal Communities in Oklahoma; Indigenous Health Disparities; Native
Christianity/Indian Baptist Mission Work in Oklahoma; Food Sovereignty Issues

Presentation Topics:
1) “Testing the Waters: Navigating Contested Ideas About DNA Ancestry Testing
   in Indigenous and Other Historically Exploited Communities.”

2) “Challenging Insignificance: Native-led Church Planting in Oklahoma.”

3)“To and From the Sorriest of Lands': Contests Over the Norman Dam Project in
   an Absentee Shawnee Community"
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**Academic Background**  
Sociocultural anthropology

**Areas of Interest**  
Identity, Race, Religion, Social and Critical Theory

**Current Research**  
Cultural, Language and Ethnic Identity in Oklahoma

**Presentation Topics:**  
1) Fieldwork

2) Race and Language Identity in Oklahoma

3) Resources available to non-traditional students
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Medical Anthropology

*Areas of Interest*  
Sexual health

*Current Research*  
Promoting biopsychosocial sexual health in the Southern Plains communities, biopsychosocial health in alternative sexualities communities

*Presentation Topics:*  
1) Ethnohistorical Sexualities
2) Alternative Sexualities
3) Medicalization of Sexualities
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Academic Background
Medical anthropology

Areas of Interest
Political economy of health, post-socialism, infectious disease, public health in failed and failing states

Current Research
Just completed a new book (*Gangster-States: Organized Crime, Kleptocracy, Collapse*) that re-examines the political economy of the immediate post-Soviet period (see attached cover from Palgrave—will be released in spring 2015). The next book will explore the relationship of this alternative model of political economy to outbreaks of emerging infectious disease. Example: the amplification of the Ebola outbreak in west Africa is a legacy of the civil war and state collapse of the 1990s.

Presentation Topics:
1) The evolution of infectious disease: where new diseases come from, and how they threaten public health

2) Environmental Health in Oklahoma History: Records from the Miner’s Health Clinic in Picher, Oklahoma

3) The Politics of Contraband in Early Twentieth Century Cuba: Gulf Coast Smuggling Cartels and Instability in the early Twentieth Century.

**Note: I will have very limited availability until Fall 2016**
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Academic Background
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Areas of Interest
Psychiatric Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Gerontology, Human-Animal
Interactions (anthrozoology)

Current Research
Dogs and Children on a Northern Plains Reservation, the Food Environment in a
Southcentral Plains Tribal Community

Presentation Topics:
1) Roaming dogs in the reservation context

2) Native elder mistreatment (abuse, neglect, financial exploitation)

3) Primary health care providers’ perspectives on mental health care in the rural
clinic setting
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Academic Background  
Cultural Anthropology PhD

Areas of Interest  
Anthropology of sport, active living, identity, migration, transnational communities, anthropology as humanistic philosophical system, gender and sexuality, Latin American ethnicity, American Indian ethnicity, Polish-American Ethnicity.

Current Research  
Ethnographic research on Latino migrant recreational fútbol leagues in Oklahoma City, OK

Presentation Topics:
1) “We wear Arsenal, but we are Deportivo Hidalgo:” Jerseys, Team Names, and Senses of Place in Latino Recreational Fútbol Leagues in Oklahoma City  
2) A Tradition Unlike Any Other: Latino Migrants and Fútbol  
3) Casa, Calle, and Fútbol: La Liga Latina y Americana in Oklahoma City
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Academic Background
Cultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest
intersectionality, racism, privilege, negotiated and contested identities (specifically masculinities), alternative identity, appropriated identity, German and Oglala cultures, ethnohistory, landscape and materiality of identity and appropriation, Myth and Memory, World’s Fairs (1893 and 1903), Colonization and contact, mediated identities

Current Research
Dissertation topic: Analysis of Der Indianer Discourses Past and Present – German fascination with Oglala culture; German men negotiating their masculinities based on a historical interpretation of Oglala gender; European imaginations of Oglala culture; appropriated masculinity

Secondary Project
Online discourse analysis of Disney fanatics – negotiated identities and alternative constructions of identity rooted in Disney discourses; maintained community boundaries; and landscape/materiality of a secular American pilgrimage destination (Walt Disney World)

Presentation Topics:
1) Racism/Privilege (specifically in Native American communities)
2) German fascination with Native American culture
3) Rez-ball (Native American basketball), Native American appropriation of Black American culture (thug” and “gangsta” rap/hip-hop)
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Academic Background
Cultural anthropology/linguistics

Areas of Interest
South Pacific, ethnohistory, sociolinguistics

Current Research:
1) Urban migration/Melanesia
2) Vanuatu culture and history
3) Austronesian naming systems
4) Pacific personhood

Presentation Topics:
1) Kava (Piper methysticum) and other traditional drug substances

2) Pacific War ethnohistory

3) Martin and Osa Johnson (early ethnographic/wildlife photographers from Kansas)
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Academic Background  
Cultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest  
Economic Anthropology, Africa, Ethiopia, Urban Youth, Capitalism, the Politics of Infrastructure, International Development, and Consumer Cultures

Current Research  
I have published a book titled Hope is Cut: Youth, Unemployment, and the Future in Urban Ethiopia that examines how youth in urban Ethiopia negotiate the gap between their aspirations for the future and economic realities. My current research examines the cultural and political dimensions of urban infrastructural development in Ethiopia, with a particular emphasis on roads and public transportation.

Presentation Topics:  
1) Urban Youth in Ethiopia

2) How Globalization Helps Us Understand Africa, and How Africa Helps Us Understand Globalization

3) The Importance of Culture for Understanding Economics and/or International Development
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Academic Background  
Sociocultural anthropology

Areas of Academic Interest  
Navajos, Global Pentecostalism, Anthropology of Religion, Expressive Culture

Current Research  
Same as above

Presentation Topics:  
1) Navajo Culture/Religious Change

2) Native American Expressive Culture (Folklore, Music, Poetry, Representation

3) Global Pentecostalism
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Academic Background
Sociocultural anthropology

Areas of Interest
Education, Latinos, action research, immigration, digital storytelling

Current Research
Undocumented youth activism

Presentation Topics:
1) Superheroes Among Us: What Undocumented Youth Can Teach Us About Rising Above Injustice
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Academic Background
Public Relations

Areas of Interest
PR/Journalism/Criminal Justice

Current Research
Cemetery Remediation

Presentation Topics:
1) Educational Outreach
2) Community Involvement
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Presentation Topics  
1) Muscogee Creek Traditions/Ceremonies  
2) Maintaining a balance in traditional ways while living in a non-traditional world
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Academic Background  
Sociocultural Anthropology, Anthropology of Education

Areas of Interest  
Latin American Studies; Ethnicity; Identity; Anthropology of Education; Higher Education; Ethnographic Methodology; Gender; Mexico/US Borderlands; Urban Anthropology; Transnationalism and Diaspora Studies

Current Research  
Academic Performance and Construction of “Success” Ideology among Hispanic College Students (Thesis Research)

Presentation Topics:  
1) Hispanic Students in Higher Education

2) Implications of “Illegality” for both migrants and citizens

3) “It’s not about Beauty!” Ethnic Beauty Pageants as Cultural Phenomena and Agency
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Academic Background  
Cultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest  
Psychological, medical, and education anthropology

Current Research  
Multiple projects focused on early childhood development in American Indian communities

Presentation Topics:  
1) Anthropology and early childhood intervention research  
2) Health disparities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities
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Academic Background  
Cultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest  
Religion, Contemporary Western Society, Psychological Anthropology, Entertainment,  
Culture of Mental Health, Medical Anthropology

Current Research  
Book on Dynamic psychotherapy in American Society

Presentation Topics:  
1) Entertainment in American Society  
2) Applied anthropology in Oklahoma  
3) The history and practice of dynamic psychotherapy
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Academic Background  
Sociocultural Anthropology

Areas of Interest  
Native North America, 20th Century, religion and art

Current Research:  
1) Publication (book) and exhibition, Osage Weddings: Giving While Keeping in collaboration with the Osage Tribal Museum.

2) Ethnobotany of Big Moon Peyotism- currently working on a range of purgatives associated with the traditional sweat lodge ceremony

Presentation Topics:  
1) Native American Religion in Oklahoma

2) Painting a New Battle Tipi- The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society

3) “That Oklahoma Style”: Material Culture, Art and Culture Change
Linguistics

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Academic Background
Master’s degree in English

Areas of Interest
Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history before statehood

Current Research
Chickasaw law enforcement in Indian Territory; How European writings affected
Chickasaw history

Presentation Topics:
1) The Green Corn Ceremony (Ancient Ceremony)

2) Would be interested in participating in anthropological studies on Chickasaw
language records from contact forward.

3) Would be interested in participating in anthropological studies on Chickasaw
language records from contact forward.
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Academic Background
Linguistic Anthropology

Areas of Interest
Language revitalization, language documentation and description, Chickasaw, Plains Apache, Native American language education

Current Research
Chickasaw learners’ speech, Plains Apache classificatory verbs, Native American languages in higher education

Presentation Topics:
1) Language Endangerment/Revitalization in North America

2) Language Endangerment/Revitalization in Oklahoma

3) Reawakening Sleeping Languages (revitalizing languages with no living speakers)
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Academic Background
Linguistic Anthropology

Areas of Interest
The poetics and politics of language

Current Research
Language and music; Ponca language renewal

Presentation Topics:
1) The Role of Music in Language Renewal

2) How culture is expressed in everyday language use

3) Why linguistic diversity matters in the modern world
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Academic Background
Linguistic Anthropology

Areas of Interest
Language revitalization

Current Research
Dissertation research on Chickasaw language attitudes and language revitalization

Presentation Topics:
1) The Chickasaw Language Survey: a collaborative project to investigate language attitudes in the Chickasaw Nation

2) Language Learning and Ideologies in Chickasaw Language Programs
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Academic Background
Linguistics

Areas of Interest
Endangered languages documentation, description, preservation, and revitalization;
Cariban languages

Current Research
Documentation and revitalization of Kari'nja (a Cariban language of Suriname)

Presentation Topics:
1) Community-collaborative linguistic fieldwork models
2) Endangered language revitalization
3) Linguistics of Cariban languages