

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Southern Maine, BA Art History, minor in Archaeology
University of Southern Maine, MA American and New England Studies.
Howard University, Ph.D. History, Major in US History, minor in African Diaspora
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie

Awards

Dean's List, University of Southern Maine: Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2008.
Art History Department Award for highest grade point average

Papers and Presentations

4 April 2009, "Urban Backyard Archaeology: Excavations at 171 Washington Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire" paper at New Hampshire Archaeological Society annual meeting.

17 April 2009, "Urban Backyard Archaeology: Excavations at 171 Washington Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire" poster presentation at Thinking Matters! Student Research Symposium, University of Southern Maine.

7 October 2011, "Peterborough: A 19th Century African American Community in Midcoast Maine" paper at Brandeis University's First steps: Preliminary Reports and New Projects of Graduate Students within the Greater New England Area for Massachusetts Archaeology Month.

27 April 2012, "A Sufficient Number': The African American Historic Community of Peterborough in Warren, Maine" poster presentation at Thinking Matters! Student Research Symposium, University of Southern Maine.

20 April 2013, "A Sufficient Number': The African American Historic Community of Peterborough in Warren, Maine," at the Conference on New England Archaeology, Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Andover, Massachusetts.

24 April 2014, "A Sufficient Number': The Historic African American Community of Peterborough in Warren, Maine," at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas.

Publications

"The Use of Material Culture and Recovering Black Maine," submitted for publication in *Material Culture Review*, November 2013. Currently in peer review process.

Archaeological Field Experience

171 Washington Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA. Under the direction of Nathan Hamilton, PhD, excavation of a 1766 colonial historic house.

Malaga Island, Casco Bay, Maine, USA. Under the direction of Nathan Hamilton, PhD. Excavation of a mixed-racial fishing station dating to the late nineteenth century.

Rebecca Nurse Homestead, Danvers, Massachusetts, USA. Excavation under Nathan Hamilton, PhD of a colonial home dating to the seventeenth century, with a prehistoric site dating to approximately 5,000 years before present.

Smuttynose Island, Isles of Shoals, Maine, USA. Excavation under Nathan Hamilton, PhD and Robin Hadlock-Seeley, PhD of a 400 year-old fishing station and 7,000 year-old prehistoric fishing occupation. Test units dug in preparation for a field school through the Shoals Marine Laboratory, Cornell University.

Various Cultural Resource Management projects throughout northern New England.

Master's Thesis

Titled "A Sufficient Number": The Historic African American Community of Peterborough in Warren, Maine," this thesis explores a relatively unknown community of African Americans living in a rural, coastal area of Maine from ca. 1790 to the 1950s. Using archaeological theory as well as social history, this thesis primarily focuses on the antebellum period of growth and development within the community, and explores the lack of understanding of communities of free African Americans outside of the institution of slavery.

Recent Employment

Teaching Associate

Howard University

August 2013-present

Supervisor: Dr. Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie

Phone: (202) 806-9363

Duties: Lecturer for "Introduction to Black Diaspora II." Also assist in researching for Dr. Kerr-Ritchie and assist with other classroom preparation.

Field Archaeologist

Power Engineers

July 2012-present (on per-contract temporary basis)

Supervisor: Stuart Eldridge

Phone: (207) 869-1200

Duties: Assisted with archaeological survey of part of northern Ohio for a proposed wind farm project. Used GPS to assist in collecting data from correct site areas, created database of loci that were surveyed, did visual Phase 1A survey of ground to determine potential archaeological and historical impact project. Also assisted with historic structure survey.

Archaeological Laboratory and Field Assistant, Graduate/Teaching Assistant

University of Southern Maine

Department of Geography-Anthropology

300 Bailey Hall, 37 College Avenue, Gorham, ME 04038

May 2008-August 2011

Supervisor: Nathan D. Hamilton

Phone: (207) 780-5049

Duties: Assisted on excavations throughout New England. Post-excavation work including washing, sorting, counting and cataloging artifacts into databases from sites throughout New England.

Teaching assistant for ANT 103 (Introduction to Archaeology) and ANT 306 (Archaeology Laboratory Analysis), as well as field supervisor for Shoals History Week class through Cornell University, August 2011 and 2012.

Osher Map Library

September 2010-May 2011

P.O. Box 9300

Portland, ME 04104

Supervisor: Roberta Ransley-Matteau

Phone: (207) 939-6613

Duties: Assisted cataloguer in accessioning rare, maps, books, ephemera. Entering new items into FileMaker database. Researched cartographic cartouches within collection and studied their connections to contemporary art history.

References

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