

Curriculum vitae
Melanie G. Cootsona

Education:

BA Barnard College of Columbia University, New York, New York
May 2017 Major in Anthropology, concentration in Archaeology
Thesis: *Animals in Pre-Columbian Pueblo Religion: Faunal Analysis of a Kiva from T'aitöna*

Graduate student University of California, Berkeley, California
August 2019-present Passed preliminary examinations April 2020

Teaching experience:

Spring 2021 & Fall 2020: Graduate Student Instructor, ANTH 2AC: Introduction to Archaeology (Christopher Lowman, Instructor), Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley

Spring 2019: Undergraduate Research Assistant Supervisor and General Manager, Bear Bones Zooarchaeological Laboratory (Jun Sunseri, PI), Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley

Summer 2018: Teaching Assistant and Crew Chief, Picuris Pueblo Collaborative Field School (Lindsay Montgomery, Instructor/CO-PI), University of Arizona, Taos, New Mexico

Research experience:

Archaeology field work:

Archaeologist, Northern California, Stantec Consulting

2020: Post-construction surveys and impact reporting, cultural resource trainings, and phase I surveys in Northern California (Plumas, Siskiyou, Shasta, and Butte counties)
2019: Monitoring for utility work, survey, mapping in Humboldt, Yolo, and San Mateo Counties, California
2018: Shovel probe testing, survey, monitoring of combination site dredging, and data recovery in Northeast California, and Western Nevada, various projects
2017: Monitoring of Native American and Gold-Rush-era Historic sites at Oroville Dam Emergency Spillway, Oroville, CA

Field Technician, Alameda County, Archaeological/Historical Consultants

2020: Mitigation excavation of burials and associated objects from utility trench with the direction of Lisjan Ohlone tribal members, Alameda, CA

Field Crew member, Gorge Field Project, Taos, New Mexico, Barnard College

2017: 2 months survey on Taos plateau and lead of excavation of a Spanish-era fortification

Undergraduate participant, Tivoli, Italy, Columbia University, Hadrian's Villa Field School

2015: Eight weeks excavations at 2nd century AC imperial villa outside of Rome, Italy

Research funding:

Barnard College of Columbia University Lucyle Hook Travel Grant – travel fellowship to support archival research in New Mexico. Winter 2016.

Barnard College of Columbia University Alumnae and Donor Sponsored Internship Grant for funding of individual summer research with scholar. Summer 2014.

Laboratory Experience:

University of California, Berkeley Department of Anthropology: Bear Bones Zooarchaeology Laboratory Manager, Spring 2020

Environmental Science Associates, Berkeley: Contract Faunal Analyst, Spring 2020

Barnard College of Columbia University, Department of Anthropology: Faunal Analyst, 2200-count assemblage analyzed from advisor's dissertation materials in support of the undergraduate thesis. Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Conference Presentations

2018 *Animals as Social Actor: A Case Study of a Pre-Colonial Northern Tiwa Structure*, paper presented in symposium "Ecologies of Northern New Mexico", 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, DC

2017 *The Animals of Pueblo Ritual: Faunal Analysis of a Kiva from Pot Creek Pueblo, NM*, poster presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC