# Gaea McGahee, M.A. | Anthropology – Archaeology - Education

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## Field and Laboratory Experience

October 2013

**Graffiti mitigation and conservation** of rock art sites in Capitol Reef National Park, Utah, under the direction of Jannie Loubser, Stratum Unlimited, LLC.

January 2013-March 2013

**Surveyor** - U. Penn, Yale, and NYU IFA Expedition to Abydos, Southern Egypt. GIS and archaeological survey in Abydos, Egypt, an ancient town and cemetery. Director, Dr. Mathew Adams, New York University Institute of Fine Arts.

September 2011-June 2012

Field Crew Member for Long-term Climate Change Study at eddy covariance tower sites in six New Mexico environmental zones, University of New Mexico, Biology Department, project director, Dr. Marcy Litvak.

Jan.-Mar. 2013, Dec. 2010-Feb. 2011, Dec. 2008-Jan. 2009, Oct. 2004-Feb. 2005

**Surveyor and Excavator** - GIS survey in Abydos, Egypt ancient town and cemetery site. Managed excavation at the Abydos North Cemetery site for the U. Penn, Yale, and NYU IFA Expedition to Abydos, Southern Egypt. Supervised crew of Egyptian excavators and worked directly with Egyptian foreman to conduct excavation. Working Arabic. Directors: Dr. Laurel Bestock, Brown University, and Dr. Mathew Adams, NYU IFA.

November 2005-April 2008, May-July 2003

Archaeological Field Technician and Illustrator - TRC Environmental, Cultural Resource Management Firm, El Paso, TX. Site monitoring, and recording on Fort Bliss Military Base, archaeological surveys, and testing, report editing, and artifact illustrating.

May-June 2004, 2001, 2000, 1999

**Crew Chief** - Joyce Well Site (1250-1300s Pueblo site) La Frontera Archaeological Program: responsible for transporting students in university vehicle, managing field site, and written field report. Animas, New Mexico, Director: Dr. William Walker (NMSU).

January-May 2001

Crew Chief/Graduate Assistant - Drove university vehicle from New Mexico to Belize. Oversaw excavation at the Saturday Creek Maya village site and surveyed Yalbac, a Maya site in dense secondary growth, Valley of Peace Archaeology Project, Belize, Central America. Director, Dr. Lisa Lucero (NMSU).

January-May 1999

**Lab analysis** of historical artifacts from the Herman Wertheim Site, NM and fauna remains from the Oliver Lee Site, NM, Director Dr. Edward Staski (NMSU).

May-July 1998

**Intern, Bureau of Land Management,** Las Cruces, New Mexico, surveyed and recorded archaeology on NM Public Lands with BLM Archaeologist, Tom Holcomb.

January-May 1998

**Crew Member** - Herman Wertheim Site, Doña Ana, New Mexico, Director Dr. Edward Staski (NMSU). Excavated and recorded historic Wertheim home and mercantile site.

### Teaching Experience

August 2003-July 2016, January 2017-present

**Adjunct Professor**, Doña Ana Community College, Arts and Humanities Department, Las Cruces, New Mexico - Anthropology courses: face-to-face, online, and teaching while abroad (Peru, Bolivia, Egypt, Turkey, Germany). Blackboard and Canvas certified.

October - December 2016

**Language Arts Teacher**, University of New Mexico, Taos - Adult Learning Center preparing students for High School Equivalency exam and/or achieving college placement. Teaching writing, reading, social studies, and science. Tracking student progress.

August 2003-July 2016

**Adjunct Professor**, Doña Ana Community College, Arts and Humanities Department, Las Cruces, New Mexico - Anthropology courses: face-to-face, online, and teaching while abroad (Peru, Bolivia, Egypt, Turkey, Germany). Blackboard and Canvas certified.

August 2013 - May 2015

**Adjunct Faculty**, University of New Mexico, Taos. Honors topic courses - Climate Change and Adaptation, Dawn of Human Consciousness, Climate Change in Prehistoric Southwest.

January 2008-May 2008

**College Instructor**, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM. Anthropology Courses. June 2002-August 2009

**Museum Educator**, New Mexico State University (NMSU) - university facility for the curation of Cultural Anthropology and Historic and Prehistoric Archaeology. Managed volunteers, created and maintained museum outreach curriculum, supervised undergraduate and graduate students, liaison for K-12 educators, community outreach.

May 2014, August - September 2013, and May-August 2010, 2009, 2007, 2005

Experiential Wilderness Educator, Cottonwood Gulch Foundation, Albuquerque, NM – Led southwestern expeditions in front and backcountry, supervised staff and students, taught wilderness ethic, cultural and natural history, and LNT principles. Initiated low-impact archaeology program with emphasis on cultural landscape stewardship. Instructed secondary level youth to identify cultural resources and facilitated experimental archaeology projects. Wilderness first aid courses, driving courses (standard ignition, four-wheel drive).

September 2002-November 2002

**Public Programs Coordinator**, NMSU Museum - developed museum children's corner (histroy, anthrpology, and archaeology), coordinated *work study* students, planned and led Family Workshops, managed volunteers, provided museum tours, managed supply budget.

September 2001-June 2002

**Educational Outreach Coordinator**, NMSU Museum - coordinated volunteers and "Museum-in-a-Bag" program - a curriculum lending program for local K-12 educators, topics: Native American Cultures, Prehistoric Southwestern Cultures, NM Geology.

#### Education

1999-2002 New Mexico State University

P.O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003

M.A., Anthropology

Parallel Lives: Re-interpreting the Life Histories of People and Parrots at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua,

Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, NMSU July 2002

1995-1999 New Mexico State University

B.A., Anthropology

1995 Nathan Hale-Ray High School, Moodus, Connecticut

#### Volunteer Work

August 2016 to present Volunteer at North Central Food Pantry, Questa, NM.

Summer 2016 Organizer local market, Questa, NM, Northern NM Growers and Makers Exchange.

Summer 2015 to present LEAP <u>www.leapsite.org</u>, Land, Experience and Art of Place

October 2013 Capitol Reef National Park, Utah. Rock art graffiti mitigation and conservation.
September 2009 Pisco sin Fronteras www.piscosinfronteras.org Pisco, Peru, San Miguel Mountain

Project: cleared land to rebuild home - 2007 earthquake recovery.

October 2009 Amizade Global Service Learning and Volunteer program www.amizade.org

Cochabamba, Bolivia: worked in Millennium Casa Cuña Orphanage.

August - November 2003 United States Forest Service, Gila National Forest, South Zone. Performed

prescribed burn cultural clearance with USF Archaeologists.

August 1998-2002 Volunteer for San Antonio Missions National Historic Park, San Antonio, Texas.

#### Additional Skills and Experience

- Professional development for online teaching Quality Matters Higher Education Rubric, June 2015
- The arts food fermentation (pickling, sourdough breads), monotype printmaking
- Farm work seasonal at Cerro Vista Farms, a Community Supported Agriculture project in Cerro, NM.
- Event Planning exhibit openings, receptions, and public lectures, barista at farmers market

- Computer Windows XP, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Publisher, PowerPoint
- Social Media blog <a href="http://gaeasnotebook.blogspot.com/">http://gaeasnotebook.blogspot.com/</a> and twitter <a href="https://twitter.com/GaeasNotes">https://twitter.com/GaeasNotes</a> Anthropology of resilience, a class blog <a href="https://twitter.com/https://twitter.com/GaeasNotes">https://twitter.com/GaeasNotes</a> Anthropology of resilience, a class blog <a href="https://twitter.com/https://twitte

## Foreign travel and work

Argentina Bolivia Guatemala Philippines Egypt Belize Mexico Peru Taiwan

#### References

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