

# JOEL W. PALKA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor  
Department of Anthropology (M/C 027),  
(and Latin American and Latino Studies Program)  
University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC)  
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Adjunct Curator, Anthropology  
The Field Museum, Chicago

### MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mesoamerica; Maya archaeology and ethnohistory; Maya hieroglyphs and art; complex societies; culture contact; culture change and evolution; social inequality; settlement patterns; historical archaeology, Latin American cultures and history

### EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University	PhD, Anthropology, 1995
Northern Illinois University	B.A., Anthropology, 1987

### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

National Geographic Society, research in Chiapas, Mexico, 2008-2009  
National Science Foundation, research in Guatemala/Mexico, 2005-2007  
National Endowment for the Humanities stipend, research in Guatemala, 2004  
National Geographic Society grant, research in Guatemala, 1998  
National Endowment for the Humanities stipend, research in Guatemala, 1998  
Foundation for Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, research in Guatemala 1996  
Sigma Xi grant, research in Guatemala, 1993  
Explorers Club grant, research in Guatemala, 1993  
Fulbright Scholarship/Grant, research in Guatemala, 1992  
Sigma Xi grant, research in Guatemala, 1991

### RESEARCH SUPPORT

Office of Social Science Research (OSSR), UIC, Archaeology in Guatemala/Mexico, 2005  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, UIC, Maya Hieroglyphic Photos/Research, 2002  
Office of Social Science Research (OSSR), UIC, Maya Hieroglyphic Photos/Research, 2001  
Grant in Aid of Research, Office of Research and Humanities Institute, UIC, 2000  
The Field Museum, collection research grants, 1996-1999  
Mellon Foundation Grant, Vanderbilt, Archaeobotanical Research, 1994  
Vanderbilt Dissertation Improvement Grant, research in Guatemala, 1994  
Vanderbilt Mellon Foundation grant, research in Guatemala, 1992

#### BOOKS/MONOGRAPHS

- 2005        Unconquered Lacandon Maya: Ethnohistory and Archaeology of Indigenous Culture Change, University Press of Florida.
- 2000        Historical Dictionary of Ancient Mesoamerica. Scarecrow Press.
- In prep.        Classic Maya Social Inequality and the Collapse at Dos Pilas, Peten, Guatemala.  
Vanderbilt University Press, Mesoamerican Archaeology Series.
- 1995        Classic Maya Social Inequality and the Collapse at Dos Pilas, Guatemala. PhD dissertation, Vanderbilt University.

#### ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS(peer review)

- In press        "Agency and Worldview of the Unconquered Lacandon Maya." In Maya Worldview at the Conquest, edited by Leslie Cecil and Timothy Pugh, Chap. 14. University Press of Colorado.
- 2005        "Post-Colonial Conquest of the Southern Maya Lowlands and Lacandon Culture Change." The Postclassic to Spanish Era Transition in Mesoamerica, edited by Rani Alexander and Susan Kepecs, pp. 183-202. University of New Mexico.
- 2005        "Rock Paintings and Lacandon Maya Sacred Landscapes." Journal of the Precolumbian Art Research Institute 5(3):1-7.
- 2003        "Social Rank and Differential Processes of Abandonment at the Classic Maya Site of Dos Pilas, Peten, Guatemala." In Abandonment of Centers and Villages in Precolumbian Middle

America, ed. by Takeshi Inomata and Ron Webb, 121-133. University of Utah Press.

- 2003 "Monument to a Matriarch: A Classic Maya Stela at the Art Institute of Chicago" (with Jeff Buechler). Mesoamerican Voices 1:41-64.
- 2002 "Left/Right Symbolism and the Body in Ancient Maya Iconography and Culture." Latin American Antiquity, 13(4):419-443.
- 2001 "A Classic Maya Carved Shell from Tula, Mexico: A Comparative Study" (with Don McVicker). Ancient Mesoamerica 12(2):175-197.
- 1999 "Classic Maya Parentage and Social Structure with Insights on Ancient Gender Ideology." For From the Ground Up: Beyond Gender Theory in Archaeology, edited by Nancy Wicker and Bettina Arnold, 41-48 . Oxford: BAR International.
- 1999 "Organización socio-política de los Mayas", In La Historia General de Guatemala, Vol. 1, 515-528. Guatemala: Fundación de Cultura y Desarrollo.
- 1998 "Lacandon Maya Culture Change and Survival in the Frontier of Expanding Guatemalan and Mexican States." In Studies in Culture Contact: Interaction, Culture Change and Archaeology. Ed. by James Cusick, 457-475. SIU Press.
- 1997 "Reconstructing Maya Social Organization and the Collapse at Dos Pilas, Guatemala." Article for a special section on Maya archaeology in Ancient Mesoamerica 8 (2): 293-306.
- 1997 "Defensive Systems, Warfare, and the Maya Collapse in the Petexbatun Region." Article in special section on Maya archaeology in Ancient Mesoamerica 8 (2):229-253 (with Arthur Demarest, Takeshi Inomata, et al.).
- 1996 "Sociopolitical Implications of a New Emblem Glyph and Place Name in Classic Maya Inscriptions" (Latin American Antiquity 7(3):211-227.

1992 "The Hieroglyphic Stairway and Its Ancestors: Investigations of Copán Structure 10L-26" (with William Fash, Richard Williamson, and Carlos Rudy Larios). Ancient Mesoamerica 3 (1):105-115.

REPORTS/ ARTICLES/ BOOK CHAPTERS (non-peer review)

2007 "Archaeology as a Discipline: Ethnohistory." In the Encyclopedia of Archaeology, section 103, edited by D. Pearsall. Academic Press.

2005 "Arte rupestre indígena y lugares sagrados Mayas Lacandones en las Tierras Bajas de Chiapas. Bolom 2:27-40.

2001 "Comment: Ancient Maya Defensive Barricades, Warfare, and Site Abandonment" Latin American Antiquity 12(4):427-430.

2001 "Una Concha Maya Grabada de Tula, Mexico" (with Don McVicker), Utz'ib, 2(10):5-15.

1998 "Seeing Aztec History and Culture." Review essay on The Essential Codex Mendoza, Visual Anthropology 11:243-248.

1997 "Desarrollo, Interacción y Cambios Culturales en las Comunidades y Sistemas Agrícolas de los Lacandones de El Peten del Siglo XIX." X Simposio de Arqueología de Guatemala, 563-572. Guatemala: Ministerio de Cultura.

1993 "Resultados de Excavaciones en Unidades Residenciales de Dos Pilas." VI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 159-178. Guatemala: Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia.

1992 "Sitios Lacandones Yucatecos en la Región del Río Pasión, Petén, Guatemala" (with Nora López). U'tzib 1 (3):1-12. Guatemala: Asociacion Tikal.

1992 "Patrones Residenciales en la Comunidad de Dos Pilas: Una Capital Politico-Militar de la Zona Petexbatún" (with Héctor Escobedo and Oswaldo Chinchilla). In V Simposio de

Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 173-184.  
Guatemala: Ministerio de Cultura.

- 1992 "Pedernales y Obsidianas Excéntricas en Tres Escondites Rituales de Dos Pilas" (with Héctor Escobedo). In IV Simposio de Arqueología Guatemalteca, 143-152. Guatemala: Ministerio de Cultura.
- 1992 "Excavaciones en Grupos Residenciales de Dos Pilas" (with Takeshi Inomata, Teresa Robles, Stacey Symonds, and Lori Wright). In IV Simposio de Arqueología Guatemalteca, 141-142. Guatemala: Ministerio de Cultura.

#### BOOK REVIEWS/ MISC. PUBLICATIONS

- 2007 Review of Copan: The History of an Ancient Maya Kingdom.  
Current Anthropology.
- 2005 Review of The Terminal Classic in the Maya Lowlands: Collapse, Transition, and Transformation. Edited by Arthur Demarest, Prudence Rice, and Don Rice. For The Americas 61(4):706-707.
- 2000 Review of The Lords of Tikal by Peter Harrison. For Latin American Antiquity 11 (1):99-101.
- 1999 Review of Cycles of the Sun, Mysteries of the Moon: the Calendar in Mesoamerican Civilization by Vincent Malmstrom. For Ethnohistory 46 (1):177-178.
- 1989 Review of La Introducción a la Arqueología de Copán. In Mesoamerica, Vol. 18. Antigua, Guatemala: CIRMA.

#### RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2007 "Resultados del Proyecto Maya Historico en Mensabak, Chiapas."  
Report for the  
Institute of  
Anthropology and History, Mexico City.
- 1999 "Lacandon Archaeological Project: Report of the 1998 Field Season." Report to the National Geographic Society.

- 1997 Proyecto Arqueológico Lacandón: Las Investigaciones Arqueológicas de 1996 en El Petén, Guatemala. Report to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia de Guatemala.
- 1996 "The Final Conquest: Contact and Lacandon Maya Culture Change in Post-Colonial Peten, Guatemala." Report to the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies.
- 1992 El Proyecto Arqueológico Regional Petexbatún: Informe Preliminar #4, (edited with Arthur Demarest, Héctor Escobedo, and Takeshi Inomata). Vanderbilt University.
- 1992 "Introducción y Conclusión: Excavaciones en Dos Pilas." In El Proyecto Arqueológico Regional Petexbatún: Informe #4. Arthur Demarest et al, editor. Vanderbilt University.
- 1992 "Op. DP37: Excavaciones en el Gr. O5- 2" (with Fernando Moscoso). In El Proyecto Arqueológico Regional Petexbatún: Informe #4. Arthur Demarest et al, editors. Vanderbilt University.
- 1991 "Op. 32A: Un Posible Contexto Post-Colapso." In El Proyecto Arqueológico Regional Petexbatún: Informe #3, Arthur Demarest et al, editors. Vanderbilt University.
- 1991 "El Patrón de Asentamiento de Dos Pilas." In El Proyecto Arqueológico Regional Petexbatún: Informe #3, Arthur Demarest et al, editors. Vanderbilt University
- 1990 "Op. DP15: Excavaciones en el Gr. K4-1." In El Proyecto Arqueológico Regional Petexbatún: Informe #2. Arthur Demarest and Stephen Houston, eds. Vanderbilt.
- 1989 "Op. 2: Excavaciones en la Plaza Central, Dos Pilas." In El Proyecto Arqueológico Regional Petexbatún: Informe #1. Arthur Demarest and Stephen Houston, editors. Vanderbilt University.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS (conference/academic)

- 2008 "Long Term Culture Change of the Lacandon Maya." Culture Change and Historical Archaeology in Mesoamerica, SAA Annual Meeting, Vancouver; organizers: Rani Alexander/Susan Kepecs.
- 2006 "Changes in Historic Lacandon Maya Social and Economic Life (1775-1975)." In the SAA session "Long Term Change and Continuities in Post-Conquest Mesoamerican Societies." SAA Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2006 "Lacandon Maya Demographic Upheaval (Was Disease the Culprit?)." Midwest Mesoamericanist Meeting, Beloit College/Logan Museum.
- 2005 "Lacandon Maya Perceptions of Ancient Maya Ruins." In "The Past in Mesoamerican Societies," organized by Kam Manahan and Byron Hammon. American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.
- 2005 "The Causes of Lacandon Maya Demographic Change in the Nineteenth Century" In "Post Colonial Mesoamerican Cultures," organized by Janine Gasco and Rani Alexander. American Society for Ethnohistory, Santa Fe.
- 2005 "Rock Art in Chiapas, Mexico, and Lacandon Maya Sacred Landscapes." Midwest Mesoamericanist Meetings, Bloomington, IN.
- 2004 "Lacandon Maya World View in the Second Conquest of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century." In the Session "Maya World View at the Conquest" organized by Tim Pugh and Leslie Cecial, Society of American Archaeology, Montreal.
- 2002 "Maya Use of *Kakaw* and the Social Life of Chocolate." The Field Museum.  
For the exhibit "Chocolate!"
- 2002 "Culture Contact and Lacandon Maya Culture Change in the Rainforests of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Peten, Guatemala." Society of Historical Archaeology, Mobile, Alabama (organized session "Historical Archaeology of the Maya World" by Olivia Ng).

- 2001 "Peten the Final Frontier: Archaeology of the 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Lacandon Maya and the Post-Colonial Conquest of the Rainforests of Northern Guatemala." Society for American Archaeology Meetings, New Orleans (organized session).
- 2000 "Southpaws and Derechistas in Classic Maya Society: Evidence for Dual Symbolic Classification in Ancient Mesoamerica." For Midwest Mesoamericanist Meetings, Univ. of Illinois-Urbana, March 2000.
- 1999 "Final Conquest of the Maya Lowlands and Lacandon Adaptation and Survival in Nineteenth-Century Guatemala." Meetings of the American Anthropological Society, Chicago (organized session).
- 1999 "Maya Political Organization from Written Texts." For the annual meetings of the Society of American Archaeology, Chicago; Workshop on Maya Hieroglyphs (invited).
- 1999 "Nineteenth-Century Maya Settlements and Archaeology at Tikal, Guatemala," (with Hattula Moholy-Nagy). For the Midwest Mesoamericanist Meetings, University of Illinois-Chicago, organized by Joel Palka, Ellen Baird, and Virginia Miller.
- 1998 "Classic Maya Marriage Alliances and Male-Female Site Transference: Evidence from Hieroglyphic Texts." Gender and Archaeology Conference, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (invited).
- 1998 "Differential Processes of Site Abandonment Through Social Rank and Status at the Classic Maya Site of Dos Pilas, Peten, Guatemala." Society of American Archaeologists, Seattle (organized session).
- 1997 "Ancient Maya Painted Pottery and Hieroglyphs: Implications for Social and Political Structure." Archaeology Institute of America, Milwaukee (invited).

- 1997 "Classic Maya Art and Social Structure." Chicago Primitive Art Society, Field Museum (invited).
- 1997 "La Conquista Final: Historical Archaeology of Culture Contact and Lacandon Maya Culture Change in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Guatemala." Midwest Mesoamericanist Meetings, University of Michigan.
- 1996 "Classic Maya Hieroglyphic Writing and Ancient Political Structure." Northwestern University Anthropology Colloquia (invited).
- 1996 "New Insights on Classic Maya Socio-political Organization from Hieroglyphic Texts." Meeting of the Midwestern Mesoamericanists. Univ. of Wisc.-Madison.
- 1996 "Arqueologia y cambio cultural de los Lacandones." Guatemala City. Symposium in Guatemalan Archaeology, National Museum of Guatemala.
- 1996 "Fine Ceramics in Burials at Dos Pilas, Guatemala, and the Implications for Ancient Maya Social Organization." For the Society of American Archaeology meeting, New Orleans.
- 1996 "Archaeology and Classic Maya Religion." Invited speaker of Social Sciences, Western Kentucky University.
- 1995 "Maya Social Inequality and Transformation at Dos Pilas, Peten, Guatemala." Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. (organized session).
- 1995 "Historical Archaeology and Culture Change of the Lacandon Maya of Guatemala." Society for American Archaeology, Minneapolis MN.
- 1995 "Lacandon Maya Culture Change and Survival in the Frontier of Expanding Guatemalan and Mexican States." For the session: Studies in Culture Contact: Interaction, Culture Change and Archaeology. 12th CAI Visiting Scholar's Conference, Southern Illinois University.

- 1994 "Domestic Architecture, Artifacts, and Maya Social Inequality at Dos Pilas, Guatemala." Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta (organized session).
- 1993 "Changes in Settlements and Culture of the Nineteenth-Century Lacandón Maya." Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Bloomington, IN.
- 1992 "Los Resultados de las Excavaciones de Dos Pilas de la Temporada de 1992." VI Simposio de Arqueología Guatemalteca. Guatemala City.
- 1991 "Settlement Pattern Excavations at Dos Pilas, Guatemala." 47th International Congress of Americanists. New Orleans (organized session).
- 1991 "Los Patrones de Asentamiento y Excavaciones en Dos Pilas." V Simposio de Arqueología Guatemalteca. Guatemala City.

#### **PUBLIC TALKS**

- 2007 "Recent Discoveries in Maya Archaeology." Mexican Tourism Board, Navy Pier.
- 2005 "Archaeology of the Nineteenth-Century Lacandon Maya." South Suburban Archaeology Society, Chicago.
- 2005 "Unconquered Lacandon Maya." Mexican Fine Arts Museum, Chicago. Lectures in the Lectures in the Community Series (UIC, LALS).
- 2005 "Los Lacandones de Peten, Guatemala." St. Augustine College, Chicago. Lectures in the Community Series (UIC, LALS).
- 2004 "Historical Archaeology of Lacandon Maya Culture Change." Chicago Archaeological Society.
- 2002 "Chocolate and the Ancient Maya." Lunch and Learn Program for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers, Milwaukee Public Museum.
- 2002 "The Lacandon Maya: Culture Contact and Culture Change." Public Symposium

on Ancient Mesoamerica, Burpee Museum, Rockford IL.

- 2001 "The Maya Collapse at the Ancient Site of Dos Pilas, Guatemala." South Suburban Anthropological Association.
- 2000 "Archaeology at the Maya Site of Dos Pilas, Guatemala." Chicago Archaeological Society.
- 1998 "Ancient Maya Archaeology." Whittier Primary School, Oak Park IL.
- 1997 "New Insights on Ancient Maya Pottery from Dos Pilas, Guatemala." Archaeological Institute of America, Milwaukee chapter.
- 1996 "Excavaciones en el Sitio Maya de Dos Pilas, Guatemala." Tikal Association, Guatemala City.
- 1996 "Arqueologia Taina." Boy Scouts, San Juan chapter, Puerto Rico.

#### INTERNSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellowship Intern in Historical Archaeology, The Hermitage, Nashville, TN, 1994  
Vanderbilt University Graduate Student T.A. Fellowship, 1988-1995

#### ACADEMIC HONORS

The Academy of Geography and History of Guatemala (elected member 2006)  
UIC Humanities Institute Scholar 2000-2001  
Fulbright Scholar, USIS/Guatemala 1992  
Summa Cum Laude, Northern Illinois University (NIU), 1987  
Honors in Anthropology, N.I.U., 1987  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, N.I.U., 1987  
Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology, N.I.U., 1987  
Dean's Award in Anthropology, N.I.U., 1987  
Dean's List, N.I.U., 1985-1987

#### FELLOWSHIPS

Institute for the Humanities Fellowship (UIC), writing sabbatical, 2000-2001

#### EDITOR

Mesoamerican Voices (2002-present). Journal of the Chicago Maya Society (peer-review).

## RESEARCH

2004-present Director of Survey and Archaeological Project examining unconquered historic Maya present in the lowland rainforest of Guatemala and Chiapas.

2001-present Director/Organizer of the Web based "Maya Monument and Hieroglyphic Text present Photographic Archive and Research." Based at UIC Maya Archaeology Lab.

1993-2003 Director of Lacandón Maya Ethnohistoric and Historical Archaeology Project, Guatemala. Design and direct research on cross-cultural contact situations and indigenous culture change.

1996 Co-director of Mississippian household archaeology, Traveler's Rest, TN (with Dr. Kevin Smith).

1995 Conducted field research in historic Germantown in Nashville with archaeologist/director Jennifer Bartlett

1994 Archaeologist/Supervisor; The Hermitage, Nashville TN, Historical archaeology of slave cabins at A. Jackson's plantation which examines Afro-American culture change before and after emancipation (Director: Larry McKee).

1993 Archaeologist; State of Tennessee Project. Volunteer for rescue archaeology in a large Mississippian site; Dr. Kevin Smith, director.

1991-1992 Director of Settlement Pattern Studies, Dos Pilas, Guatemala. Devised and directed research and excavation strategy for Dos Pilas Project. Study of Classic Maya Collapse and Socio-economic status. Designed analysis of artifacts. Petexbatún Regional Project; Dr. Arthur Demarest, project director.

1990-1991 Field Director of Excavations at Dos Pilas, Guatemala. Plan, direct, and supervise excavations at the site. Research on Classic Maya Households. Petexbatún Regional Project; Dr. Arthur Demarest, director.

- 1989-1990 Archaeologist and Researcher, Dos Pilas, Guatemala. Supervised excavations at Classic Maya site. Studied Classic Maya households and post-collapse occupation. Petexbatún Regional Project; Dr. Arthur Demarest, project director.
- 1990 Archaeologist, Tennessee Dept. of Conservation. Excavation in village of Late Mississippian Culture. Tennessee Conservation Archaeology. Nick Fielder, John Broster, and Steve Spears, directors.
- 1988-1989 Archaeologist and Researcher, Copán, Honduras. Directed excavations in monumental architecture in study of culture history of Classic Period elites. Copán Acropolis Project, Dr. William Fash, director.

1986-1988 Excavation Supervisor, Copán, Honduras. Supervision of excavations in monumental architecture for research on Maya sculpture and warfare. Copán Mosaics Project, Dr. William Fash, director.

### **MUSEUM CONSULTATION**

Chocolate Exhibit; The Field Museum (1998-2001)

Hall of the Americas Exhibit; The Field Museum (2002-present)

### **COURSES**

Ethnoarchaeology (graduate)

Latin America in a World Context (undergraduate)

Ancient Civilizations of Mesoamerica (undergraduate)

Art of the Ancient Americas (undergraduate)

Settlement, Trade, and Urbanism: (graduate and undergraduate)

Ethnography of Mesoamerica (undergraduate)

Rise and Fall of the Classic Maya (graduate and undergraduate seminar)

Maya Hieroglyphic Writing, Language, and Culture (graduate and undergraduate seminar)

Aztec Culture and Language (graduate/undergraduate seminar)

Latin America in a World Context (undergraduate)

Maya Ethnography (graduate and undergraduate seminar)

Core Course in Archaeological Theory and Methods (graduate core)

Culture Contact and Indigenous Culture Change in Latin America (graduate/undergraduate)

### **TEACHING AWARDS**

Nominated for UIC Silver Circle Award (2004)

Nominated for UIC Flame Teaching Recognition Award (2004)

### **ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL INSTRUCTION**

Vanderbilt University Archaeology Field School, Mississippian Indian Village, Nashville, TN; 1996

Germantown, Nashville TN: -Instructed undergraduates in archaeological methods and theory in field research; Vanderbilt University (1995)

Dos Pilas, Guatemala: -Vanderbilt University; assisted Prof. Arthur Demarest and Dr. Juan Antonio Valdez (University of San Carlos, Guatemala) with students learning excavation techniques, settlement pattern studies, and Maya archaeology (1991-1992).

Copán, Honduras: -Northern Illinois University; assisted Prof. William Fash in courses on excavation techniques and Maya art and archaeology (1987-1988).

The Hermitage, Nashville TN: -Supervisor and instruction of interns in excavations of slave cabin; Dr. Larry McKee, Director, Hermitage Archaeology Program

#### POSITIONS HELD

2008-present Director of Undergraduate Studies, Anthropology, UIC  
2005-present Associate Professor, Anthropology and Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois-Chicago  
1999-present Adjunct Curator, Anthropology, The Field Museum  
1999-2005 Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Latin American and Latino Studies (UIC)  
1996-1999 Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Latin American Studies, University of Illinois-Chicago  
1996-1999 Research Associate, Anthropology, The Field Museum  
1995-1996 Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Vanderbilt University

#### LANGUAGES

Spanish: Fluent  
Lacandon Yucatec Maya: Working knowledge

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society for American Archaeology  
American Society for Ethnohistory  
Chicago Maya Society (faculty advisor)

#### COMMITTEES/ PANELS

2006-2009 Committee on the Americas, Society for American Archaeology  
2005-2008 Faculty Senate (UIC)  
2005-2008 Educational Policy Committee (UIC)  
2004-2006 Campus Research Board Committee (UIC)  
2001-2004 Graduate Awards Committee (UIC)  
1999 Panel for National Endowment of Humanities Summer Research Stipends.  
1999-2001 Student Paper Award Committee, Society for American Archaeology  
1999-present Panel for UIC Graduate Student Fulbright Scholarship Candidates

1999-present PhD Committee chair, UIC anthropology (Rosa Cabrera;  
Andrew Wyatt)

GRADUATE ADVISING

Dissertation Chair: 3 students

Dissertation Committee: 8 students