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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

2006 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana-­‐Champaign.

2002 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana-­‐Champaign.

1997 B.A. in Anthropology, University of Oklahoma, Norman. Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Native American ethnohistory and ontology, Ancient Religion, Pilgrimage, Violence, Gender, Sexuality, Landscapes, Community formation, Mississippians societies, pottery analysis, Geographical Information Systems, Geophysics.

**APPOINTMENT HISTORY**

2020-2024 Direction of Native American and Indigenous Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington

2020- Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington

2012-2020 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington.

2013- Faculty Curator, Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology.

2006-12 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University, Bloomington.

2005-2006 Archaeological Consultant, Burns and McDonnell, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.

1999-2005 Graduate Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois.

1996-1999 National Science Foundation, Graduate Student Fellow, University of Illinois.

**GRANTS**

**External:**

Submitted National Science Foundation. DISES: Hydrocultural Urbanism and the Medieval Climatic Optimum (800-1300 CE) in the Mississippi Valley PIs: Timothy R. Pauketat, Michael J.

Aiuvalasit, Samuel Munoz, Edward R. Cook, Susan M. Alt $1,460,053.00**.**

2014-17 John Templeton Foundation grant 51485, “The Foundations of Ancient American Indian Religion and Civilization at Cahokia’s Emerald Acropolis,” T. Pauketat and S. Alt, PIs ($336,557).

2014-17 National Endowment for the Humanities grant RZ-517699-14, “Cahokia’s Richland Farmers: Agricultural Expansion, Immigration, Ritual, and the Foundations of Mississippian Civilization,” T. Pauketat, S. Alt, T. Emerson, and L. Kozuch, PIs ($301,745).

2012-14 Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs program, The Historical Society, Boston (funded by the John Templeton Foundation), “Cahokian Religion, the Emerald Pilgrimage Center, and Cultural Innovation,” S. Alt and T. Pauketat, PIs ($180,000).

2011 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Research grant, “Warfare and the Materialization of Daily Life at the Mississippian Common Field Site, S. Alt and M. Buchanan ($15,325).

2010-13 National Science Foundation grant, “Using Ancient DNA to understand the Relationship Between Human Biology and Cultural Practices in the Late Woodland and Mississippian Time Periods (AD 900-1200) in North America,” F. Kaestle, D. Cook and S. Alt, PIs) ($124,144).

2009 Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Historic Preservation grant, “Investigating Two Yankeetown Sites in Southern Indiana,” ($35,392).

2001 Cahokia Mounds Society Grant for Excavations at the Grossmann Site ($10,000).

2000 Cahokia Mounds Society Grant for radiocarbon dates of upland Mississippian sites ($5000).

1998-01 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

**Internal:**

2019 Faculty Research Support Program: From Weeping Hills to Hidden Caves: Exploring Cahokia’s Vibrant Landscapes ($31,377).

2010 Collaborative Research and Creative Activity Grant, Center for Archaeology in the Public Interest and Public Education, Indiana University ($9,970).

2008 Faculty Research Support Program, Indiana University ($56,958).

2007 Faculty Summer Research Support Grant, Indiana University ($8,000).

2004 University of Illinois Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

2004 University of Illinois Graduate College Fellowship.

1999 University of Illinois Conference Travel Grant.

1998 Graduate Student Summer Research Assistance Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois.

1997 University of Illinois Fellowship for Graduate Study.

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

2018 Amerind Short Seminar Award, for the seminar New Materialisms and Ancient Urbanism, Dragoon, Arizona Feb 2-4th, 2018.

2017 Indiana University Trustee Teaching Award.

2017 School of Advanced Research Short Seminar Award for the seminar Religion and the Ancient City, Santa Fe New Mexico, March 2-5th, 2017.

2015 Indiana University Trustee Teaching Award.

2015 Invited Panelist for 22nd ICHS Longshan Satellite Conference, Jinan China.

2014 Summer Instructional Development Fellowship, Indiana University, $8,000

2012 Visiting Scholar, Amerind Foundation, Dragoon Arizona.

2010 Indiana University Trustee Teaching Award.

2008 Visiting Scholar, School of Advanced Research, Santa Fe New Mexico.

2007 Amerind Foundation Outstanding Symposium Finalist at the Annual SAA Conference (session organizer).

2002 Charles J. Bareis Award in Illinois Archaeology, University of Illinois.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books:**

2019 *New Materialisms and Ancient Urbanisms*(S. Alt and T. Pauketat editors), Routledge, London.

2018*Cahokia’s Complexities:* *Ceremonies and Politics among the First Mississippian Farmers* (S. Alt)*.* University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

2015 *Medieval Mississippians: The Cahokian World* (T. Pauketat and S. Alt, editors). School of American Research Press, Santa Fe.

2010 *Ancient Complexities: New Perspectives in Pre-Columbian North America* (S. Alt, editor)*.* University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

**Journal Articles:**

2021. Comments on Composing Complexity in the Eastern Woodlands. *Current Anthropology.*

2020. Finding Archaeological Relevance during a Pandemic and What Comes After. *American Antiquity* 86: 2-22 [Lynn H. Gamble](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Lynn%20H.%20Gamble&eventCode=SE-AU), [Cheryl Claassen](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Cheryl%20Claassen&eventCode=SE-AU), [Jelmer W. Eerkens](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Jelmer%20W.%20Eerkens&eventCode=SE-AU), [Douglas J. Kennett](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Douglas%20J.%20Kennett&eventCode=SE-AU), [Patricia M. Lambert](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Patricia%20M.%20Lambert&eventCode=SE-AU), [Matthew J. Liebmann](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Matthew%20J.%20Liebmann&eventCode=SE-AU), [Natasha Lyons](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Natasha%20Lyons&eventCode=SE-AU), [Barbara J. Mills](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Barbara%20J.%20Mills&eventCode=SE-AU), [Christopher B. Rodning](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Christopher%20B.%20Rodning&eventCode=SE-AU), [Tsim D. Schneider](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Tsim%20D.%20Schneider&eventCode=SE-AU), [Stephen W. Silliman](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Stephen%20W.%20Silliman&eventCode=SE-AU), [Susan M. Alt](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Susan%20M.%20Alt&eventCode=SE-AU), [Douglas Bamforth](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Douglas%20Bamforth&eventCode=SE-AU), [Kelley Hays-Gilpin](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Kelley%20Hays-Gilpin&eventCode=SE-AU), [Anna Marie Prentiss](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Anna%20Marie%20Prentiss&eventCode=SE-AU), [Torben C. Rick](file:////core/search%3ffilters%255BauthorTerms%255D=Torben%20C.%20Rick&eventCode=SE-AU)

2020. Interrogating Diaspora and Movement in the Greater Cahokian World. (Emerson, T. E. K Hedman, T. K. Brennan, A. Betzenhauser, S. M. Alt, T.R. Pauketat. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 27: 54-71.

2020 Archaeological Investigations on the Emerald Avenue, a Processional Avenue in the Greater Cahokia Region *Journal of Field Archaeology* 45: 372-393 *(*Skousen, Jacob, T.Larson. E.Watts-Malouchos, J.D. Kruchten, R.M. Barzilai, S.M. Alt; T.R. Pauketat).

2017 Shrines Near Cahokia (S. Alt and T. Pauketat). *Illinois Archaeology* (Special Issue “Cahokia and Beyond: Essays in Honor of Thomas Emerson”) edited by J. Walthall and D. Nolan) 29: 1-26.

# 2017 The Emerald Acropolis: Elevating The Moon and Water in the Rise Of Cahokia (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). *Antiquity* 91:207-222.

2016 The Emerald Site of Greater Cahokia (R. Barzilai, T. Pauketat, S. Alt, and J. Kruchten). *The Cahokian*: Winter:4-7.

2013 A Mississippian Conflagration and Its Political-­‐‐Historical Implications (T. Pauketat, A. Fortier, S. Alt, and T. Emerson). *Journal of Field Archaeology* 38:210-­‐226.

2011 Compound Problems in Mississippian Archaeology (S. Alt and T. Pauketat). *Illinois Archaeology* 22:379-396 (Special issue in honor of John Walthall).

2011 Looking for Yankeetown in Posey County (S. Alt, M. Buchanan, and E. Watts). *Journal of Indiana Archaeology* 6 (1):12-23.

2011 Why Wall Trenches? (S. Alt and T. Pauketat). *Southeastern Archaeology* 30:108-122.

2010 The Construction and Use of Cahokia’s Grand Plaza (S. Alt, J. Kruchten, and T. Pauketat). *Journal of Field Archaeology* 35:131-146.

2006 Some Problems Detecting Mississippian Farmsteads in Southwestern Illinois (T. Pauketat, S. Alt, and J. Pauketat). *Illinois Archaeology* 17:154-167.

2005 Agency in a Postmold? Physicality and the Archaeology of Culture Making (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 12(3):213-236.

2004 The Making and Meaning of a Mississippian Axe Head Cache (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). *Antiquity* 78:779-797.

2002 Identities, Traditions and Diversity in Cahokia’s Uplands. *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* 27:217-236.

1999 Spindle Whorls and Fiber Production at Early Cahokian Settlements. *Southeastern Archaeology* 18:124-134.

1996 Epiphyseal Fusion Rates of Bison *antiquus* (L. Bement and S. Basmajian [Alt]). *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 13:95-97.

**Book Chapters:**

2021. Cahokia after Dark: Affect, Water and The Moon.*In**After Dark: The Nocturnal Urban. Landscape & Lightscape of Ancient Cities* edited by Gonlin ,Nan and Meghan Strong. University of Colorado Press.

2020 Histories of Cahokian Assemblages in *The Historical Turn in Southeastern Archaeology*, edited by Etheridge, Robbie and Eric Bowne, pp 61-81. University of Florida Press.

2020 The Implications of the Religious Foundations of Cahokia. In *Cahokian Context: Hegemony and Diaspora,* edited by Charles McNutt, pp 32-48. University Press of Florida.

2019 From Weeping Hills to Lost Caves a Search for Vibrant Matter in Greater Cahokia. In *New Materialisms Ancient Urbanisms* Ed by Susan M Alt and Timothy R. Pauketat Routledge Press, London.

# 2018 Putting Religion Ahead of Politics: Cahokia Origins Viewed Through Emerald Shrines. In *Archaeology and Ancient Religion in the American Midcontinent (Archaeology of the American South: New Directions and Perspectives),* edited by B. Koldehoff and T. Pauketat, pp 208-233. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

2018 Water and Shells in Bodies and Pots: Mississippian Rhizome, Cahokian Poiesis (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). In *Relational Identities and Other-than-Human Agency in Archaeology*, edited by E. Harrison-Buck and J. Hendon, pp72- 99. University of Colorado Press, Boulder.

2018 The Elements of Cahokian Shrine Complexes and Basis of Mississippian Religion (S. Alt and T. Pauketat)*.* In *Religion and Politics in the Ancient Americas*, ed. by S. Barber and A. Joyce, pp. 51-74. Routledge Press, London.

2018 The Emerald Site, Mississippian Women, and the Moon*.* In *The Archaeology of the Night,* edited by N. Gonlin and A. Nowell, pp. 223-248. University Press of Colorado, Boulder.

2017The Significance of Religious and Domestic Architecture at a Cahokian Shrine Complex. In *Longshan Culture and Early Civilizations under Comparative Perspectives: Papers from the 22nd ICHS Longhshan Satellite Conference,* edited by Dong Yu. Jinan University, Jinan.

2016 Building Cahokia: Transformation through Tradition. In *Vernacular Architecture in the Americas,* edited by C. Halperin and L. Schwartz,pp. 141-157. Routledge Press, London.

2015 Religious Innovation at the Emerald Acropolis: Something New Under the Moon (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). In *Religion and Innovation: Antagonists or Partners?,* edited by D. Yerxa, pp. 43-55. Bloomsbury, London.

2015 Human Sacrifice at Cahokia. In *Medieval Mississippians: The Cahokian World*, p. 27. School for Advanced Research Press, Santa Fe.

2015 The Fabric of Mississippian Society. In *Medieval Mississippians: The Cahokian World,* pp. 74-79. School for Advanced Research Press, Santa Fe.

2015 Medieval Life in America’s Heartland (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). In *Medieval Mississippians: The Cahokian* *World,* pp. 1-11. School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe.

2015 City of Earth and Wood: New Cahokia and its Material-Historical Implications (T. Pauketat, S. Alt, J. Kruchten). In *Cambridge History of the World, Volume 3: A World of Cities,* edited by N. Yoffee, pp. 437-454. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

2011 Making Mississippian at Cahokia. In *The Oxford Handbook of North American Archaeology,* edited by T. Pauketat, pp. 497-508. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

2011 Histories of Mound Building and Scales of Explanation in Archaeology. In *Ideologies of Archaeology,* edited by R. Bernbeck and R. McGuire, pp. 194-211. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

2010 Introduction: Considering Complexity: Confounding Categories with Practices.In *Ancient Complexities: New Perspectives in Pre-Columbian North America,* edited by S. Alt, pp. 1-7. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

2010 Complexity in Action(s): Retelling the Cahokia Story. In *Ancient Complexities: New Perspectives in Pre-­‐Columbian North America,* edited S. Alt, pp. 119-137. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

2008 Unwilling Immigrants: Culture, Change and the “Other.”In *Invisible Citizens: Captives, Slaves and Cultural Transmission in Middle Range Societies,* edited by Catherine M. Cameron pp. 205-222. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

2008 Locating American Indian Religion at Cahokia and Beyond (T. Emerson, S. Alt, and T. Pauketat). In *Religion in the Material World*, edited by Lars Fogelin, pp. 216-236. Center for Archaeological Investigations, Occasional Paper No. 36, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2007 Sex and the Southern Cult. In *The Southeastern Ceremonial Complex* (S. Alt and T. Pauketat), edited by Adam King, pp. 232-250. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

2006 The Power of Diversity: Settlement in the Cahokian Uplands. In *Leadership and Polity in Mississippian Society*, edited by B. Butler and P. Welch, pp. 289-308. Center for Archaeological Investigations, Occasional Paper No. 33, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2003 Mounds, Memory, and Contested Mississippian History (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). In *Archaeologies of Memory*, edited by R. Van Dyke and S. Alcock, pp. 151-179. Blackwell Press, Oxford.

2001 Cahokian Change and the Authority of Tradition. In *The Archaeology of Traditions: Agency and History Before and After Columbus*, edited by T. R. Pauketat, pp. 141-156. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

**Book Reviews:**

2014 The Archaeology of Hybrid Material Culture. In *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology.*

2010 Ancestors and Elites: Emergent Complexity and Ritual Practices in the Casas Grandes Polity. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*.

2005 Household Archaeology at Cahokia and in Its Hinterlands and Envisioning Cahokia: A Landscape Perspective. *Ohio Valley History.*

**Miscellaneous Publications, Technical Reports, and Theses:**

2016 The Emerald Site of Greater Cahokia (R. Barzilai, T. Pauketat, S. Alt, and J. Kruchten). *The Cahokian*: Winter:4-7.

2013 Chronology and Methods of Analysis. In *The Archaeology of Downtown Cahokia II: The 1960 Excavations of Tract 15B*. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Urbana, Illinois.

2010 Investigation of Two Yankeetown Sites In Posey County. Report Submitted to the Indiana Department of Historic Preservation and Archaeological Research.

2006 *Cultural Pluralism and Complexity: Analyzing a Cahokian Ritual Outpost*. Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois.

2005 Final Report of the Cahokia Extension Waterline and Grand Plaza Test Unit Projects (T. Pauketat, S. Alt and J. Kruchten). Report submitted to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Springfield.

2002 *The Knoebel Site: Tradition and Change in the Cahokian Suburb*. Unpublished Masters Thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois.

2002 *Phase II Cultural Resource Evaluation and Testing of the TRDS Property, Shiloh, Illinois* (T. Pauketat, J. Kruchten, and S. Alt). Report on file at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Springfield.

2001 Phase II and III Cultural Resource Evaluation and Testing, Wilbur Kalbfleish Farm, Millstadt, Illinois (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). Report on file at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Springfield.

1996 *An Analysis of Household Garbage at the Halliday Site.* Bachelor of Arts Honors Thesis, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

**INVITED LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS**

2019Landscapes of Cahokian Urbanism. Lecture presented at the Shanghai Archaeology Forum, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, China, Dec.17, 2019.

2018 Invited lecture “From Weeping Hills to Lost Caves: Greater Cahokia’s Vibrant Landscapes” Mound City Archaeological Society, 2018, St Louis Missouri, Aug 7.

2018 Invited colloquium presentation, “From Weeping Hills to Lost Caves: The Search for Vibrant Matter in Greater Cahokia,” University of Illinois, Department of Anthropology, Jan. 26

2017 Discussant for *Cahokia’s Diaspora: Mississippian Identities and Material Linkages Across the Eastern Woodlands* symposium at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa Oklahoma, Nov. 8-11.

2017 Invited presentation “Caves, Karst, and Cahokia” at the Water Management forum, Liangzhu, China, Dec. 13.

2017 Invited lecture, “Human Landscape Interactions of Greater Cahokia,” Shanghai Archaeology Forum, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, China, Dec.11.

2017 Invited lecture “The Religious Provocations of a Native American Civilization: Evidence from the Emerald Shrine Center,” Archaeological Institute of America. Spurlock Museum, Urbana Illinois, Mar. 5.

2016 Invited forum presentation, “The Implications of the Religious Foundations of Cahokia,” at the Mid-South Conference, University of Tennessee, Memphis, July 16-17.

2016 Invited presentation, “From Sacred to Secular: Transformations of Native American Sacred landscapes to Landscapes of Power*,”* at the Landscape Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Mar. 4.

2015 Invited Garrod Seminar lecture, “The Religious Provocations of a Native American Civilization: Evidence from the Emerald Shrine Center,” McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Cambridge University, UK, Oct. 29.

2015 Invited talk, “Structural Violence, Women’s Bodies and Atmospheres of the Sacred,” McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Cambridge University, UK, Oct 26.

2015 Invited presentation, *“The Significance of Religious and Domestic Architecture at a Cahokian Shrine Complex,”* International Congress of Historical Science, Longhshan Satellite Conference, Jinan, China, Aug. 22-24.

2015 Invited lecture, “Structural Violence and Religion at Cahokia, Illinois,” Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mar. 18.

2015 *Discovering Cahokia's Religion: Recent Research and New Interpretations of the Emerald Mound Complex, Lebanon, Illinois.* Cahokia Mounds Museum, Collinsville Illinois. February 22, 2015.

2015 *Structural Violence and Fear at Cahokia.* Presentation at SAR Short Seminar Chaco and Cahokia: Histories Landscapes and Hinterlands, Santa Fe New Mexico, March 2-4.

2014 *Yankeetown Pottery* Late Prehistoric Ceramics Workshop. Midwest Archaeological Conference 2015, Champaign, Illinois.

2013 Invited presentation, “Looking for Cahokia’s Religion,” at the Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs Conference, William Harris College, Oxford, England.

2008Discussant for the symposium “The Zebree Archaeological Project: Forty Years After,” organized by D. Anderson, D. Morse, P. Morse and J. Kelly, at the 65th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina.

2008 Invited presentation, “Ancient Midwestern Immigrants: Strangers in Paradise or the Usual Suspects?” School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 10.

2007 Invited lecture, “People in Motion, Culture in Motion,” Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Dec. 7.

2006 Invited presentation, “The Grossmann Celt Cache,” Ancient and Modern Technologies Workshop, Midwest Archaeological Conference, Urbana, Illinois.

2006 Invited roundtable presentation, “Migrants, Willing and Unwilling: Culture, Change and the ‘Other,’” for *Invisible Citizens: Captives, Slaves, and Cultural Transmission in Middle Range Societies*, organized by C. Cameron, Snowbird, Utah, Oct.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

2019 Alt, S. M., Mesner Bleyhl,M., Burkes Anoniuk, C., Coker, A., Schumacher, S., "Little Houses on the Prairie: A Diachronic Assessment of a Cahokian Farmstead presented at the 76th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jackson Marriot Convention Center, Jackson MS, Nov 6-9, 2019.

2019Discussant remarks for the Symposium “Exploring Mississippian Landscape Modification and Identity Construction through Geophysics” presented at the 76th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jackson Marriot Convention Center, Jackson MS, Nov 6-9, 2019.

2019 Powerful Substances in Special Pits at 11th century Shrine Complexes (T. R. Pauketat, S. M Alt). Presentation at the 63rd Annual Midwest Archeological Conference, Oct 10-12th Mancato Minnesota.

2019 Copper, Earth, and Water: More Details from the Emerald Acropolis (T. R. Pauketat, S. M. A lt and J. Kruchten) Presentation at the Illinois Archeological Survey 63rd annual Meeting, Sept 7th, Cahokia Mounds, Collinsville Illinois.

2019 Cahokia After Dark: Affect, Water and the Moon. Paper presented in the Symposium After Dark: The Nocturnal Urban Landscape of Ancient Cities, (N. Gonlin and M. Strong) at the 84th  Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 10-14, Albuquerque NM.

2017 Histories of Greater Cahokian Assemblages*.* Paper presented in the symposium “The Historical Turn in Southeastern Archaeology” at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Nov. 8-11.

2017 Weaving Meaning into Mississippian Ritual. Paper presented in the symposium “Threads Across time and Space,” 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 29-April 2, 2017.

2017 Pottery and Religion at Greater Cahokia’s Emerald Acropolis (R. Barzilai, S. Alt and T. Pauketat). Paper presented in the symposium “New Insights into Mississippian Culture at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site,” 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 29-April 2.

2016 Rethinking Sweat Lodges and Circular Monuments as Water Shrines. Paper presented in the symposium “Shamans, Priests, Practice, Belief: Archaeological Examinations of Religion and Ritual in the Eastern Woodlands,” 73rd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Athens, Georgia, Oct. 26-29.

2016 On the Floors of Emerald’s Shrine Houses (S. Alt and T. Pauketat). Paper presented at the Mississippian Conference, Cahokia Mounds, Collinsville Illinois, July 30.

2016 Elevating Water at Cahokia’s Emerald Acropolis (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). Paper presented at the Mississippian Conference, Cahokia Mounds, Collinsville Illinois, July 30.

2016 The Emerald Acropolis and the Creative force of Religion. Mid-South Archaeological Conference, University of Tennessee, Memphis TN, July 16-17.

2016 Material Vibrancy, Animism & Clay: Pottery and Religion at the Emerald Acropolis (R. Barzilai and S. Alt). Paper presented at the Theoretical Archaeology Group conference, Boulder Colorado, April 16-17.

2016 Mother Earth, Father Sky, Figurative Art and Reproduction at Cahokia and in the Mississippian World. Paper presented in the Symposium Archaeology of The Night, (N. Gonlin and A. Nowell) at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 6-10, Orlando, FL.

2016 Visions of Substance in Eleventh-Century Mid-America (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). Paper presented in “Mediating Spirit Worlds in Native North America” (D. D. Loren and C. Cipolla, orgs.), 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL, April 6-10.

2015 Mississippian Shrines and the Emerald Acropolis: The Implications of New Settlement and Geoarchaeological Data (Pauketat, T.R. and S. Alt). Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeology Conference Annual Meeting, Nashville TN, Nov. 19-22.

2015 Emerald’s Empty Architecture (S. Alt and T. Pauketat). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 5-7.

2014 Putting Religion Ahead of Politics: Cahokian Origins Viewed Through Emerald’s Shrines. Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Champaign, IL, Sept 4-6.

2014 Five Discoveries from the Emerald Acropolis, Or, How Religion Made Cahokia. (S. Alt, T. Pauketat, J. Kruchten). Paper presented at the Mississippian Conference, Cahokia Mounds, July 26.

2014 Why an American Indian City? (T. Pauketat, S. Alt, S. Baires, M. Baltus, R. Barzilai, A. Butler, J. D. Kruchten, J. Skousen). Paper presented at the Mississippian Conference, Cahokia Mounds, July 26.

2014 Building Cahokia: Transformation through Tradition. Paper presented in “Vernacular Architecture in the Americas” symposium, organized by C. Haperin, at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, TX.

2013 The Emerald Effect: Agency and the Convergence of Earth, Sky, Bodies and Things (T. Pauketat, S. Alt, J. Kruchten and W. Romain). Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeology Conference, Tampa Florida.

2013 A Tale of Two Temples. Paper presented in the symposium “Hopewell Reinvented Six Centuries Later at Emerald Mound: Results of the RIHA Project,” Midwestern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, Columbus Ohio.

2013 The Archaeology of a Moonscape (T. Pauketat, S. Alt, J. Kruchten and W. Romain). Paper presented in the symposium “Hopewell Reinvented Six Centuries Later at Emerald Mound: Results of the RIHA Project,” Midwestern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, Columbus Ohio.

2013 Cahokian Religion, the Emerald Pilgrimage Center, and Cultural Innovation (S. Alt, T. Pauketat, J. Kruchten). Paper presented at the Illinois Archaeological Survey meeting, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

2013 Revealing Cahokia’s Religion, Year 2: Preliminary Results from Summer 2013 at Emerald (J. Kruchten, S. Alt, T. Pauketat). Paper presented at the Mississippian Conference, Crisp Museum, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau.

2013 Immigrants on the Border: Cahokia and the Synergy of Mississippians on the Edge. Paper presented in the symposium “Beyond Peripheries: Material and Conceptual Borderlands of Becoming,” Society for American Archaeology Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii.

2013 Resistivity Profiling to Delineate a Mississippian Culture Trail at The Emerald Site, Southwest Illinois. Paper presented at the 26th annual Symposium on the Application of Geophysics for Engineers and Environmental Problems, Denver Colorado. (Larson, Skousen, DeLucia, Pauketat, Alt).

2012 Revealing Cahokia’s Religion: 2012 Excavations at the Emerald Site (J. Kruchten, S. Alt and T. Pauketat). Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, East Lansing Michigan.

2012 Enchained, Entangled, Engaged: Building Mississippian Society (S. Alt and L. Watts). Paper presented in the symposium “Mississippian Beginnings: Variability, Inequality and Interaction in Southeast and Midwest,” at the 69th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference Baton Rouge Louisiana.

2012 The Implications of the Structured Deposits of Greater Cahokia (J. Kruchten and S. Alt). Paper presented in the symposium “Theorizing Ritual Deposition: The Implications of the Structured Deposits of Greater Cahokia,” at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological conference Baton Rouge Louisiana.

2012 The Invisible War: Structural Violence and Fear at Cahokia. Paper presented in the symposium “Chaco and Cahokia: Histories, Landscapes and Hinterlands,” at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis TN.

2012 Trading Traditions: Interactions between Yankeetown and Cahokia in Southwestern Indiana (L. Watts and S. Alt). Paper presented in the symposium “A View from Upstream: Current Research and Perspectives on the Late Prehistoric Period in the Mid to Lower Ohio River Valley,” at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis TN.

2011 Persons, Places, Things: Hybrid Moments and the Processes of Change. Paper presented in the symposium “Comparative Perspectives on Culture Contact and Interaction: Objects, Contexts, and Practice,” at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, California.

2011 Building Community at the Dead Man’s Curve Site (L. Watts and S. Alt). Paper presented at the Midwestern Archaeological Conference, La Crosse Wisconsin.

2011 Building Community at the Dead Man’s Curve Site (S. Alt, L. Watts et al.). Paper presented at the Mississippian Conference at Angel Mounds, Evansville, IN.

2011 The Tip of the Iceberg: Events Vs. Process in the Cahokia Polity. Paper presented in the symposium “The Enigma of the Event: Moments of Consequence in the Ancient Southeast,” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.

2010 Connecting the Dots: Yankeetown, Cahokia and Angel. Paper presented in the symposium “Indiana Archaeology,” at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference.

2010 How Many People Does it Take to Change a Polity: Immigration, Complexity and Cahokia. Paper presented in the symposium “Cahokia 2010: Situating an Ancient Indigenous City in the World,” at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, St Louis Missouri.

2010 Making Pottery and People: Materializing Shifting Mississippian Identities (M. Buchanan and S. Alt). Paper presented in the symposium “Memory, Materiality, and Archaeology in the Indigenous Americas,” at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, St Louis Missouri.

2009 It’s Better to Burn than Fade Away: The Tale of a Burned Early Mississippian House at a Yankeetown Site in SW Indiana (S. Alt, M. Buchanan and L. Watts). Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Mobile Alabama.

2009 Looking for Yankeetown at Dead Man’s Curve (M. Buchanan, S. Alt, and L. Watts). Paper presented at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Iowa City Iowa.

2009 Investigating Yankeetown: Excavation at the Dead Man’s Curve Site (S. Alt, M. Buchanan, R. Barzilai). Poster presented at the Glenn Black Laboratory Open House, Bloomington IN.

2009 Investigating Yankeetown: Understanding Mississippian Transitions in Southern Indiana. Paper presented at the Kincaid Field Conference, Metropolis Illinois.

2008 Gene Flow and Mississippian Emergence in the Lower Illinois Valley (J. Raff, D. Cook, S. Alt, and R. Kaestle). Paper presented at the 2008 Midwestern Archaeological Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2007 Captives and Culture: Implications for Mississippian Society. Paper presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Knoxville Tennessee.

2007 Considering Complexity: Confounding Categories with Practices. Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin Texas.

2007 Diversity and Complexity: The Building(s) of a Polity. Paper presented in the symposium “Neighborhood, Community and Polity: Alternative Interpretations of Mississippian Societies” at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.

2005 Archaeology and Explanation: The Hidden Cost of Science. Paper presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Salt Lake City, Utah.

2004 Compounds and Keeps for Cahokians and their Political Historical Implications (S. Alt and T. Pauketat). Paper presented at the joint Midwestern and Southeastern Archaeological Conference, St. Louis, Missouri.

2004 Lessons in Physicality and Process (or, Agency in a Postmold?) (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). Paper presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Quebec.

2004 Replacing the State: From Cahokia to Tenochtitlan (T. Pauketat, S. Alt, R. Hassig). Paper presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Quebec.

2003 Villages and Farmsteads: The Making of Mississippian Cahokia (S. Alt and J. Kruchten). Presented at the 49th Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2003 More than Mounds: Mississippian Ritual in the Cahokian Uplands. Paper presented at the 68th Annual Meeting Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2003 The Power of Diversity: Settlement in the Cahokia Uplands. Paper presented at the Visiting Scholar Conference, Center for Archaeological Investigations, Carbondale, Illinois.

2002 Identities, Traditions, and Diversity in Cahokia’s Uplands. Paper presented at the Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, Illinois.

2002 Using Magnetic Gradiometry to Investigate an Early Mississippian Settlement (M. Hargrave, D. Maki, T. Pauketat, and S. Alt). Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi.

2002 The Meaning and Makers of the Grossmann Celt Cache (T. Pauketat and S. Alt). Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Biloxi Mississippi, November.

2002 Using Geophysical Data to Investigate Mississippian Settlement Plans (M. Hargrave, D. Maki, S. Alt, and T. Pauketat). Poster presented at the 67th Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, Denver, Colorado.

2001 Keeping Order in the Uplands: A Look at a Cahokian Administrative Center. Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

2001 Identity, Tradition, and Individuality in Cahokia’s Uplands. Paper presented at the 2001 Midwest Conference, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

2001 Geophysical Investigations at Cahokia Outlying Settlements (M. Hargrave, S.M. Alt and T. R. Pauketat). Poster presented at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2000 Not Quite Cahokia: Identity, Tradition, and Non-conformity in Cahokia’s Uplands. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Archaeological Survey, Cahokia Mounds Interpretive Center, Collinsville, Illinois.

2000 Geophysical Investigations at the Hal Smith and Pfeffer Sites (M. Hargrave, S. Alt and T. Pauketat). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Archaeological Survey, Cahokia Mounds Interpretive Center, Collinsville, Illinois.

2000 Identity, Tradition, and Accommodation during the Rise of Mississippianism in the American Bottom. Paper presented at the 57th Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Macon, Georgia.

2000 Gendered Politics and the Southeastern Ceremonial Complex. Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 5.

1999 Mississippian Innovations in the Illinois Uplands. Paper presented at the 56th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Pensacola, Florida, November 10-.

1999 Tradition and Resistance in the Uplands. Paper presented in the symposium “Resistant Traditions and Historical Processes in Southeastern North America” at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois.

1998 From Courtyards to Plazas in the American Bottom. Paper presented at the 55th Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

1997 Spindle Whorls at Halliday and Lohmann Phase Sites. Paper presented at the 54th Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

1997 The Museum, the WPA, and the Fourche Maline. Paper presented at the 39th Caddo Conference, Norman, Oklahoma.

1996 Epiphyseal Fusion Schedule of the Bison *antiquus* Appendicular Skeleton (L. Bement and S. Basmajian [Alt]). Paper presented at the 54th Plains Anthropological Conference, Iowa City, Iowa.

**FIELD AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE**

2019 PI From Weeping Hills to Hidden Caves: Exploring Cahokia’s Vibrant Landscapes

2014-7 PI Cahokia’s Richland Farmers: Agricultural Expansion, Immigration, Ritual, and the Foundation of Mississippian Civilization.”

2012-8 PI, “Cahokian Religion, Emerald Pilgrimage Center, and Cultural Innovation Project,” Lebanon, Illinois.

2011 PI and Instructor, “Solving the Mystery of Yankeetown” investigations at the Dead Man’s Curve and Stephan Steinkamp sites.

2011 PI (with Cheryl Munson), City of Bloomington and Habitat for Humanity service learning project, Indiana University.

2011 PI (with Sonya Atalay), Sullivan County Native American Council Service learning project, Indiana University.

2010 PI, Investigation of Two Yankeetown Sites in Posey County.

2010 Consultant, magnetometry survey of the Trempealeau Site, Wisconsin.

2010 Magnetometry Survey of the Eveland Site, Illinois in collaboration with Dr. G. Wilson, University of California, Santa Barbara.

2010 Magnetometry Survey of portions of the Emerald site, Illinois.

2009 PI, Investigation of Two Yankeetown Sites in Posey County.

2006 Consultant, Investigations at the WMS properties, East St Louis, Illinois.

2006 Consultant, Survey at Camp Gruber, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

2005 Instructor, University of Illinois Field School (2 weeks) at the Fingers site, St. Clair County, Illinois.

2004-06 Archaeological and GIS Analyst, Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program, Tract 15B at Cahokia.

2004 Supervisor, University of Illinois field school at the Loyd and Cahokia sites.

2003 Archaeological Technician, Shiloh Mounds Archaeological Project (PI, David Anderson), Southeastern Archaeological Center, National Park Service.

2001 Site Director, University of Illinois NSF excavations at the Grossmann Site, Shiloh, Illinois.

2001 Site Director, University of Illinois NSF excavations at the Grossmann Site, Shiloh, Illinois.

2000 Site Director, University of Illinois NSF excavatons at the Pfeffer Mound Center, Lebanon Illinois.

2000 Shotgun Ridge Site excavations, University of Illinois.

1999 Site Director, University of Illinois NSF excavations at the Hal Smith site, St. Clair County, Illinois.

1998 Supervisor, University at Buffalo NSF excavations of the Halliday site, St. Clair County, Illinois.

1997 Supervisor, Central Mississippi Valley Archaeological Research Institute and University at Buffalo excavations of the Cahokia Extension Waterline, Cahokia site, Illinois.

1996 Supervisor, University of Oklahoma NSF excavations of the Halliday site, St. Clair County, Illinois.

1996 Undergraduate analyst, Oklahoma Museum of Natural History (ceramic and lithic study of Fourche Maline mound sites).

1995 Undergraduate analyst, Oklahoma Archaeological Survey (analysis of bison skeletal material from the Cooper site).

1995 Archaeological technician, University of Oklahoma NSF excavations of the Halliday site, St. Clair County, Illinois.

1995 Archaeological technician, University of Oklahoma excavations at the Certain bison kill site, western Oklahoma.

1995 Student participant, field school excavations at the Cooper bison kill site, western Oklahoma.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRESS**

2016 Interviewed and filmed for the four part series Native America by Providence Pictures for NOVA on PBS (to air in 2018).

2016 Interviewed for “Finding North America’s Lost Medieval City,” Ars-technica, Dec. 13.

2016 Interviewed and featured in “Religion and the Rise of Cahokia” (in print and online), *Archaeology* magazine, March.

2015 On screen interview for *Xploration Earth 2050*. Season 2 Episode10 : *The Future Explores The Past.* Aired Nov. 14. 2015

2015 Featured guest on KCUR NPR radio station, Kansas City, MO. Aired Feb. 2.

2012 Featured expert in *Mark of the* *Mississippians: Lost Cities, Long Ago People* ebook and website, by E. F. Schwartz (<http://archaeoexplorer.com/media/experts.php>).

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Anth P 200 Introduction to Archaeology

Anth A 200 Sex, Violence and Religion in global perspective

Anth P 215 Archaeology of Sex

Anth P 250 World Archaeology

Anth P 361/600 Midwest Archaeology

Anth P 401/600 Cultural Resource Management

Anth P 411 Archaeology of Religion (writing intensive)

Anth P 405 Fieldwork in Archaeology

Anth P 430/600 Archaeology of Violence and Conflict Complexity (advanced seminar)

Anth P 440/600 Space, Place, and Landscape (advanced seminar).

Anth P 445 Pots and People

Anth P 600 Seminar in Mississippian Archaeology

Anth P 399/600 Constructing Complexities

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Salary and Award Committee

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Organizer, Department Race Symposium

Student Review and AI Committee

College Interviewer: Science, Technology, and Research Scholars program

Committee for Glenn A. Black Lab of Archaeology, Curation policy and standards

College Review Panel, Faculty Research Support Program Grants

**ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2018-2021 Editorial Board, *American Antiquity*

2017-present Advisory Board, Shanghai Archaeological Conference

2007-present Editorial Board, *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology*

**REVIEWER**

National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, *American Antiquity*,

*Cambridge Archaeological Journal*, *Current Anthropology, Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology,* *Journal of Social Archaeology Southeastern Archaeology, Illinois Archaeology*

*Journal of Archaeological Science,* Graduate Women in Science, University of Utah Press, University of Oklahoma Press

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for American Archaeology

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Midwest Archaeological Conference

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Indiana State List of Qualified Archaeologists