

Colleen Brennan Young

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Education

(in progress) M.A. / Ph.D. in Anthropology; University of Missouri, Columbia
Advisors: Libby Cowgill (chair), Carol Ward, Karthik Panchanathan
2012 B.A. in Anthropology; University of California, Berkeley, *highest honors*
Advisor: Tim D. White; Thesis advisors: Kent Lightfoot & Patrick Kirch

Human Skeletal and Paleontology Collection Experience

California Amerindians at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology (UC Berkeley);
Avifauna and mammals from the Museum of Vertebrate Paleontology (UC Berkeley);
Megatherium and eremotherium fossils (University de Libertad, Ecuador); Omo, Ethiopian,
paleontological assemblage (Human Evolution Research Center, UC Berkeley); Pliocene and
Pleistocene hominin casts (Human Evolution Research Center, UC Berkeley); Pliocene and
Pleistocene hominin casts (University of Missouri, Columbia); Baja California skeletal collection
(Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia).

Research Experience

2013-present Human Skeletal Identification Laboratory; University of Missouri, Columbia
2012-2013 The Templeton Institute for Neurology
2012 Zooarchaeology Lab; University of California, Berkeley; *Faunal identification and analysis*
2009-2011 The Human Evolution Research Center (HERC); University of California, Berkeley
Supervisor: Dr. Tim D. White; Undergraduate Research Assistant -- *Identification and curation of
human skeletal remains in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology. Identification and
curation of paleontological and archaeological specimens from Omo, Ethiopia.*

Fieldwork

2014 Baja California Sur, Mexico
Survey work with INAH
2012 Project Pueblo; University of California, Berkeley
Navajo reservation field work
2011 Paleontology field school in Ecuador; University of California, Berkeley
Excavation of Megatherium fossils from a tar pit in Salinas, Ecuador.
2009 Forensic Anthropology lab class; Cuesta Community College
Field and lab methods in the identification and analysis of human remains
2008 Conservation of Maori Culture and the Kiwi bird
New Zealand Kiwi bird and Maori cultural conservation.

Teaching Assistantships and Mentoring

2014-2015 University of Missouri, Columbia
Teaching Assistant: Human Skeletal ID and Analysis 4890/7890
2013 University of Missouri, Columbia
Teaching Assistant: Human Origins 4500/7500
2010-2012 University of California, Berkeley

Tutor: Intro to Physical Anthropology, Intro to Archaeology
 2011 Archaeology Research Facility; University of California, Berkeley
 Archaeology Outreach; Faculty supervisor: Meg Conkey
 2008-2013 Cuesta Community College
 Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, and Reader
 2008-2009 Cuesta Community College
 Tutor: Biology, Anthropology, Astronomy, English

Public Outreach

2016 Dinosaurs and Cavemen Planetarium Exhibit, Rockbridge High School, Columbia, *MO*
 Presentation on Neandertals and early modern humans, Integrative Anatomy Outreach, U of Missouri
 2015 Dinosaurs and Cavemen Planetarium Exhibit; Rockbridge Elementary, Columbia, *MO*
 Stone tool demonstration, Integrative Anatomy Outreach, U of Missouri
 2014 Dinosaurs and Cavemen Planetarium Exhibit; Rockbridge Elementary, Columbia, *MO*
 Stone tool demonstration, Integrative Anatomy Outreach, U of Missouri
 2010 Archaeology Outreach Program; Elementary and Middle Schools around San Francisco, *CA*
 Department of Anthropology, U of California, Berkeley

Awards & Grants

2016 Student ORG internal grant, U of Missouri
 \$300 grant for costs associated with conference travel
 2015 Student ORG internal grant, U of Missouri
 \$400 grant for costs associated with research travel
 2015 Gelvin Award, U of Missouri
 \$400 grant for costs associated with museum travel
 2014 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellow
 \$32,000 a year and full tuition waiver every year for three years.
 2014 Gelvin Award, U of Missouri
 \$300 grant for costs associated with museum travel
 2013 Huggins Graduate Research Fellow, U of Missouri
 \$13,000 stipend and tuition waiver for five years
 2012 McCown Scholarship, U of California, Berkeley
 \$1,500
 2012 Certificate of Departmental Recognition
 Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
 2011 Meyer's Center Grant, University of California, Berkeley
 \$200

Presentations

2016 "What does the fox say? Analysis of fox remains from island and mainland California, and implications for hominin evolution in insular environments." – late Homo poster session
 The 2016 American Association of Physical Anthropology meetings.
 2016 "President Kerr to President Wolfe: How Student Activists can Incite Positive Change." - talk
 Women and Gender Studies Conference, U of Missouri
 2016 "Archaeology of Islands"
 Invited Guest Lecture for Intro to Archaeology, U of California, Berkeley
 2015 "Taxonomy of Primates on islands: classification and management conundrums"
 The 2015 Midwestern Primate Interest Group meetings in St. Louis, Missouri
 2014 "Hominin evolution" Introduction to Anthropology course – University of Missouri, Columbia
 2013 "Dusting off the dirt: a Late Holocene biodiversity analysis using fauna from Ronald Olson's 1928 Santa Cruz Island archaeology expedition" the 2013 Society for California Archaeology meetings

2011 “Human origins and paleontology” At the University de Libertad, Salinas, Ecuador

Publications

- 2015 “U of Missouri health insurance fiasco and the exploitation of graduate students.”
Biological Anthropology Developing Investigator’s Troop (BANDIT)
<http://aapabandit.blogspot.com/2015/08/u-of-missouri-health-insurance-fiasco.html?spref=fb>
- 2015 “Carnivores and Primates on islands: taxonomy and management conundrums”
In prep. With Matthew E. Gompper
- 2015 “Body proportions of island foxes: effects of migration and isolation”
In prep.
- 2014 “Analysis of Bird Remains from a Late Holocene Chumash Site on Santa Cruz Island, California”
In prep.
- 2009-2011 “Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology skeletal reports”; Skeletal Reports
Human Evolution Research Center, U of California, Berkeley
Supervisor: Dr. Tim D. White

Student Leadership

- 2016 Chair of the Action Committee
Forum for Graduate Student Rights at the U of Missouri
- 2015 Chair of the Action Committee
Forum for Graduate Student Rights at the U of Missouri
- 2015 Graduate Student Representative
Anthropology faculty meetings at the U of Missouri
- 2012 Student Leader
Worked with staff, faculty, and administration to prevent the cutting of anthropology library’s hours and staff at UC Berkeley.
- 2011 Student Activist
Involved with activities and meetings that fought against tuition hikes, diminishment of campus resources, and aspects of university privatization at UC Berkeley.

Media presence

- 2015 Interviewed for an hour on KOPN public radio’s show “Women and Labor Issues”
- 2011 Quoted by *The Guardian* regarding involvement with student activism for educator’s rights.
- 2011 Quoted by *San Jose Mercury* regarding involvement with student activism for educator’s rights.
- 2011 Interviewed about Occupy Cal by Associated Press and appeared on NPR’s “Morning Edition”

Editorials

- 2009 Co-Editor for grammar, accuracy, consistency, and spelling of the 3rd edition of the “Human Osteology” textbook by Tim D. White, Michael Black, and Pieter A. Folkens.

Professional Development

Software and Databases:

- FileMaker Pro* Database for curation and lab analysis
Using *Excel* to analyze zooarchaeological data
Extensive *Endnote X7* experience digitizing F. Clark Howell’s library
Xray radiography of human skeletal remains
Geometric Morphometrics training workshop, UC Berkeley
3D Scanner of human crania, UC Berkeley