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**EDUCATION**

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2004 PhD with distinction, Anthropology, University of New Mexico  
2001 MS with distinction, Anthropology, University of New Mexico  
1998 BA magna cum laude, Anthropology, Colorado State University

**EMPLOYMENT (5 universities)**

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2015 Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of Missouri  
2009 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Missouri  
2008 Postdoctoral researcher, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology  
2007 Research Professor, Anthropology, University of Colorado Denver  
2006 Lecturer, Anthropology, University of New Mexico  
2005 Lecturer, Anthropology, University of California Santa Barbara

**TEACHING (4 universities, 12+ courses)**

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2009 Data Science in R/Python, Comparative Methods, Cultures of Amazonia, Archaeology of South America, Cultural Evolution, Anthropology of War, Honors Anthropology (MU)  
2007 Biological Anthropology, Human Behavior (CU Denver)  
2006 Human Lifecourse, Human Evolutionary Ecology (UNM)  
2005 Human Growth & Development (UCSB)

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS (*n* = 24, \$438k)**

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2023 PaleoWest Foundation Research Grant Award \$5k  
• MU Research Council Grant Exploring ancient Amazonian archaeological sites \$15k  
• MU Center for the Humanities Grant \$10k  
• MU Arts & Humanities Research and Creative Works Fellow \$12k  
• MU Arts & Science Writing Fellow \$7k  
2017 MU retention package \$100k  
2016 MU Research Council Grant Guajajara Guardians in eastern Amazonia \$10k  
2015 National Geographic Society Research and Exploration Grant #9764-15 Co-father relationships among Aché hunter-gatherers of Eastern Paraguay \$20k  
• MU Research Board Grant Remote sensing uncontacted indigenous villages \$25k  
• MU Provost Outstanding Junior Faculty Research Award \$1k  
2014 MU Research Council Grant Remote sensing uncontacted indigenous villages \$9k  
• MU Richard Wallace Faculty Incentive Grant Remote sensing uncontacted indigenous villages in Amazonia \$4k  
2013 National Geographic Society Research and Exploration Grant #9165-12 Population dynamics of recently contacted and isolated indigenous populations in Brazil \$20k  
2012 RocketHub SciFund Challenge Shrinking horizons: Preserving humans' homes \$3k

- 2011 MU Research Board Grant Alloparental kin investment & female reproductive strategies in Central Brazil \$34k
- Richard Wallace Faculty Incentive Grant Partible paternity in Brazil \$2k
- 2007 Leakey Foundation General Research Grant Growth & life history of the Hiwi in Venezuela \$12k
- 2005 Leakey Foundation General Research Grant Visual evoked potentials of the Aché in Paraguay \$12k
- 2003 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Research Grant #6941 Skill investment and subsistence activities among the Makú of Northwest Amazonas \$15k
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant \$10k
  - Leakey Foundation General Research Grant \$12k
- 2002 UNM research and travel grants \$5k
- 2001 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship 3 years \$72k
- 1999 UNM Lewis R Binford Graduate Fellowship 2 years \$24k

### **PUBLICATIONS ( $n = 79$ , $h = 31$ , citations = 5k+)**

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- and Walker RS, J Paige. Modeling the social drivers of environmental sustainability among Amazonian indigenous lands using Bayesian networks
- Walker RS, MV Flinn, SP Prall, MJ Hamilton. Remote sensing evidence for population growth of isolated indigenous societies in Amazonia. *Scientific Reports*
  - Hamilton MJ, B Buchanan, J Lobo, RS Walker. Food storage reduces movement frequency but not mobility costs in hunter-gatherers. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Report*
  - Hamilton MJ, RS Walker, Buchanan B. Bayesian causal inference suggests institutional complexity emerges from socioecological complexity in small-scale societies
  - Baldino J, S McKinny, J Taylor, M Wilson, B Buchanan, RS Walker, B Story, MR Bebber, MI Eren. North American Clovis point form and performance V: An experimental assessment of spear thrusting penetration and entry wound size.
  - Eren MI, B Buchanan, RS Walker, A Key. Bullet ricochet mark plan-view morphology in concrete: an experimental assessment of five bullet types and two distances using machine learning
  - Conrad G, J Baldino, S Hough, N Gala, B Buchanan, RS Walker, MR Bebber, MI Eren. Thinking about the costs, benefits, and unknowns of Clovis bone versus stone weapon tips: a controlled experiment of relative penetration depth
  - Aung T, A Hill, J Hlay, C Hess, M Hess, J Johnson, L Doll, I González-Santoyo, RS Walker, D Bailey, K Douglass, S Arnocky, S Kamble, T Vardy, T Kyritsis, Q Atkinson, B Jones, J Koster, G Palomo-Vélez, J Tybur, J Muñoz-Reyes, B Cheng, N Li, A Langenhoff, K Verena, C Batres, P Bascheck, C Schild, L Penke, F Pazhoohi, K Kemirembe, JV Valentova, M Varella, M Borrás-Guevara, C Hodges-Simeon, M Ernst, C Garr, B Chen, D Puts. Effects of voice pitch on social perceptions vary with relational mobility and homicide rate. *Psychological Science*
- 2023 Walker RS, JR Ferguson, A Olmeda, MJ Hamilton, J Elghammer, B Buchanan. Predicting the geographic distribution of ancient Amazonian archaeological sites with machine learning. *PeerJ* 11:e15137

- Bebber MR, B Buchanan, MI Eren, RS Walker, D Zirkle. Atlatl use equalizes female and male projectile weapon velocity. *Scientific Reports* 13:13349
- Mika A, J Lierenz, A Smith, B Buchanan, RS Walker, MI Eren, MR Bebber, A Key. Hafted technologies reduced stone tool-related selective pressures acting on the hominin hand. *Scientific Reports*
- Mullen D, J Sitton, B Story, B Buchanan, RS Walker, MI Eren, MR Bebber. Comparison of four ballistic and thrusting target materials: An experimental and Bayesian approach using static testing of stone and steel arrow tips. *Archaeometry* 65:1108-1124
- Buchanan, B, MJ Hamilton, N Gala, H Smith, M Wilson, MI Eren, RS Walker. Comparing Clovis and Folsom fluting via scaling analysis. *Archaeometry*
- 2022 Mika A, B Buchanan, RS Walker, AJM Key, B Story, MR Bebber, MI Eren. North American Clovis point form and performance III: an experimental assessment of knife cutting efficiency. *Lithic Technology* 47:203-220
- Buchanan B, RS Walker, MJ Hamilton, B Story, M Bebber, D Wilcox, MI Eren. Experimental assessment of lanceolate projectile point and haft robustness. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 42:103399
- Lewis A, J Williams, B Buchanan, RS Walker, M Bebber, MI Eren. Knapping quality of local versus exotic Upper Mercer chert (Ohio, U.S.A.) during the Holocene. *Geoarchaeology* 37:486-496
- Eren MI, L Mukusha, J Lierenz, M Wilson, M Fisch, T True, M Kavaulic, RS Walker, B Buchanan, AJM Key, MR Bebber. Another tool in the experimental toolbox: On the use of aluminum as a substitute for chert in North American prehistoric ballistics research and beyond. *North American Archaeologist* 43:151-176
- Gala N, A Mika, M Wilson, J Williams, B Buchanan, RS Walker, M Bebber, MI Eren. Experimental assessment of obsidian versus chert lanceolate projectile point durability and robusticity: semi-static fracture strength and dynamic impact. *Archaeometry* 64:1307-1324
- 2021 Walker RS. Cultural phylogenetics in lowland South America, in *Language Dispersal, Diversification, and Contact: A Global Perspective*. Eds M Crevels & P Muysken. Oxford University Press, p. 291-300
- 2020 Hamilton MJ, RS Walker, C Kempes. Diversity begets diversity in human cultures and mammal species. *Scientific Reports* 10:19654
- Hamilton MJ, RS Walker, B Buchanan, DS Sandeford. Scaling human sociopolitical complexity. *PLoS ONE* 15:e0234615
- Eren MI, B Story, A Perrone, M Bebber, MJ Hamilton, RS Walker, B Buchanan. North American Clovis point form and function: An experimental assessment of penetration depth. *Lithic Technology* 45:263-282
- 2019 Walker RS, MJ Hamilton. Machine learning with remote sensing data to locate uncontacted indigenous villages in Amazonia. *PeerJ Computer Science* 5:e170
- Hamilton MJ, RS Walker. Nonlinear diversification rates of linguistic phylogenies over the Holocene. *PLoS ONE* 14:e0213126
- Hamilton MJ, RS Walker, B Buchanan. Spatiotemporal diversification of projectile point types in western North America over 13,000 years. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 24:486-495
- 2018 Hamilton MJ, B Buchanan, RS Walker. Scaling the size, structure, and dynamics of residentially mobile hunter-gatherer camps. *American Antiquity* 83:701-720

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- 2017 Beckerman S, M Lizarralde, DM Peluso, C Yvinec, N Harris, D Parker, RS Walker, KR Hill. Partible paternity, the secondary sex ratio and a possible Trivers-Willard effect. *Current Anthropology* 58:540-543
- 2016 Walker RS, DC Kesler, KR Hill. Are isolated indigenous populations headed toward extinction? *PLoS ONE* 11:e0150987
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- 2015 Walker RS, KR Hill. Protecting isolated tribes. *Science* 348:1061
  - Walker RS, L Sattenspiel, KR Hill. Mortality from contact-related epidemics among indigenous populations in Greater Amazonia. *Scientific Reports* 5:14032
  - Kesler DC, RS Walker. Geographic distribution of isolated indigenous societies in Amazonia and the efficacy of indigenous territories. *PLoS ONE* 10:e0125113
  - Walker RS, C Yvinec, RM Ellsworth, DH Bailey. Co-father relationships among the Suruí (Paite) of Brazil. *PeerJ* 3:e899
  - Ellsworth RM, RS Walker. Sociobiology of lethal violence in small-scale societies, in *Routledge Handbook of Biosocial Criminology*. Eds M DeLisi & MG Vaughn. Routledge, p. 57-74
  - Walker RS. Human residence patterns, in *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Eds R Scott & S Kosslyn. Wiley, p. 1-8
  - Walker RS. Evolution of culture, in *Basics in Human Evolution*. Ed MP Muehlenbein. Academic Press, p. 525-531
- 2014 Walker RS, MJ Hamilton, AA Groth. Remote sensing and conservation of isolated indigenous villages in Amazonia. *Royal Society Open Science* 1:140246
  - Macfarlan SJ, RS Walker, MV Flinn, NA Chagnon. Lethal coalitionary aggression and long-term alliances among Yanomamö men. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA* 111:16662-16669
  - Walker RS. Amazonian horticulturalists live in larger, more related groups than hunter-gatherers. *Evolution & Human Behavior* 35:384-388
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  - Walker RS, MJ Hamilton. Amazonian societies on the brink of extinction. *American Journal of Human Biology* 26:570-572
  - Walker RS, DH Bailey. Marrying kin in small-scale societies. *American Journal of Human Biology* 26:384-388

- Walker RS, KR Hill. Causes, consequences, and kin bias of human group fissions. *Human Nature* 25:465-475
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- 2013 Walker RS, S Beckerman, MV Flinn, M Gurven, CR von Rueden, KL Kramer, RD Greaves, L Córdoba, D Villar, EH Hagen, JM Koster, L Sugiyama, TE Hunter, KR Hill. Living with kin in lowland horticultural societies. *Current Anthropology* 54:96-103
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- 2012 Walker RS, S Wichmann, T Mailund, CJ Atkisson. Cultural phylogenetics of the Tupí language family in lowland South America. *PLoS ONE* 7:e35025
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- Walker RS, MJ Hamilton. Life history consequences of density dependence and the evolution of human body sizes. *Current Anthropology* 49:115-122
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- Hamilton MJ, BT Milne, RS Walker, JH Brown. Nonlinear scaling of space use in human hunter-gatherers. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA* 104:4765-4769
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  - Walker RS, K Hill, O Burger, AM Hurtado. Life in the slow lane revisited: Ontogenetic separation between chimpanzees and humans. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 129:577-583
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- 2003 Walker RS, KR Hill. Modeling growth and senescence in physical performance among the Ache of Eastern Paraguay. *American Journal of Human Biology* 15:196-208
- 2002 Walker RS, KR Hill, H Kaplan, G MacMillan. Age-dependency in hunting ability among the Ache of Eastern Paraguay. *Journal of Human Evolution* 42:639-657
- 2001 Todd LC, DC Jones, RS Walker, P Burnett, J Eighmy. Late archaic bison hunters in Northern Colorado: 1997-1999 Excavations at the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Bonebed. *Plains Anthropologist* 46:125-147

## FIELDWORK (50 months)

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- 2023 Discovering geoglyphs in Brazil, 1 month
- 2016 Indigenous protection of forests with Guajajara Guardians in Brazil, 3 months
- 2013 Population dynamics of indigenous populations in Brazil, 2 months
- 2011 Alloparental kin investment & reproductive strategies in Brazil, 6 months
- 2010 Aché personality research in Paraguay, 2 months
- 2009 Cultural & linguistic variation in lowland South America, 6 months
- 2006 Trio & Wayana demography in Brazil & Suriname, 3 months
- 2005 Visual evoked potentials & electroencephalography with Aché, 2 months
- 2002 Makú growth & life history in Brazil, 6 months

- 2000 Aché age-specific hunting ability in Paraguay, 4 months  
1999 Hudson-Meng Bison Bonebed archaeological excavations in Nebraska, 3 months  
1998 Kaplan-Hoover Bison Bonebed archaeological excavations in Colorado, 12 months

### **PRESENTATIONS (*n* = 30)**

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- 2018 Last of the world's uncontacted tribes. Miami  
2017 Multiple fathers in lowland South America. Miami  
2016 Last of the world's uncontacted tribes. Baylor  
2015 Body counts in lowland South American violence. NIMBioS  
• Last of the world's uncontacted tribes. MU Saturday Morning Science  
2014 Remote sensing uncontacted indigenous villages in Amazonia. UNLV  
• Uniqueness of human social structure. Leipzig  
• Remote sensing uncontacted indigenous villages in Amazonia. ASU  
• Multiple fathers in lowland South America. University of Kent  
• Extensive versus intensive human kinship systems. Penn State  
2013 Multiple fathers in lowland South America. MU Life Sciences and Society  
2012 Cultural phylogenetics in lowland South America. Amsterdam  
• Body counts in Amazonian violence. UNM  
• Living with kin in traditional human societies. Penn State  
2011 Mode & tempo of human cultural evolution. Yale  
2010 Evolutionary history of partible paternity. Yale  
• Cultural variation in the Amazon. Missouri Southern State  
2009 Lifetime reproductive effort in humans. Washington University  
2008 Human life history from a comparative perspective. UNM  
• Number & size tradeoff of offspring in humans & other animals. UNM  
• Life-history theory of small & large body size in hunter-gatherers. ASU  
2007 Age uncertainty & comparative human life history. Leipzig/Rostock  
• Human life history from a comparative perspective. UCLA  
• Trade-off between number & size of offspring. William & Mary  
• Density dependence & human life history evolution. Philadelphia  
2006 Density dependence in the evolution of hunter-gatherer body sizes. Philadelphia  
• Activity patterns & health of Aché hunter-gatherers. Denver  
• Are there two human ontogenies? Anchorage  
2005 The unique human life history. UNM