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Born: 13 October 1948

Education: Ph.D. University of Connecticut, Anthropology, 1987, Dissertation: *Faunal Resource Availability and Prehistoric Cultural Selection on Block Island, Rhode Island*

M.A. University of Connecticut, Anthropology, 1980, Thesis: *Prehistoric Biological Relationships in Eastern North America*.

M.S. Central Connecticut State University, Biological Sciences, 1979

B.A. Central Connecticut State University, Anthropology Major, Magna Cum Laude, 1976

A.A. Middlesex Community College, Academic Honors, 1974

Most Recent Instruction:

1980-2018 Introductory Anthropology, Department of Anthropology,
University of Connecticut

1991-2013 Investigation of Special Topics (Undergraduate and Graduate Level
Independent Studies), University of Connecticut

Selected Articles in Journals and Newsletters:

- 1980 Anthropological relationships among prehistoric northeastern Amerindians. *North American Archaeologist*, 1(2): 145-159 (with Edward F. Harris)
- 1981 A prehistoric multiple burial from Monument Valley evidencing trauma and Possible cannibalism. *Kiva* 47(2): 248-263 (with G. Gisela Nass)
- 1982 Zooarchaeology and social history of the Butler-McCook homestead, Hartford, Connecticut. *Northeast Historical Archaeology*, 11:1-8 (with Robert R. Gradie III and David A. Poirier)
- 1983 The utility of ethnohistoric models for understanding Late Woodland-Contact Period culture change in southern New England. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, 45:51-64
- 1983 Preadolescent and adult size differences in facial size. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, 60(2):179 (with Peter H. Buschang, Robert M. Baume, and Samuel Weinstein.)
- 1985 Native American burials in Connecticut: The ethnical, scientific and bureaucratic matrix. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, 48:3-30 (with David A. Poirier and Miki Aganstata)
- 1986 Analysis of the faunal remains from Cedar Swamp III Site. *Archaeological Quarterly* 8(2): 14-22 (with Brenda A. Dorr)
- 1991 Two prehistoric human skeletal remains from the Morgan Site, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut* 54: 13-20
- 1994 Brief communication: Bioarchaeological and biocultural evidence of the New England vampire folk belief. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 94:269-274 (with Paul S. Sledzik)

- 1994 Family, friends and cemeteries. *CRM* 18(3):29-31 (with David A. Poirier)
- 1996 Forensic archaeology: A humanistic science *CRM* 19(10):3-4 (with David A. Poirier)
- 1996 Criminal investigations: A forensic archaeology case study from Connecticut. *CRM* 19(19):13-14 (with David G. Cooke)
- 1998 Planning and zoning strategies protecting Connecticut's archaeological resources. *Cultural Resource Management*, Vol. 21(10):9-11
- 2001 The Mystic Seaport Bone Circle, *Connecticut Preservation News*, Vo. 24, No. 3.
- 2001 Eastern Oyster: Changing Uses from an Archaeological Perspective, *Cultural Resource Management*, Vol. 24, No. 4, pp. 29-30, with Collin Harty
- 2001 Who Is Buried in the Empty Vault? *The Quarterly Newsletter of the Association for Gravestone Studies*, March, with John J. Spaulding
- 2002 The Patchaug Forest Artifact Hoax, *Connecticut Preservation News*, Vol. 25, No. 5
- 2003 Stability of Cholesterol Gall Stones After 165 Years of Burial. *Journal of Forensic Sciences* 48(3):633-634
- 2003 Landlubbers in a Wet World: Administrative Perspectives on Connecticut's Underwater Heritage, *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, vol. 65:57-66
- 2004 Lithic Artifact and Bio-archaeological Analyses of a Possible Adena Burial. *Bulletin of The Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, vol. 66:3-16
- 2005 Critical Issues in Connecticut Archaeological preservation. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, vol. 67:11-20
- 2006 In Memorium: Douglas F. Jordan, 1925-2006. *Bulletin of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society*, vol. 67(2), pp. 74-75.
- 2007 The Life, Death, Archaeological Exhumation and Re-internment of Opukaha'ia (Henry Obookiah), *Connecticut History*, Vol. 46, No. 2, pp. 206-226.
- 2007 Hidden History: The Relationship of Archaeology to the Study of History. *Connecticut History*, Vol. 46, No. 2, pp. 65-80.
- 2008 Museum Showcase: Norris L. Bull's Monolithic Axe. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, vol. 70:101-102
- 2010 The Search for Graves with Ground-penetrating Radar in Connecticut, *Journal of Archaeological Science* 37:941-949, with James A. Doolittle.
- 2013 The Application of Scanning Electron Microscopy and Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy in the Analysis of Archaeological Materials: An Examination of Morphological Characteristics and Elemental Composition of Artifacts Excavated in Connecticut, *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut*, No. 75, pp. 5-17.
- 2019 The Dead Shall Be Raised: Multidisciplinary Analysis of 19th Century Human Skeletons Reveals Complex New Haven Connecticut Immigrant Socioeconomic History and Identity, *PLOS ONE* online journal.
- 2019 DNA testing reveals the identity of JB55: a 19th century vampire buried in Griswold, Connecticut, *GENES*, online journal.

Edited Journals and Newsletters:

- 1991.1999 Newsletter Editor for the National Association of State Archaeologists (NASA)
- 1996 Guest Editor for *Cultural Resource Management* Vol. 19 – Volume Topic: Forensic Archaeology: A Humanistic Science

Edited Monographs:

- 1996 *In Remembrance: Archaeology and Death*. Bergin & Garvey Press, Westport, CT (with David A. Poirier)
- 2005 *Anthropologists At Work: An Introductory Reader*, Pearson Publishers (with Luci Fernandes)

Trade Book:

- 2018 *The Long Journeys Home: The Repatriations of Henry 'Opukaha'ia and Albert Afraid of Hawk*, Wesleyan Middletown Press, Middletown, CT.

Selected Contributions to Edited Monographs:

- 1994 Connecticut's Preservation Mechanism for the Protection of Native American and Colonial Burial Grounds, In: *Cultural Resource Management: Archaeological Research, Preservation Planning, and Public Education in the Northeastern United States*. Edited by Jordan Kerber, pp.141-154, Bergin & Garvey Press, Westport, CT
- 1997 Rescue, Research, and Reburial: The Walton Cemetery Project. In: *Lessons From The Past: An Introductory Reader in Archaeology*. Edited by Kenneth Feder, Mayfield Publishing Company, Mountain View, CA
- 1998 Partnership: Descendants, Friends-Of-The-Dead, and Archaeologists. In: *In Remembrance: Archaeology and Death*. Edited by David Poirier and Nicholas Bellantoni, pp. 231-236, Bergin & Garvey Press, Westport, CT
- 1999 Forensic Archaeology at the Chauncey Family Crypt, Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown, CT. In: *Lessons From The Past: An Introductory Reader in Archaeology*. Edited by Kenneth Feder, Mayfield Publishing Company, Mountain View, CA
- 1999 Pre-Contact Archaeology in Connecticut: An Overview of 11,000 Years of Cultural Adaptation. In: *The Archaeology of Connecticut*. Edited by William F. and Kristen Noble Keegan.. Bibliopola Press, Storrs, CT
- 1999 Two Articles Contributed, *Lessons form the Past: An Introductory Reader in Archaeology*, edited by Kenneth L. Feder, Mayfield Publishing Company.

Selected Technical Monographs:

- 2003 *Cultural Resource Survey for the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut*. Submitted as Principle Investigator with Keegan Associates to the Appalachian Trail Conference and the National Park Service.
- 2000 *The Greenman House Bone Assemblage, Mystic, Connecticut*. Report prepared for Mystic Seaport, Stonington, CT (with Meredith Vasta and William Jay)
Historical and Cultural Reconnaissance Survey, Cultural Resource Management Plan, Connecticut National Guard Properties Camp Rowland, Camp Hartell, and Stone's Ranch. Report submitted to the Connecticut Military Department (with David George, William Keegan, S. Douglas Dumas and Kirsten Keegan).
- 1995 *Preliminary Report on the Archaeological Survey of the Coginchaug (Hell's Gate) Rockshelter, Durham, Connecticut*. Report prepared for Bell Atlantic Mobile.
- 1994 *Human Osteological Analysis of the Millbury III Cremation Complex Site, Millbury, Massachusetts*. Funded by the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Pawtucket, RI
- 1987 *Analysis of the Faunal Remains from the Phase II Archaeological Survey of Block Island, Rhode Island*. Prepared for the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, the Town of New Shoreham and the Block Island Historical Society.
- 1983 *Osteometrics, Dental Metrics, and Paleopathologies of Connecticut Indian Skeletons*. Prepared for the American Indian Archaeological Institute, Washington, CT (with Peter Buschang).
- 1980 *Innovative Archaeological Survey Methods Evaluation: Survey and Planning Grant 1980*. Prepared for the Connecticut Historical Commission (with Kevin McBride and Mary Soulsby).
- 1980 Phase I Reconnaissance Survey of the West Thompson Reservoir Area. *Archaeological Research Monographs No. 15*, Laboratory of Archaeology, University of Connecticut. Prepared for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division. (with Kevin McBride and Mary Soulsby)

Selected Field and Research Experience:

- 1979 Human osteological analysis of the crania from the Penn site, north central New York state.
- 1980 Human osteological analysis of a mass Pueblo burial from Monument Valley, Utah.
- 1980.2 Archaeological Surveys of East Haddam, Haddam, and Lyme, Connecticut, as the third season of a multi-year effort to study prehistoric settlement-subsistence systems in Connecticut. Funded by a Department of Interior Survey and Planning Grant, administered by the Connecticut Historical Commission. Field Director.
- 1982 Investigations of sexual dimorphism in seven facial dimensions for preadolescents 4 to 11 years of age and adults. Department of Orthodontics, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington.

- 1982-6 Archaeological survey of the proposed I-84 highway project area from Bolton, Connecticut eastward to the Rhode Island state border. Funded by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Field Director.
- 1986-7 Archaeological survey of Block Island, Rhode Island. Funded by the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission, the Town of New Shoreham, and the Block Island Historical Society. Field Director.
- 1990 Rescue excavations at the Walton Family Cemetery Site, Griswold, Connecticut. Funded by the Connecticut Historical Commission. Principal investigator.
- 1994 Human osteological analysis of the Millbury III Cremation Complex Site, Millbury, Massachusetts.
- 1995 Archaeological surveys of Connecticut National Guard Facilities: Camp Rowland, Stone's Ranch, and Camp Hartell. Funded by the Connecticut Military Department. Principal Investigator.
- 2001 Faunal analysis of the Mystic Bone Circle Site, Stonington, Connecticut.
- 2002 Chemical analysis of gallstone sample removed from historic (1837) burial at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut.
- 2003 Cultural Resource Management Survey of the Connecticut 55 mile corridor of the Appalachian Trail for the National Park Service, Kent to Salisbury, Connecticut.
- 2004 Directed archaeological excavations at the Rogers Site, a Late/Terminal Archaic cremation area, Lisbon, CT.
- 2009 Conducted archaeological and geo-physical investigations into the 1941 plane crash of Lt. Eugene Bradley, Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.
- 2012 Directed archaeological excavations at the New England Hebrew Farmers of Emanuel Society, mikveh and synagogue sites, Chesterfield, CT.

Selected Forensic Archaeological Investigations

- 1993 Conducted forensic investigation at the Chauncey Family Tomb for the Middletown Police Department, crypt vandalism, Middletown, Connecticut.
- 1993 Exhumed the skeletal remains of Henry Opukaha'ia, first Christianized Native Hawaiian, for repatriation back to Hawaii, Cornwall, Connecticut.
- 1998 Conducted ground-penetrating radar and soil core testing at the Ancient Burying Ground to locate unmarked graves of African American Governors, Hartford, Connecticut.
- 1998 Conducted forensic investigation in the Pitkin Family 18th century Tomb, Center Cemetery, East Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut.
- 1998 Conducted forensic investigation at the Mosley Family Tomb, East Haddam, CT.
- 1999 Conducted forensic archaeological investigation of the cemetery vandalism of the Sterry burial, Stoddard Hill Cemetery, Ledyard, Connecticut.
- 2000 Conducted ground-penetrating radar at the Old South Burying Ground, Hartford, Connecticut.
- 2001 Conducted archaeological excavation and removal for reburial of Dr. Joseph Peters, (d. 1761), East Hampton, Connecticut.
- 2002 Assisted the chief state's medical examiner's office in the rescue excavations of a colonial farming family burying ground discovered during sand and gravel operations, North Stonington, Connecticut.
- 2003 Conducted archaeological excavations at Milford Cemetery to locate the unmarked burial of Mr. Peter Pond, fur trader and mountain man (d. 1805), Milford, Connecticut.
- 2003 Conducted forensic investigation of the Samuel Huntington Tomb Restoration Project, Norwich, Connecticut.
- 2003 Conducted rescue archaeological investigation of house construction site where human cranium was recovered, Waterford, Connecticut.
- 2004 Conducted archaeological recovery of four members of the Samuel Horton family, 1803-1837 at Old Northeast Cemetery, Wolcott, Connecticut.
- 2005 Conducted forensic investigation of the Gershom Bulkeley Family tomb, 1775-1835, Old Colchester Burying Ground, Colchester, Connecticut.
- 2004 Conducted electro-magnetic imaging and archaeological testing to rediscover the lost Old Newgate Prison Cemetery, East Granby, Connecticut.
- 2004 Conducted forensic and archeological investigation of a 17th century Pequot Indian Burying Ground discovered during house construction on Mason's Island, Stonington, Connecticut.
- 2006 Conducted archaeological excavations of four burial plots associated with the Venture Smith (d. 1805) Family, First Church of Christ Cemetery, East Haddam, Connecticut.
- 2006 Conducted rescue excavations at the site of the First Trinity church Burying Ground discovered during construction activities, Fairfield, Connecticut.

- 2006 Conducted archaeological excavations with the chief medical examiner's office to search for the murdered body of Anna Henneway, Manchester, Connecticut
- 2006 Conducted archaeological investigation at the Evert Family burial plots for proposed economic development project, Salisbury, Connecticut.
- 2007 Assisted the Connecticut State Police in conducting ground-penetrating radar scan in a homicide investigation, Newtown, Connecticut.
- 2007 Assisted the Shelton Police Department in conducting ground-penetrating radar and electro-magnetic imaging surveys in search of potential murder victim, Shelton, Connecticut.
- 2007 Conducted archaeological investigation into the Fraser Family Tomb due to collapse of tomb structure, Mortimer Cemetery, Middletown, Connecticut.
- 2008 Assisted the Fairfield Police Department in conducting archaeological investigation of a vandalized historic burial, Fairfield, Connecticut.
- 2011 Conducted archaeological excavations at Yale-New Haven Hospital when four buried skeletons were uncovered during construction activity from a 19th-century Catholic Church cemetery.
- 2011 Search to remove the remains of the Old Leatherman for transfer to another area of Sparta Cemetery, Ossining, New York.
- 2012 Conducted exhumation of Albert Afraid of Hawk, Lakota Sioux, who died in 190 while performing in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in Danbury, CT. Remains repatriated to the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota.
- 2012 Assisted the CT State Police Eastern Division Major Crime Squad in recovery and identification of human skeletal remains located in a wooded area. Victim identified as a 26 year old female missing for six years. Homicide suspected.
- 2012 Superstorm Sandy topples Lincoln oak tree on the New Haven Green revealing Colonial era burials. Assisted OCME and New Haven PD.
- 2013 Forensic archaeological investigation of cold case where suspect may have buried two young girls in back yard. Assisted Manchester Police Department.
- 2013 Assisted Vernon Police Department and Eastern District State Police Major Crime Squad in identification and recovery of human skeletal remains in old town landfill.
- 2013 Assisted Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in the investigation of the Edwin Denison Morgan family tomb at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Tomb vandalism associated with Santeria cult activity.

Selected Papers and Lectures:

- 1981 *Anthropological relationships among prehistoric northeastern Amerindians.* Presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, Amherst, MA
- 1982 *Zooarchaeology and social history of the Butler-McCook homestead, Hartford, Connecticut.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Windsor, CT
- 1983 *Preadolescent and adult sex differences in facial size.* Presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN
- 1983 *The utility of ethnohistoric models for understanding Late Woodland-Contact period culture change in southern New England.* Presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1989 *Faunal resource availability and prehistoric cultural selection on Block Island, Rhode Island.* Presented at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, Montreal, CA
- 1989 *Practical Approaches to the treatment of human skeletal remains.* Presented to the National Association of State Archaeologists at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Phoenix, AZ
- 1991 *Connecticut's preservation mechanism for Native American and colonial cemeteries.* Presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1992 *Local communities and changing perceptions of archaeology in Connecticut.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Conference on New England Archaeology, Sturbridge, MA
- 1992 *Millbury III cremation complex skeletal analysis.* Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association. Danbury, CT
- 1992 *Comparison of archaeological faunal assemblages from Fisher's Island, New York, and Block Island, Rhode Island.* Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, Danbury, CT
- 1993 *Doctor, lawyer, Indian chief: The many roles of the state archaeologist.* Presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, Geneseo, NY

- 1994 *Forensic archaeology at the Chauncey family crypt, Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown, Connecticut*. Presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, Lake Placid, NY
- 2001 *Municipal planning regulations for the protection of archaeological sites*. Presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Seattle, WA
- 2004 *Cultural Resource Assessment Study of the Appalachian Trail Corridor in Connecticut*, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 *A good story vs. scientific fact: Exploring the mystery of "James Penn"*. Presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Paleopathology Association, Anchorage, Alaska.
- 2007 Comments on, "*Life, Death, Mortuary Practices in a Rural Rhode Island Community, 1820-1936*", presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2008 *Stone Blade Caches in Connecticut*, presented at the Regional Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Providence, Rhode Island.
- 2009 *Two Steps Forward...On Step Backwards: The Last 20 years of Archaeological Preservation in Connecticut*, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Conference on New England Archaeology, Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts.
- 2010 *Ticked Off: Lyme Disease and Archaeologists*, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, Hartford, Connecticut.
- 2013 *Bioarchaeological Recovery of Four Catholic Burials, New Haven, Connecticut*, presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2017 *The Dead Shall Be Raised: Multidisciplinary Analysis of Four 19th Century Human Skeletons, Christ Church Catholic Cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut*, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, New London, Connecticut.
- 2019 *Staking Your Life on it: Vampirism, Healing, and Consumption in the Early National Era*. Presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Cambridge, MA

Service and Public Outreach

- 1988 Ex-officio member: Governor's Legislative Task Force on Indian Affairs.
- 1991- Member: Planning Advisory Committee, State Historic Preservation Office.
- 1992- Member: State of Connecticut's River Advisory Committee, Department of Environmental Protection.
- 1993- Member: Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers National Heritage Advisory Committee.
- 1994- State Councilman, State Historic Preservation Council, Commission on Culture and Tourism
- 2002 Board of Directors, Somers Mountain Museum of Natural History and Primitive
- 2011 Board of Trustees, Institute for American Indian Studies, Washington, CT.
- 2012 State Commissioner, Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism
- 2007-11 President, National Association of State Archaeologists, 4 year term
- 2009- Chair, Collections Committee, Institute for American Indian Studies
- 2010- Honorary Board Member, New England Hebrew Farmers of the Emanuel Society
- 2011- Committee member, Connecticut State Board on Geographic Names
- 2013 Editorial Advisory Board, *American Archeology*, a publication of The Archaeological Conservancy
- 2013 Board of Directors, Chamberlin Mill Preservation Committee
- 2013 Committee Member, Connecticut Natural and Cultural Resources Task Force Recovery Support (FEMA)
- 2014-18 President, Archaeological Society of Connecticut

College Commencement Speaker

- 2003 Northwestern Community College, Winsted, Connecticut

Media Presentations

Numerous national television presentations including international broadcasts with The History Channel, Discovery Channel, PBS, Smithsonian Channel, National Geographic Channel and the BBC. He has conducted radio interviews nationally on PBS and locally on CT Public Radio and on many local Connecticut television stations. Newspaper coverage of his work has also been international.

Selected Awards and Grants

CT Humanities Council 1989
“Preserving Connecticut’s Archaeological Heritage”
Co-awarded with David A. Poirier

CT Department of Transportation 1996
Federal Enhancement Program Grant Award \$35,000
“*Surrounded by the Past*”, Archaeology Exhibit
Co-awarded with David A. Poirier

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection 1998
Save the Sound License Plate Program Grant \$20,000
“*Beneath Connecticut’s Water: Shipwreck Preservation*”
Co-awarded with David A. Poirier

Dr. Sigmund Abeles Award 2010
Connecticut Science Teachers Associations
Connecticut Science Supervisors Association

Award of Merit 2011
Connecticut League of History Organizations

Janet G. Jainschigg Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation
Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation 2014

Professional Affiliation:

Society for American Archaeology
Archaeological Society of Connecticut
National Association of State Archaeologists
Northeastern Anthropological Association
Conference on New England Archaeology
Connecticut Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History