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Research Statement

I am a doctoral student at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where I explore how contemporary communities shape concepts of cultural heritage as they engage with the archaeological sites and objects around them. I specifically focus on groups in the South Caucasus in the Samtskhe-Javakheti Region of the Republic of Georgia.

Education

2024- PhD – Anthropology (Archaeology emphasis), University of California, Los Angeles (Anticipated graduation: 2029)

2023 MA – Anthropology (Archaeology emphasis), Brigham Young University

2019 BA – Anthropology (Archaeology emphasis), Brigham Young University

Publications

2024 "Medieval Caucasian Consumption and Identity: A Study of Splashed Sgraffito Wares." *Medieval Archaeology*, 68(1). 24–47.

2023 "Transforming Religious and Monarchial Power: The Iron Gate of Ganja within the Gelati Monastery." *Journal of Islamic Archaeology*, 10(1). 83–100.

2022 "Propagation vs Intrusion: Islamic Influences in Medieval Georgia." *Studia Antiqua*, 21(1). 34–50.

2019 "Arab-Islamic Influences in Medieval Georgia." *Poland*: *XIX i XX Międzynarodowa Interdyscyplinarna Sesja Studentów Archeologii. Materiały pokonferencyjne*. 129–143.

Public Outreach Publications

2026 "Bread and Stone: Traditional Food and Homes in the South Caucasus" Backdirt (Annual Review of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology), 85–87.

Reports

2024 Tiffany T. Collins, Brandon Austin, **Jake Hubbert**, Julie Kramer, Christopher Lowry, Nicole Musci, Freeman Stevenson, Jordan Turner, *Cultural Resource Report for the Gateway West Gement D3 Project, Bannock, Bear Lake, Caribou, and Franklin counties, Idaho* (Salt Lake City, UT: SWCA Environmental Consultants, March 2024), Idaho SHPO Record Search Nos. 22362 and 22372.

2019 "Nabataean Course Ware Pottery Chronological Dating System." *BYU Journal of Undergraduate Research ORCA Reports*.

MA Thesis

2023 "Healing Practices and Ritual Feasts Among the Nabateans: A Study of Absorbed Residues From Ceramics on the Ad-Deir Plateau" *Brigham Young University*.

Presentations

Paper Presentations

2026 Hubbert, Jake, "Abandoned and Rejected Heritage: The Case of Historic Meskhetian Mosques in the Republic of Georgia" at Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) annual conference, Chicago, Il.[1]

2026 Armstrong, Brian, Cassandra Keily, **Jake Hubbert**, Andrew Mahisa Halim, Andrew Jameson, and Giorgi Bedianashvili, "Data to Deployment: Operationalising 34 Datasets for Use in Virtual REality Experiences: A Case Study on a Late Medieval Georgian Underground House" at Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA) annual conference, Vianna, Austria.

2025 Hubbert, Jake, "Spheroconical Vessels and Changing Medical Practices in Medieval Dvin, Armenia" at Online Workshop: Armenian Society under Caliphal Rule II.

2025 Hubbert, Jake, "Soviet Repatriation and the After Lives of Georgian Objects: A Case Study of the Khakhuli Triptych" at How to Repatriate the Material Heritage of the Middle East (and Beyond)? Los Angeles, CA.

2025 Hubbert, Jake, "Birding in Byzantium: Bird Sounds and Songs within the Soundscapes of Byzantine Churches" at East Meets West: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Greece's History and Culture, Sacramento, CA.

2025 Hubbert, Jake, "Islamic Heritage in the Republic of Georgia: An assessment of Local versus Administrative Approaches" at The University of California Confronts Violence, Mass Atrocity and Hate: Conversations on Human Rights, Humanity and Peacemaking, Davis, CA.

2024 Ure, Scott M and **Jake Hubbert**, "Maize in the Mix: Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry of a Fremont Ceramic Mug Recovered from the Snow Farm Site in Payson, Utah" The Society of American Archaeology annual conference, New Orleans, LA.

2024 Hubbert, Jake, "What Follows Us to the Grave: A Study of Recent Headstones in Utah Cemeteries" at UPAC Annual Conference, Price, UT.

2023 Hubbert, Jake, "The Consumption of Medieval Ceramics and the Construction of Identity" at the International Medieval Congress (IMC) in Leeds, England.

2022 Hubbert, Jake, "A Possible Ritual Feast at Eastern Cistern B on the Ad-Deir Plateau" at American Schools of Overseas Research (ASOR) annual conference in Boston, MA.

2022 Emily Yankura and **Jake Hubbert**, "Building a Narrative! The Role of Museums in Video Games" at American Schools of Overseas Research (ASOR) annual conference in Boston, MA.

[1] Myself and Ecem Saricayir, co-organized the session "Memory of Life Between Empires: Fluid Borders and Constructed Heritage in the South Caucasus."

2022 Hubbert, Jake, "Medicinal Nabataean Flora: New Finds from the Ad-Deir Plateau" at the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) annual conference in San Francisco, CA.[2]

2021 Hubbert, Jake, "The Utility of Nabataean Coarse Wares: An Organic Residue Approach" at American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) annual conference in Chicago, IL.

2021 Hubbert, Jake, "Transforming Power: A Study of the Ancient Gates of Ganja within The Gelati Monastery" at the Single Slide Sohbat Conference on Islamic Art, hosted by Yale University.

2019 Hubbert, Jake, "Arab-Islamic Influences in Medieval Georgia" at the 20th International Interdisciplinary Archaeology Students Session "500 Thousand Most Difficult Years" in Poznan, Poland.

2019 Hubbert, Jake, "Islamic Visual Influences in Medieval Georgia" at the Utah Conference for Undergraduate Research (UCUR) at Weber State University, Ogden, UT.

Poster Presentations

2023 Hubbert, Jake, "Identifying Plants from Absorbed Lipids from Ceramics on the Ad-Deir Plateau in Petra, Jordan" at Mary Lou Fulton Conference, BYU, Provo, UT.[3]

2022 Hubbert, Jake, "Medieval Georgian Stone Crosses" at Mary Lou Fulton Conference, BYU, Provo, UT.

2019 Hubbert, Jake, "Nabataean Coarse Wares in the late Roman Period" at BYU Museum of Peoples and Cultures symposium on Human Experience (HeX), Provo, UT.

2019 Hubbert, Jake, "Roman Imperialism and Nabataean Coarse Wares: New Evidence from the Ad-Deir Plateau Petra, Jordan" at Mary Lou Fulton Conference, BYU, Provo, UT.

2018 Hubbert, Jake, "Coarse Ware Ceramic finds from Eastern Cistern B on the Ad-Deir Plateau, Petra, Jordan", at American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) annual conference in Denver, CO.

2016 Hubbert, Jake, Spencer Lambert, and Joseph Bryce, "Faunal analysis from Wolf Village, Utah" at Mary Lou Fulton Conference, BYU, Provo, UT.

Public Presentations

2026 "From Simple Ruins to Cultural Heritage: Semi-Subterranean Homes in the Samtskhe-Javakheti Region of the Republic of Georgia", Caucasus Research Resource Center, Tbilisi.

Employment

Academic Positions

2026 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Sean Prall, Introduction to Human Evolution (Anthro 1). UCLA

2026 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Monica L. Smith, Introduction to Archaeology (Anthro 2). UCLA

[2] I was the chair for the session on "Dance, Feasting, and Ritual in the Ancient Near East."

[3] I received the first place award for best graduate poster from the Anthropology Department at BYU.

2025	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Richard Lesure, Introduction to Archaeology (Anthro 2). UCLA
2024	Instructor, Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH110) course. Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.
2023–2024	Instructor, World Prehistory (ANTH 103G) and Introduction to Social-Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 101G) courses. Utah Valley University, Orem, UT.
2022–2023	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Allison Lee. Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH110) course. Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.
2022–2023	Research Assistant to Prof. Scott Ure
2022	Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jamie Bartlett. Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH110) course. Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.
2021	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Michael Searcy. Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH110) course. Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

Museum Positions

2020–2022	Departmental Research Assistant assigned to the Museum of Peoples and Cultures
2017–2019	Collections technician, Brigham Young University Museum of Peoples and Cultures
2016–2017	Assistant registrar, Brigham Young University Museum of Art

Cultural/Heritage Resource Management

2023–2024	Staff Archaeologist, SWCA Environmental Consultants
2020–2023	Field Technician, Logan Simpson

Leadership and Institutional Service

2026 - 2028	Student President for the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus

Academic Memberships

2026–Present	Association for Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
2021–Present	American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC)
2024–2026	Society for Medieval Archaeology
2024–2025	Utah Professional Archaeological Council (UPAC)
2023–2025	Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA)
2022–2025	Historians of Islamic Art Association (HIAA)
2021–2023	American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR)

2022–2023	Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)

Languages

2013–Present	Georgian (advanced reading, writing, and speaking)
2021–Present	Russian (Intermediate reading, writing, and speaking)
2017–Present	Arabic (Beginner reading, writing, and speaking)

Permits

2023–2026	Field Director under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) permit no. 23UT55126 for the Great Basin Region

Grants, Honors, and Awards

2027	Pauley Award from the Division of Social Sciences (UCLA)	$15,000
2026	Lemelson Seed Grant (UCLA)	$10,000
2026	ARISC Graduate/Postdoctoral Fellowship	$2,250
2025	Foreign Language and Area Studies Program (Russian)	$20,000
2025	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship	$6,000
2024	UCLA Department of Anthropology full funding for 5-years	$36,216[4]
2024	European Studies Award from the Division of Social Sciences (UCLA)	$20,000
2024	Graduate Recruitment Award from UCLA Global Antiquity	$2,500
2024	UCLA Departmental Award	$5,000
2023	BYU Fulton Poster Award	$300
2023	BYU Research Grant	$3,500
2022	ASOR Student Travel Grant	$250
2022	ARISC ESC Fellowship	$5000[5]
2022	AIA Graduate Travel Grant	$750
2021	Shallot Grant Recipient	$1,500
2018	ASOR Student Travel Grant	$250
2017	ASOR Platt Excavation Fellowship	$2,000
2017	ORCA Research Grant, BYU	$1,500

[4] Over the course of five years the total value is estimated to be $128,325 for both tuition and fees with an annual inflation rate of about 3.5%.

[5] The approximate value of the fellowship was $5,000, which covered airfare and living costs while I was conducting month-long research in the Republic of Georgia.

Total: $132,016

Citizenship and Service

2024 Gave public tours of the exhibit "Petra and the Nabataeans" at Brigham Young University's Museum of Peoples and Cultures

2022 Presented on Islamic collections at Brigham Young University's Museum of Peoples and Cultures for alumni open house

2021 Presentation on archaeology for young child co-op, UT

2019 Presentation on archaeology for preschool class, UT

2019 Presented on Nabataean ceramics at Museum of Peoples and Cultures for Brigham Young University's annual Night at the Museums

2018 Presented on Nabataean ceramics at Museum of Peoples and Cultures for Brigham Young University's annual Night at the Museums

2017 Presented on Nabataean ceramics at Museum of Peoples and Cultures for Brigham Young University's annual Night at the Museums

Invited Lectures

2023 Classroom presentation on archaeology and cultural resource management for STEM seminar at Westminster University, UT

2023 Lectured on cultural resource management in Utah for Prof. Alyssa Merrill's class on archaeological careers

2021 Lectured on ceramic analysis and the application of absorbed residue analysis for Dr. Marion Forest's class on archaeological methods and theories

Field Experience

Table of field experiences, locations, months and hours, and primary responsibilities.

Year	Project	Country	State	Months	Hours	Duties
2026	Georgian Australian Investigations in Archaeology	Republic of Georgia	Samtskhe-Javakheti	1.25	200	Ethnographer
2025	Georgian Australian Investigations in Archaeology	Republic of Georgia	Samtskhe-Javakheti	1.25	200	Crew Chief
2023	PacifiCorp Transmission Line Survey	USA	Idaho	0.5	80	Surveyor
2023	SWCA surveys and excavations in Utah	USA	Utah	3.45	550	Field Tech.
2022	Snow Farm Magnetometer Survey	USA	Utah	0.175	28	Surveyor
2022	Georgian Australian Investigations in Archaeology	Republic of Georgia	Samtskhe-Javakheti	1.25	200	Crew Chief

Year	Project	Country	State	Months	Hours	Duties
2022	Roots of Casas Grandes: San Diego Excavation	Mexico	Chihuahua	0.625	100	Field Tech.
2021	Soldier Pass Survey	USA	Utah	0.5	80	Surveyor
2021	Coalbed Village Excavation	USA	Utah	1.25	200	Crew Chief
2021	Snow Farm Excavation	USA	Utah	0.625	100	Field Tech.
2021	Provo River Delta	USA	Utah	1.375	220	Monitor
2020	Snow Farm	USA	Utah	0.1875	30	Field Tech.
2020	Provo River Delta	USA	Utah	0.25	40	Field Tech.
2019	Ad-Deir Monument and Plateau Project	Jordan	Ma'an	1.875	300	Crew Chief
2018	Ad-Deir Monument and Plateau Project	Jordan	Ma'an	2.5	400	Crew Chief
2017	Ad-Deir Monument and Plateau Project (Field school)	Jordan	Ma'an	1	160	Student
2017	Wadi Mataha Tomb Excavation (Field school)	Jordan	Ma'an	0.5	80	Student
2013	Hope Island Survey (Field school)	USA	Washington	0.375	60	Student
			Total	**17.6875**	**2828**	