

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH AREAS AND INTERESTS

Native American Indigenous Communities (U.S., Canada, Mexico, Belize), Middle East and North Africa (Post Arab-Spring) Maya Cultures, Maya Archeology, Ethnology, Sociocultural Anthropology, Illicit Antiquities Trade, Heritage Rights, Social Transformations in Indigenous Communities, Colonialism, Decolonization in Indigenous Communities, Conflict-Zone Archaeology, Cultural Commodification, Subsistence Looting, Museology, Environmental Anthropology, Effects of Water Scarcity

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler)

BA in Social Sciences (emphasis in Anthropology)

Dec 2024

Honors Thesis: *The Illicit Antiquities Trade*

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)

PhD in Anthropology (emphasis in Sociocultural Anthropology)

Anticipated June 2030

EXPERIENCE

UT Tyler

Volunteer Lab Tech: UT Tyler Archeology Imaging Lab

2024

Maya Reserch Program

Field Student: T'zunun, Blue Creek

2025 -

TALKS AND PRSENTATIONS

"The Illicit Antiquities Trade and it's Consequences," Honors Lyceum, UT Tyler, Apr 2024

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS, ASSOSIATIONS

UT Tyler Idea Challenge Winner Award	2020
UT Tyler Honors Program Scholarship	Fall 2022 - Fall 2024
Ivanov School of Young Leaders Fellow	2024
Maya Research Program Welker Scholarship	2025
UCLA Competative Edge Fellowship	2025
Eugene V. Cota-Robles Award	2025 - 2026

PUBLICATIONS

Kypuros, N. I. (May, 2025). The Antiquities Trade and Its Consequences: Predatory Practices, Commodification, Cultural Depletion, and Modern-Day Reactions. *Righting Wrongs: A Journal of Human Rights*, 15(1).

SKILLS

Anthropology:

Able to identify Hominin and Hominin sub-species' bones, estimated age, physical trauma, possible sex, and possible genealogy

Introductory Experience with ArcGIS Pro software and SQL language

Multi-lingual (Spanish, English, French)

Design:

Experience with Canva and Adobe applications (Photoshop, Premier Pro, Illustrator, InDesign, Express, & XD)

Experience with 3D Scan applications (NEXTEngine ScanStudio)

COURSES

UT Tyler	ANTH 3360 ARCHAEOLOGY
	GEOG 1313 WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY
	GEOG 1301 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
	SOCI 1301 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
	SOCI 3321 MULTI-CULTURAL STUDIES
	ANTH 3330 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
	GEOG 4340 HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION
	ANTH 4320 ANCIENT CIVS OF AMERICA
	GEOG 4330 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
	USAC ANTH 4360 TOPICS IN ANTHROPOLOGY (MUSEUM STUDIES)
	SOCI 4360 SOCIOLOGY OF INSTITUTIONS (LGBTQIA)

GPA

UT Tyler Cum.	3.76
UT Tyler Major Coursework	4.0
USAC Cum.	4.0

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), French (proficient)

REFERENCES

Professor Jessica Cattelino

Professor at UCLA Department of Anthropology, Department of American Indian Studies, and Department of Gender Studies, Masters Thesis Research Mentor

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