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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Dissertation: Community Identity in the Late Prehistoric Yazoo Basin: The Archaeology of Parchman Place, Coahoma County, Mississippi
- 2006 M.A., Anthropology, University of Mississippi, University
- 2001 B.A., Anthropology, University of Missouri, Columbia

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work, University of South Alabama, Mobile
- 2017-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work, University of South Alabama, Mobile
- 2017-present Associate Member of Graduate Faculty, University of South Alabama, Mobile
- 2016-present Research Associate, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2016-2017 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2024 *USA FY2024 NAGPRA Consultation and Documentation Grant*. NAGPRA Consultation and Documentation Grants, National Park Service (\$97,545.00).
- 2024 Daniel F. Austin Award for excellence in an edited volume, Society for Ethnobotany. *Ancient Foodways: Integrative Approaches to Understanding Subsistence and Society* (volume contributor).
- 2023 Rising Scholar Award, Southeastern Archaeological Conference
- 2022 *"Braiding Knowledge" in Mobile Bay: Collaborative Research on Indigenous Art Traditions*. Social Justice Research Initiative, University of South Alabama (\$10,000)
- 2022 *Pensacola Culture and the Mississippianization of the Northern Gulf Coast, ca. AD 1100-1700*. Support for Characterization of Archaeological Specimens by NAA, XRF or ICP-MS. Archaeometry Laboratory, University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR; \$30,000 subsidy).

- 2022 *Collaborative Research: Long Term Process of Cultural Melding* (PI). With Lindsay A. Bloch and Neill J. Wallis. National Science Foundation BCS Proposal 2148034 (\$181,302).
- 2021-22 Faculty Fellowship in Community Engagement and Service Learning, University of South Alabama.
- 2019 *Archaeological Geophysics in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta*. Summer Professional Development Award, University of South Alabama.
- 2019 *Geophysical Prospection to Locate “Le Simetierre” at Old Mobile*. Friends of Old Mobile.
- 2019 *Sharing Stories: Oral History in Blakely Bluff and the Mobile-Tensaw Delta*. Alabama Humanities Foundation. Kathy J. Cooke, Lead PI.
- 2018 *Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations at Marksville Archaeological Park, Marksville, Louisiana*. Support & Development Award, University of South Alabama.
- 2017-2018 New Faculty Scholars Fellowship, University of South Alabama.
- 2015 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Graduate School.
- 2015 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South.
- 2012-2013 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC Graduate School.
- 2011 Timothy P. Mooney Fellowship, UNC Research Laboratories of Archaeology.
- 2011 Future Faculty Fellowship, UNC Center for Faculty Excellence.
- 2011 Summer Research Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South.
- 2011 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South.
- 2011 Mississippi Archaeological Association Award for Outstanding Student Paper.
- 2011, 2010 Graduate Mentorship Award, Office of Undergraduate Research.
- 2010 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant #1036363.
- 2010 Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School.
- 2010 Summer Research Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South.
- 2009 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South.
- 2009 Graduate Student Opportunity Fund Grant, UNC Graduate School.
- 2007 Summer Research Grant, UNC Center for the Study of the American South.
- 2005 Graduate Assistantship in Remote Sensing and Anthropology, UM.
- 2005 Honors Fellowship, UM Graduate School.
- 2005 Graduate Student Council Grant, UM Graduate Student Council.
- 2004 Geoinformatics Fellowship, UM.

PUBLICATIONS

- Under Review **Nelson, Erin S.** and Ashley Rutkoski. Bottle Creek and the Pensacola Mississippian Expression. In *Oxford Review of Mississippian Archaeology*, edited by Jacob Skousen and Timothy R. Pauketat.
- Under Antoniuk, Caitlyn Burkes; Jessica A. Kowalski; and **Erin S. Nelson**. The Yazoo

- Review Basin. In *Oxford Review of Mississippian Archaeology*, edited by Jacob Skousen and Timothy R. Pauketat.
- In Press Peres, Tanya, Sarah E. Baires, Grace E. Reihm, Karen A. Stevens, Maureen S. Meyers, and **Erin S. Nelson**. (Re)Sourcing Knowledge: Considering Access, Authorship, and Citation in Archaeology. In *What Have We Lost: The History of Exclusion in Archaeology*, ed. Maureen S. Meyers and Sarah Janesko. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.
- In Press Lindsay C. Bloch, **Erin S. Nelson**, Neill J. Wallis, and Ashley Rutkoski. Creating Standardized Guides for Pottery Temper Characterization. In press at *Advances in Archaeological Practice*.
- 2025 **Nelson, Erin**, Ian Thompson, Carole Ayers, David Batton, Lindsay Bloch, Karen Downen, Vangie Robinson, Ashley Rutkoski, Andrea Torvinen, and Neill Wallis. Braiding Knowledge in Mobile Bay: Collaborative Research and Revitalization of Choctaw Ceramic Traditions. *The SAA Archaeological Record* 25:3(4-11).
- 2024 **Nelson, Erin S.** *Authority, Autonomy, and the Archaeology of a Mississippian Community*. University Press of Florida, Gainesville. Paperback edition.
- 2024 Kowalski, Jessica and **Erin S. Nelson**. Above and Below the Green Line: A Social History of Divergent Mississippian Cultures. *Southeastern Archaeology* 43(1):13-29.
- 2023 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**, Ashley Peles, and Mallory A. Melton. A Mississippian Example of Harvest Renewal Ceremonialism. In *Ancient Foodways: Integrative Approaches to Understanding Subsistence and Society in the Past*, ed. C. Margaret Scarry, Dale Hutchinson, and Benjamin Arbuckle. University of Florida Press, Gainesville.
- 2022 Waselkov, Gregory A., Donald A. Beebe, Howard Cyr, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Jayur Madhusudan Mehta, and **Erin S. Nelson**. History and Hydrology of a Long-distance Canoe Canal in Alabama, ca. AD 600. *Journal of Field Archaeology*. DOI: 10.1080/00934690.2022.2090747.
- 2021 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. Negotiating Community at Parchman Place, a Mississippian Town in the Northern Yazoo Basin. In *Reconsidering Mississippian Households and Communities*, ed. Elizabeth Watts Malouchos and Alleen Betzenhauser, pp. 63-80. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.
- 2021 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and Philip J. Carr. A History of Mobile in 22 Objects: Pottery from the Mobile-Tensaw Mounds. *Mobile Bay Magazine*, May 2021.
- 2020 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. *Authority, Autonomy, and the Archaeology of a Mississippian Community*. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.
- 2020 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and Philip J. Carr. Mound Builders: Fragment of a Pensacola Incised, *variety Gasque* ceramic vessel, c. 1200—1550. In *A History of Mobile in 22 Objects*, ed. Margaret McCrummen Fowler. History Museum of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama.
- 2020 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**, Ashley Peles, and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways and Community at the Late Mississippian Site of Parchman Place. *Southeastern Archaeology* 39(1):29-50.

- 2019 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** Review of *Transforming the Landscape: Rock Art and the Mississippian Cosmos*, edited by Carol Diaz-Granados, Jan Simek, George Sabo III, and Mark Wagner. Oxbow Books, Havertown, Pennsylvania. In *American Antiquity*.
- 2016 Kassabaum, Megan C. and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** Standing Posts and Special Substances: Gathering and Ritual Deposition at Feltus (22Je500), Jefferson County, Mississippi. *Southeastern Archaeology* 35(2):134-154.
- 2014 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** Intimate Landscapes: The Social Nature of the Spaces Between. *Archaeological Prospection* 21(1):49-57.
- 2014 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and Megan C. Kassabaum. Expanding Social Networks Through Ritual Deposition: A Case Study from the Lower Mississippi Valley. *Archaeological Review from Cambridge* 29 (1):103-128.
- 2011 Kassabaum, Megan C.; David J. Cranford and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** Multiple Modes of Monumentality: Case Studies from the American South. Invited essay in *The SAA Archaeological Record* 11(4).

REPORTS

- 2023 **Nelson, Erin S.** and Alisha Palmer. *2021 Field Excavations of the D'Olive Creek Site (1BA251)*. Report prepared for *Forever Wild Land Trust*, Montgomery, Alabama.
- 2019 **Nelson, Erin S.** and Emily J. Warner. *Addendum to Phase II Archaeological Testing of Site 1BA251 for Interstate 10 Mobile River Bridge (I-10 MRB) and Bayway Widening Project, ALDOT Project DPI-0030(005), Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama*. Report submitted to Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama.
- 2019 Bonnie Gums, **Erin S. Nelson**, Emily Overmyer, and Jordan Temples. *Phase I/II Archaeological Investigations at Site 1MB564, West Tunnel Survey Block, for the Interstate 10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Widening Project, ALDOT Project DPI-0030(005), Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama*. Report submitted to Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama.
- 2019 Dorland, Martha A.; Brittany Highland; **Erin S. Nelson**; Nicolle A. Wilkins; Jordan G. Temples, Emily J. Warner, and Danielle E. Ashworth. *Phase II Archaeological Testing of Site 1BA251 for Interstate 10 Mobile River Bridge (I-10 MRB) and Bayway Widening Project, ALDOT Project DPI-0030(005), Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama*. Report submitted to Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama.
- 2019 Dorland, Martha A.; Brittany Highland; Emily J. Warner; **Erin S. Nelson**; Nicolle A. Wilkins; Jordan G. Temples, and Danielle E. Ashworth. *Phase II Archaeological Testing of Site 1BA196 for Interstate 10 Mobile River Bridge (I-*

- 10 MRB) and Bayway Widening Project, ALDOT Project DPI-0030(005), Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama. Report submitted to Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama.*
- 2018 **Nelson, Erin S.** and Philip J. Carr. *Recommendations for Seed Curation for Poarch Band of Creek Indians Seed Bank Project.* Submitted to Larry Haikey, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Poarch Band of Creek Indians.
- 2013 **Nelson, Erin Stevens;** R. P. Stephen Davis; Vincas P. Steponaitis and Andrius Valiunas. *Mississippi Mound Trail, Southern Region: Phase I Investigations.* Report prepared for Mississippi Department of Archives and History.
- 2006 Reynolds, Matthew; Robbie Ethridge; Bryan Haley; Jay Johnson and **Erin Stevens.** *Georgia's Old Federal Road: Phase II development of a technical context for the Federal Road in North Georgia.* Report prepared for GA DOT.

DISSERTATION AND THESES

- 2016 **Nelson, Erin Stevens.** *Community Identity in the Late Prehistoric Yazoo Basin: The Archaeology of Parchman Place.* Ph.D. Dissertation. Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- 2008 **Stevens, Erin.** *Late Prehistoric Social Dynamics in the Northern Yazoo Basin.* Fourth Semester Paper. Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- 2006 **Stevens, Erin.** *The Making of a Monument: Investigating Mound Stratigraphy in the Yazoo Basin.* M.A. thesis. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi, University.
- 2001 **Stevens, Erin.** *Investigating Geophysical Anomalies at Menoken Indian Village.* Senior Honors Thesis. Department of Anthropology, University of Missouri, Columbia.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Symposia/Workshops/Exhibits Organized

- 2023 **Nelson, Erin S.** *Foodways Down the Bay.* Oral history and archival photography exhibit. McCall Archives at Marx Library. University of South Alabama, Mobile, December 2023.
- 2023 **Nelson, Erin S.** *"Braiding Knowledge" in Mobile Bay: Collaborative Research on Indigenous Art Traditions.* Clay Sourcing workshop for Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, held in Mobile, Alabama, October 2-7.
- 2015 Henry, Edward; Bryan Haley; and **Erin Stevens Nelson.** *Rocks, Remote Sensing, and River Societies: The Three R's of Jay K. Johnson.* Symposium co-organized

at the 72st Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

- 2014 O'Hear, John W. and **Erin Stevens Nelson**. Mississippi Mound Trail Research. Symposium co-organized at the 71th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

Papers and Posters Presented

- 2025 Rutkoski, Ashley, Nicolas Gauthier, Andrea Torvinen, Lindsay Bloch, Neill Wallis, and **Erin Nelson**. *Enhancing Petrographic Analysis with Convolutional Neural Networks*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver, Colorado, April 2025.
- 2025 Torvinen, Andrea, Ashley Rutkoski, Lindsay Bloch, Erin Nelson, and Neill J. Wallis. *Characterizing Constellations of Practice in Pensacola Shell-Tempered Pottery along the Northern Gulf Coast (1150-1700 CE)*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver, Colorado, April 2025.
- 2024 **Nelson, Erin**, Lindsay Bloch, Ashley Rutkoski, Andrea Torvinen, and Neill Wallis. *Species Variability in Shell Tempering Practices Among Pensacola Potters*. Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia, November 2024.
- 2024 **Nelson, Erin**. *Collaborative Research on Pensacola Communities*. Paper presented at the Choctaw Pottery Day Symposium. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant, Oklahoma, October 2024.
- 2024 **Nelson, Erin S.**, Lindsay Bloch, Neill Wallis, and Ashley Rutkoski. *Sourcing Pensacola Pottery in Coastal Alabama and Florida*. Paper presented at the joint meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society and the Alabama Archaeological Society, Pensacola, Florida, May 2024.
- 2024 Richardson, Grace, and Erin Nelson. *Hand and Skull Designs on Pensacola Incised Pottery from D'Olive Creek (1BA196) and Plash Island (1BA134)*. Poster presented at the joint meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society and the Alabama Archaeological Society, Pensacola, Florida, May 2024.
- 2024 Rutkoski, Ashley, **Erin Nelson**, Neill Wallis, Lindsay Bloch, and Nicholas Gauthier. *What the Shell is this? Using Machine Learning to Identify Temper Selection along the Northern Gulf Coast*. Poster presented at the joint meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society and the Alabama Archaeological Society, Pensacola, Florida, May 2024.
- 2024 **Nelson, Erin S.**, Lindsay Bloch, Neill Wallis, and Ashley Rutkoski. *Sourcing Pensacola Communities of Practice: NAA of Mississippian Pottery on the Northern Gulf of Mexico Coast*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2024.

- 2023 **Nelson, Erin S.**, Lindsay Bloch, Ashley Rutkoski, and Neill Wallis. *A View from the Northern Gulf Coast: Tracing Social Interactions During the Late Woodland to Mississippian Transition*. Invited paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 2023.
- 2023 Bloch, Lindsay, **Erin Nelson**, Ashley Rutkoski, and Neill Wallis. *Testing the Identification of Shell Temper Type in Pensacola Mississippian Pottery using a Standardized Guide*. Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 2023.
- 2023 William Bailey, Phil Carr, Brandy Chunn, Larry Haikey, and **Erin Nelson**. *Poarch Band of Creek Indians and University of South Alabama Partnership: Archaeology Camp, Exhibits, Collaborative Field School, and Collections*. Poster presented at the Conference on Public Archaeology, Pensacola, Florida, September 2023.
- 2023 **Nelson, Erin S.** Pensacola Culture and the Mississippianization of the Northern Gulf Coast. Paper presented at Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting, Troy University, February 2023.
- 2023 Waselkov, Gregory A. and **Erin S. Nelson**. Other-Than-Human-Beings: Mississippian Effigy-rimmed Bowls of the Alabama Gulf Coast. Paper presented at the Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting, Troy University, February 2023.
- 2022 **Nelson, Erin S.** and Alisha Palmer. Integrating Legacy Collections with Recent Archaeological Work at D'Olive Creek, 1BA196 and 1BA251. Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 2022.
- 2022 Waselkov, Gregory A. and **Erin S. Nelson**. Other-Than-Animal-Beings: Ontologies of Animal Effigy-Rimmed Bowls in the Mississippian Southeast. Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 2022.
- 2022 Bloch, Lindsay, Gerald Kidder, **Erin S. Nelson**, Ashley Rutowski, Neill J. Wallis, and Alisha Palmer. Platy, Blocky, and In-between: The Identification of Shell Temper Type in Pensacola Mississippian Pottery. Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 2022.
- 2022 **Nelson, Erin S.** D'Olive Creek Sites 1BA196 & 1BA251. Paper presented at I-10 Mobile River Bridge Archaeological Project Workshop, August 2022.
- 2022 **Nelson, Erin S.** Service Learning, Student Engagement, & Food Security in the Community. Lightning talk presented at the 2022 Community Engagement Fellows Spring Showcase, May 2022.
- 2022 Peres, Tanya M.; Sarah E. Baires; Grace E. Riehm; Karen A. Stevens; Maureen S. Meyers; and **Erin S. Nelson**. Re(Sourcing) Knowledge: Considering Access, Authorship, and Citation in Archaeology. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, April 2022.

- 2021 **Nelson, Erin S.**, and Gregory A. Waselkov. New Perspectives on Ancient Lifeways in and Around Mobile Bay. Presented at the 2021 Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Durham, North Carolina.
- 2021 Cole, Sheenan, Alisha Palmer, William Bailey, and **Erin S. Nelson**. An Update on the D'Olive Creek Project: A Pensacola Culture Site on Mobile Bay. Poster presented at the 2021 Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Durham, North Carolina.
- 2020 **Nelson, Erin S.**, Jessica Kowalski, and Howard J. Cyr. Landscape Change at D'Olive Creek, a Pensacola Culture Site in Lower Alabama. Paper accepted at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 **Nelson, Erin S.** Ash Deposition and Community Building in the Mississippian World: A Case Study from the Yazoo Basin. Invited paper at ISAS Visiting Scholar Conference *Toward the Middle Range: Inclusive Science and the New Materialisms*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 Kowalski, Jessica A. and **Erin S. Nelson**. Above and Below the Green Line: Variation in Mississippian Settlement Patterns in the Yazoo Basin of Mississippi. Invited paper presented at the joint meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society and the Mississippi Archaeological Association, Natchez, Mississippi.
- 2019 **Nelson, Erin S.**, Howard J. Cyr, Emily J. Warner, Emily Overmyer, William Bailey, Sarah Bender, and Caylen Blalock. Recent Archaeological and Geoarchaeological Investigations at D'Olive Creek (1BA251). Poster presented at the 2019 Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.
- 2019 Kowalski, Jessica A., and **Erin S. Nelson**. Above and Below the Greenline: Variation in Late Mississippian Settlement Patterns in the Yazoo Basin of Mississippi. Invited paper presented at the 2019 Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.
- 2019 **Nelson, Erin S.**, Ashley Peles, and Mallory A. Melton. A Mississippian Ash Heap at Parchman Place. Paper presented at the 2019 Mid-South Archaeological Conference, Clarksdale, Mississippi.
- 2019 **Nelson, Erin S.** and Tamira K. Brennan. Building, Burying, Tearing Down: The Role of Destruction in Mississippian Mound Building. Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2018 **Nelson, Erin S.** The Archaeology of Lower Alabama: Defining a Way Forward. Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Augusta, Georgia.
- 2018 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. Ash Deposition and Community Building in the Mississippian World: A Case Study from the Yazoo Basin. Invited paper presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, D.C.

- 2017 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and John W. O'Hear. As Built: A Retrospective on the Mississippi Mound Trail Project, 2008-2016. Invited paper presented at the 74th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 2017 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**, Ashley Peles, and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways and Community at the Late Mississippian Site of Parchman Place. Invited paper presented at the Ancient Foodways Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2016 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. Defining a Middle Mississippian Component in the Northern Yazoo Basin. Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Athens, Georgia.
- 2015 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. The Mississippian Delta: An Update from Parchman Place. Invited paper presented at the 72nd Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2015 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. Courtyards, Plazas, Paths: Empty Spaces Full of Meaning. Invited paper presented at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California.
- 2014 O'Hear, John W. and **Erin Stevens Nelson**. Mississippi Mound Trail in Archaeological Context. Invited paper presented at the 71th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.
- 2014 Peles, Ashley; Mallory A. Melton; and **Erin Stevens Nelson**. Foodways in the Yazoo: Integrating Faunal and Floral Analyses at Parchman. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Ethnobiology, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- 2014 Peles, Ashley; **Erin Stevens Nelson**; and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways and Community at the Late Mississippian Site of Parchman. Paper presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.
- 2013 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**; Ashley Peles; and Mallory A. Melton. Foodways in the Delta: Incorporating Faunal, Botanical, and Ceramic Data from Parchman Place. Paper presented at the 70th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- 2013 Cubbon, Emily and **Erin Stevens Nelson**. *Symbolically Significant Substances and Cosmologically Connected Objects: What Do They Do?* Paper presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2012 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. *Off the Map: Social Space at Parchman*. Paper presented at the 69th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 2012 Kassabaum, Megan C. and **Erin Stevens Nelson**. *Standing Posts and Special Substances: Ritual Deposition at Feltus, Jefferson County, Mississippi*. Invited paper presented at the 69th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 2012 O'Hear, John W.; Vincas P. Steponaitis; Megan C. Kassabaum; **Erin Stevens Nelson** and David J. Cranford. *An Overview of the 2012 Field*

- Season at the Feltus Mounds*. Paper presented at the 69th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 2012 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. *Sacred Ash: Connecting Community to Cosmos*. Invited paper presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 2012 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. *Landscape Cosmologies: An Archaeological Example*. Invited paper presented at the UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2011 Cranford, David J.; Megan C. Kassabaum and **Erin Stevens Nelson**. *Palimpsests of Meaning in Southeastern Platform Mounds*. Paper presented at the 68th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2011 **Nelson, Erin Stevens** and Tamira K. Brennan. *Conceptualizing Community in the Southeast*. Paper presented at the 68th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2011 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. *Investigating Community at Parchman Place Archaeological Site, Coahoma County, Mississippi*. Invited paper presented at the UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2011 **Nelson, Erin Stevens**. *Recent Investigations at Parchman Place: A Community Study*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Archaeological Association, Greenville, Mississippi.
- 2010 Kassabaum, Megan C.; David J. Cranford and **Erin Stevens Nelson**. *Multiple Modes of Monumentality: Case Studies from the American South*. Paper presented at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2009 **Stevens, Erin**. *Thoughts on the Investigation of Communities in the Late Prehistoric Northern Yazoo Basin*. Paper presented at the 66th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Mobile, Alabama.
- 2008 **Stevens, Erin**. *Mound Building Practices in the Northern Yazoo Basin*. Invited paper presented at the UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2008 **Stevens, Erin**. Discussant, Symposium on *Man and Nature*, UNC Interdisciplinary Conference for Graduate Research on the American South, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- 2005 **Stevens, Erin**. *Interpreting Mound Stratigraphy in the Yazoo Basin: A Case for the Harris Matrix*. Paper presented at the 62nd Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2004 **Stevens, Erin**. *A Reconstruction of the Moundbuilding Sequence at Parchman Place Mounds, Mississippi*. Paper presented at the 61st Annual Southeastern

Archaeological Conference/50th Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Principal Investigator, “Braiding Knowledge” in Mobile Bay: Collaborative Research on Indigenous Art Traditions
- 2023 Participant, Documenting Plateau’s Cemetery Project
- 2022-present Principal Investigator, Pensacola Culture and the Mississippianization of the Northern Gulf Coast
- 2019-present Director, D’Olive Creek Archaeological Field School
- 2017-present Director, Archaeobotanical and Ceramics Lab, Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama.
- 2017-present Research Associate and Archaeobotanical Analyst, Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama
- 2016-present Research Associate, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2010-present Co-PI and Director, Parchman Archaeological Project, Coahoma Co., Mississippi
- 2015-2017 Archaeobotanical Analyst, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2012-2016 Research Assistant, Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2012-2015 Consultant, Mississippi Mound Trail Project, Mississippi Department of Archives & History, Jackson, Mississippi
- 2013 Paleoethnobotany Assistant, Azoria Project, Institute for Aegean Prehistory, Crete
- 2012 Graduate Research Consultant, Archaeobotany Laboratory Methods Course
- 2008 Geophysical Consulting Team, Time Team America, Oregon Public Broadcasting, episode filmed in Manteo, North Carolina
- 2007-2008 Laboratory Analyst, TRC Environmental, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- 2006 Assistant Field Director, Fort Garland Field School, Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado
- 2004-2006 Field Supervisor, Geophysical Survey & Field Technician, Center for Archaeological Research, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi
- 2004 Crew Chief, Panamerican Consultants, Inc., Columbus, Georgia
- 2002-2003 Crew Chief & Civil Service Employee, Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program, American Bottom Survey Division, Wood River, Illinois
- 2001, 1998 Field & Laboratory Technician, Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Eagle, Colorado
- 1996-2001 Curation Assistant, University of Missouri Museum of Anthropology, Department of North American Archaeology, Columbia, Missouri

1999 Field Technician, Archaeological Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri

STUDENT COMMITTEES

2025 Ashley Rutkoski, Ph.D. dissertation committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida (Committee member)

2025 Alex Tucker, M.A. thesis committee, Department of Art & Art History, University of South Alabama (Committee member)

2024 John Lawrence, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of South Alabama (Faculty Mentor)

2023 Ragen Landrum, B.A. honors thesis committee, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work (Committee member)

2022-2023 Sarah Bender, B.A. honors thesis committee, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work (Chair)

2022-2023 Cara Burch, M.A. thesis committee, Department of Psychology, University of South Alabama (Committee member)

2022 Alaynah Mowjee, B.A. honors thesis committee, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work (Committee member)

2022 Chris Peterson, B.A. thesis committee, Department of Art & Art History, University of South Alabama (Committee member)

2021-2022 Emily Ruff, M.A. thesis committee, Department of Psychology, University of South Alabama (Committee member)

2021 Alexandria McKinnell, senior honors thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of South Alabama (Committee member)

2018 Emily Talbert, senior honors thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of South Alabama (Co-chair)

2018 Antonia Carter, senior honors thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of South Alabama (Committee member)

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Anthropology
Introduction to Archaeology and Bioarchaeology
Introduction to Museum Studies
Careers for Anthropologists
Anthropology of Food
New World Archaeology
Archaeology of North America
Maya, Aztec, Inca: Archaeology of Mesoamerica and the Andes
Archaeological Method and Theory
Gender and Anthropology
Field Work in Archaeology
Advanced Archaeological Field Methods
Laboratory Methods in Archaeology
Senior Thesis in Anthropology

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2024 Some Examples of Native American Effigy Figurines from the Northern Gulf Coast. Azalea City Kiwanis Club (October 1).
- 2024 New Research in Pensacola Culture Studies. School of Social Science and Global Studies, University of Southern Mississippi (September 25).
- 2023 Mound Builders of the Lower Mississippi Valley and Gulf Coast. Archaeology of Earthworks Seminar, Tulane University (March 7)
- 2023 Native American Communities of the Gulf Coast, AD 1150-1700: What Archaeology Can Tell Us. Alabama Archaeological Society Southwest Chapter meeting (February 7)
- 2023 Archaeology of the Northern Gulf of Mexico Coast. Dauphin Island Sea Lab Spring Seminar Series (February 3)
- 2022 Skull Wars: Where Are We Now? Guest Lecture in AN300 Thinking Anthropologically (March 15)
- 2022 Exploring Communities, Expanding Archaeological Practice. Mississippi State University Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures Afternoon Anthropology Lecture Series (February 25)
- 2021 Building Up, Tearing Down: Mississippian Community-building in the Yazoo Basin. Arkansas Archaeological Society (December 8)
- 2021 South Alabama Moundbuilders (with Philip J. Carr). Mobile Museum of History (December 8)
- 2021 NAGPRA: Archaeological Ethics or Respecting Tribal Sovereignty? Guest Lecture in AN 300 Thinking Anthropologically (March 16)
- 2020 Who Owns the Past? Guest Lecture in AN300 Thinking Anthropologically (March 31)
- 2020 What Can we Learn About People from the Things the Leave Behind? Honors College Research Kickstart (February 20)
- 2019 Indigenous Foodways through Time. Fall 2019 Odyssey Program: Exploring Southeastern Archaeology (October 2)
- 2019 Proposed Geophysical Prospection to Locate “Le Simetierre” at Old Mobile. 2019 meeting of the Friends of Old Mobile (April 30)
- 2019 Who Owns the Past? Pt. 1. Guest Lecture in AN300 Thinking Anthropologically (March 27)
- 2019 Who Owns the Past? Pt. 2. Guest Lecture in AN300 Thinking Anthropologically (April 3)
- 2019 What Can We Learn About People From the Things They Leave Behind? Honors College Research Kickstart (February 11)
- 2018 Nelson, Erin S. Agriculture Among the Mississippians: AD 1000 - Contact. Project Archaeology: Investigating Nutrition Teacher Workshop (June 26)

- 2017 Nelson, Erin S. From the Great Plains to the Gulf Coast (But Mostly the Stuff in Between). University of South Alabama Student Anthropological Society (November 1)
- 2017 Remote Sensing Applications in Cultural Resource Management and Public Archaeology. Guest lecture, AN442 Cultural Resource Management (February 3)
- 2017 Archaeology and Community in the Late Prehistoric Yazoo Basin. Delchamps Archaeology Museum (February 3)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2022 Mississippian Origins. Guest expert on *Poarch Stories*. Podcast produced by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.
- 2021 South Alabama Moundbuilders (with Philip J. Carr). Learning Lunch, Mobile Museum of History.
- 2021 Museum Exhibit Development, Gulf State Park.
- 2020 *Re-Centering Archaeology: An Equitability Project*. Website and bibliography hosted at *Humanities Commons*. Co-created with Opuntia SEAC Women's Professional Group.
- 2020 Archaeological Interpretations. Guest expert on *Island of Plenty: A Dauphin Island Native American Living History Experience*. Documentary produced by the Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council.
- 2020 Mound Builders: Fragment of a Pensacola Incised, *variety Gasque* ceramic vessel, c. 1200—1550. Panel exhibit, *A History of Mobile in 22 Objects*. History Museum of Mobile.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2022 Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama
- 2021-2022 Faculty Fellow in Community Engagement, University of South Alabama Office of Community Engagement.
- 2021 Strategic Course Design Mini-Course. USA Innovation in Learning Center, August 1-15.
- 2020 USA Innovation in Learning Center Summer Institute, June 22-July 17.
- 2020 USA Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama
- 2020 Making the Most of the First Day of Class. Faculty Development Seminar, USA Innovation in Learning Center.
- 2019 Society for American Archaeology Seminar on “The Context and Consequences of Sexual Harrassment.”
- 2019 Academic Writing Project Management Workshop, Cathy Mazak Academic Publishing Institute.
- 2018-present National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development Faculty Alumni Program

2018	USA Conference on Teaching and Learning
2018	National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development Faculty Success Program
2018	U.S. National Park Service workshop on Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations at Marksville Archaeological Park, Marksville, Louisiana
2017-2018	New Faculty Scholar Program, USA Center for Teaching and Learning
2017	Getting Started with TBL Workshop, Innovation In Learning Center, University of South Alabama.
2017	Society for American Archaeology Seminar on “The 3D Printed Past”
2017	Society for American Archaeology Seminar on “Native American Graves and Repatriation Act: NAGPRA Fundamentals.
2011	Fellow, Future Faculty Program, UNC Center for Faculty Excellence
2009-2011	Writing Consultant, UNC Writing Center

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2025-26	Program Committee, Society for American Archaeology 2026 meeting in San Francisco, California
2025	Patti Jo Watson Award Committee, Southeastern Archaeological Conference
2025	Native American Studies-Center for Archaeological Studies Faculty Search Committee
2025	Research and Scholarly Development Review Committee, University of South Alabama
2024-present	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation (NAGPRA) Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Alabama (Chair)
2024-present	Archaeology Museum Advisory Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Alabama
2024-present	Rising Scholar Award Committee, Southeastern Archaeological Conference
2023-present	Board Member at Large, Alabama Archaeological Society
2024-25	Program Committee, Society for American Archaeology 2025 meeting in Denver, Colorado
2024-25	Sociology Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee
2024-25	Sociology Non-Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee
2024-25	Tenure & Promotion Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work
2024-25	Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, USA College of Arts and Sciences (& 2022-2023)
2024-25	Special Events Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work
2023-24	Sabbatical Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, USA
2023-24	Recruitment & Retention Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work
2023-present	Archaeological Resources Committee, Alabama Archaeological Society
2023	Social Science Librarian Search Committee, USA Libraries

2022-2024 Local Arrangements Committee, Society for American Archaeology 2024 Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana

2022-present Faculty Advisor, USA Student Anthropological Society

2022-2024 Strategic Planning Working Group, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2022-2023 Méple Mentoring Program, University of South Alabama

2022-2023 Anthropology Search Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2022-present Special Events Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2022 Sociology Search Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2022 Comprehensive Review of SY/AN/SW Chair Committee, USA College of Arts and Sciences

2022 Organizer, Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Spring Awards Ceremony

2021-present Gender Studies Committee, USA College of Arts and Sciences

2021-present Reviewer, *Mississippi Archaeology*

2021-2023 Assistant Treasurer, Alabama Archaeological Society

2021-2023 Nominations Committee, Southeastern Archaeological Conference (Chair 2022-2023)

2021-2023 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2021-2022 Honors and Awards Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2021-2022 Mardi Gras Lecture Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2021 Museum Educator Search Committee, USA Archaeology Museum

2021 Evidence-based Transformation of Undergraduate Field Schools to Promote Safety and Inclusivity (NSF Award No. 1937392).

2020-2021 Peer Review Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2019-present Mentor, Southeastern Archaeology Mentoring Network

2019 Interim Faculty Advisor, USA Student Anthropological Society

2018-present Reviewer, *Southeastern Archaeology*

2018-2019 Support and Development Award Committee, USA College of Arts and Sciences

2018 Panelist, Southeastern Archaeological Conference Student Affairs Committee roundtable on Navigating the Academic Job Market

2018 Discussant, Graduate School Workshop for USA Student Anthropology Society

2017-present Museum Studies Committee, USA College of Arts and Sciences

2017-2019 Honors and Awards Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2017-2020 Academic Standards Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2017-present Anthropology Program Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and Social Work

2017-2020 Teaching Support & Special Events Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and SW

2017-2018 Non-voting member, Peer Review Committee, USA Dept. of Soc., Anth., and SW

2011-2013 Graduate Student Faculty Liaison, UNC Department of Anthropology

2012 Environmental Archaeologist Search Committee, UNC Dept. of Anthropology

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2023-2024 Documenting Plateau's Cemetery Project
2019-present PTO, OSR School for Creative and Performing Arts; Barton Academy for
Advanced World Studies
2019-present Girl Scouts of South Alabama
2018-present Alabama Coastal Foundation
2018-present Mobile Baykeeper

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for American Archaeology, Local Arrangements Committee, SAA 2024 (2022-2024),
Program Committee, SAA 2025 (2024-2025), SAA 2025 (2025-2026)
Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Nominations Committee (2021-2023; Chair 2022-
2023), Patty Jo Watson Award Committee (2025-present)
Mid-South Archaeological Conference
Mississippi Archaeological Association
Alabama Archaeological Society, Asst. Treasurer (2021-23), Board Member At Large, 2023-
present)
Southeastern NAGPRA Practitioners
Alabama NAGPRA Practitioners
The Archaeological Conservancy
Southeastern Archaeology Mentoring Network
Opuntia SEAC Women's Professional Group
Mobile Bay Paleoenvironmental Working Group