

# Michelle I. Turner

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## **Education**

- 2019 PhD, Anthropology, Binghamton University (SUNY)  
Dissertation: *Becoming Chacoan: The Archaeology of the Aztec North Great House*  
Advisor: Dr. Ruth Van Dyke
- 2015 MA, Anthropology, Binghamton University (SUNY)
- 2000 JD, Vanderbilt University School of Law
- 1996 BA, International Studies, American University (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Finalist scholarship)

## **Professional Appointments**

- 2019 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Connecticut College Department of Anthropology
- 2018-2019 Collections Associate, Institute for American Indian Studies, Washington CT
- Fall 2017 Instructor, Binghamton University Department of Anthropology
- 2012-2015 Teaching Assistant, Binghamton University Department of Anthropology
- 2014 Archaeological Technician, Aztec Ruins National Monument, Aztec NM
- 2013 Field Intern, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez CO
- 2006-2011 Judicial Clerk, Mag. Judge Donna Martinez, U.S. District Court, Hartford CT
- 2001-2006 Associate Attorney, law firm of Day, Berry & Howard, Hartford CT
- 2000-2001 Associate Attorney, law firm of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, Palo Alto CA

## **Additional Archaeological Field and Lab Experience**

- 2016-present Co-PI, Aztec North Archaeological Project, Aztec Ruins National Monument
- 2017 Lab Volunteer, Institute for American Indian Studies, Washington CT
- 2015 Volunteer Lab Manager, Biry House Project, Binghamton University
- 2014 Volunteer, Public Archaeology Facility, Binghamton University
- Research and tasks related to NAGPRA repatriation
- 2012 Intern, San Juan College Totah Field School, Farmington NM
- 2011 University of Connecticut Field School in Pre-Contact Archaeology

## **Publications**

(*Completing minimal revisions requested by reviewers, for book under contract*) Turner, Michelle I. Chimney Rock: Action and Interaction on the Chacoan Frontier. In *Frontiers and Borderlands in the Chacoan World*, edited by David E. Witt. University Press of Colorado, Boulder.

Turner, Michelle I. 1999. The Innocent Buyer of Art Looted During WWII. *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 32:1511-1548.

## **Grants and Awards**

- 2018 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: Dating Widespread Social Networks (\$11,995 for AMS dating of Aztec North samples)
- Fall 2018 Dissertation Funding, Binghamton University (\$8,522 for a semester of dissertation writing)

- Fall 2017 Teaching Assistantship as Instructor of Record, Binghamton University
- 2017 Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2016 Western National Parks Association Research Grant for Aztec North fieldwork, with Dr. Ruth Van Dyke (\$7,500)
- 2016 American Philosophical Society, Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research Grant for Aztec North fieldwork (\$4,600)
- 2016 Explorers Club Exploration Fund – Mamont Scholars Program Grant for Aztec North fieldwork (\$2,000)
- 2016 Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society Research Grant for Aztec North project (\$500)
- 2014 Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society Travel Grant (\$300)
- 2012-2015 Teaching Assistantship, Binghamton University
- 2000 Order of the Coif (top 10% of graduating class), Vanderbilt Law School
- 2000 G. Scott Briggs Award for Transnational Legal Studies, Vanderbilt Law School
- 1997 Best Appellate Brief Award, Vanderbilt Law School

**Short Essays and Online Contributions** (links are at <http://www.michelle-turner.net>)

- 2019 (*submitted*) “Old History and New Research at Aztec Ruins National Monument,” a short contribution to *From the Ground Up: An Introduction to North American Archaeology*, an open source archaeology textbook.
- 2018 Turner, Michelle and Ruth Van Dyke, “Aztec North: Enigma on the Animas,” *Archaeology Southwest Magazine* 32(2-3): 14-16.
- 2017 “Legislative Attacks on Historic Preservation and Archaeological Research,” *MAPA Blog*.
- 2017 “Excavating at the Aztec North Great House, Aztec Ruins National Monument,” *AAHS Glyphs* 67(9).
- 2016 “So, you dug it up and then you just reburied it?” *MAPA Blog*.
- 2016 “NAGPRA After Kennewick Man,” *MAPA Blog*.
- 2016 “When Archaeologists Teach the Law,” *MAPA Blog*.
- 2016 “Checks and Balances: The Legal Future for Archaeology and Archaeologists,” *MAPA Blog*.
- 2016 “Notes from a Field Season at Aztec North,” *Preservation Archaeology Blog*, *Archaeology Southwest*.

**Conference Presentations**

- April 12, 2019 “The Archaeology of Color in the Southwest.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque NM.
- April 12, 2019 “Shades of Meaning: Relating Color to Chacoan Identity, Memory and Power at the Aztec Great Houses.” Coauthored with Lori Stephens Reed. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque NM.
- August 10, 2018 “Latest Research on the Aztec North Great House.” Pecos Conference, Flagstaff AZ.
- April 12, 2018 “The Politics of Mud, Masonry and Landscape at the Aztec North Great House.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- Nov. 10, 2017 “On the Matter of a Great House.” Chacmool Archaeological Conference, Calgary AB.
- May 19, 2017 “The Materiality of Mud and Masonry at Aztec Ruins National Monument.” Theoretical Archaeological Group North America, Toronto ON.

- April 2, 2017 “The Archaeology of Aztec North.” Coauthored with Ruth Van Dyke. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Vancouver BC.
- August 6, 2016 “The Aztec North Archaeological Project.” Coauthored with Ruth Van Dyke. Pecos Conference, Alpine AZ.
- April 9, 2016 “Chacoan Heights at Aztec Ruins.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Orlando FL.
- March 4, 2016 “Goods or Friends? Understandings and Misunderstandings of Cultural Property on the Auction Block.” Radical Archaeology Theory Symposium (RATS), Binghamton University, Binghamton NY.
- August 7, 2015 “Ceramics of Aztec North and the Terrace Community, Aztec Ruins National Monument.” Pecos Conference, Mancos CO.
- April 19, 2015 “The Appropriation of Native American Cultural Property: Comparing the U.S. and French Contexts.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA.
- April 24, 2014 “Frontiers Reconsidered at Chimney Rock.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Austin TX.

### **Invited Talks and Public Lectures**

- March 6, 2019 “Where Cattails Grow: Archaeology and Landscape at the Aztec North Great House.” Central Connecticut State University, New Britain CT.
- August 3, 2018 “A Layered World: New Research on the Aztec North Great House.” Aztec Ruins National Monument Summer Series, Aztec NM.
- August 2, 2017 “Digging into the Ancient Puebloan World in New Mexico.” Brainerd Memorial Public Library, Haddam CT.
- July 8, 2016 “The Archaeology of Aztec North.” Aztec Ruins National Monument Summer Lecture Series, Aztec NM.
- July 18, 2014 “Frontiers Reconsidered at Chimney Rock.” Aztec Ruins National Monument Summer Lecture Series, Aztec NM.

### **Conference Poster**

- August 6, 2016 “The Archaeology of Aztec North.” Coauthored with Maxwell Forton, Josh Jones, Randall McGuire, Lubna Omar, Samuel Stansel, Kellam Throgmorton and Ruth Van Dyke. Pecos Conference, Alpine AZ.

### **Teaching Experience**

Spring 2019 Adjunct Assistant Professor, ANT202 Archaeology of North America, Connecticut College Department of Anthropology

Fall 2017 Instructor of Record, ANTH 280K Archaeology, Looting and Law, Binghamton University Department of Anthropology

Developed a new course on repatriation, looting, cultural appropriation and uses of the past.

2012-2015 Teaching Assistant, Binghamton University Department of Anthropology

In addition to grading, my TA experience included leading weekly discussion/lab sessions, preparing lesson plans for discussion sessions, and assisting in development of exams.

2015 Bones, Bugs and Forensic Science

2014 Introduction to Social Anthropology

- Buried Cities and Lost Tribes
- 2013 Introduction to Anthropology  
Archaeology and Art
- 2012 Introduction to Anthropology

**Professional Service**

- 2015-2021 Committee on Repatriation, Society for American Archaeology
- April 12, 2019 Symposium Co-Organizer with Lori Stephens Reed, “Coloring the World: People and Colors in Southwestern Archaeology.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque NM
- April 12, 2018 General Session Chair, “The Ancestral Puebloan Period.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- Nov. 10, 2017 Session Co-Organizer with Lucy Gill, “Radical Archaeological Theory for the Future.” Chacmool Conference, Calgary AB.
- April 19, 2015 General Session Chair, “Issues of Heritage, Ethics, Information Dissemination, and Archaeological Practice.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA.

**Departmental Service**

- 2014-15 Faculty Liaison, Anthropology Graduate Organization
- 2013-14 Senator, Binghamton University Graduate Student Organization

**Graduate Coursework**

Binghamton University

- 2015 Lab Methods in Archaeology  
Research Proposal Writing
- 2014 Archaeology of the Northeast  
Materiality and Agency  
Ceramic Analysis for Archaeology  
Teaching College Anthropology
- 2013 Archaeometry  
Political Ecology  
Human Skeletal Biology  
Current Issues and Debates in Anthropology  
Archaeology of Landscape  
Southwestern Archaeology (Independent Study)
- 2012 History of Anthropology  
Heritage and Communities  
Strategies for Archaeology Research

University of Connecticut (graduate-level courses taken for credit as non-degree student)

- 2012 Archaeobotany
- 2011 History of Anthropological Theory  
Theory of Human Evolution

### **Other Training**

2016 Introduction to GIS, Connecticut College, New London CT

-A semester-long general course in use of ArcGIS

2014 Harpur College Program on Online Teaching Pedagogy, Binghamton University

-Training for potential instructors of online courses

### **Professional Memberships**

2013-present Society for American Archaeology

2013-present Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society

2002-present Connecticut Bar

2000-present State Bar of California (currently on inactive status)

### **Languages and International Experience**

Fluent French

Good German

Conversational Hebrew

1997 Audited German law courses, Georg-August Universität in Göttingen, Germany

1997 Worked as a technical translator for DISCOM, GmbH in Göttingen, Germany

1996 Translation Certificate (French to English), American University, Washington DC

1990-1991 Rotary International High School Exchange Student in Dinant, Belgium