

## **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**

- 2021-present Project Cataloger, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic CT
- 2019-2021 Postdoctoral Scholar, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez CO
- Spring 2019 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Connecticut College Department of Anthropology
- 2018-2019 Lab Coordinator, Institute for American Indian Studies, Washington CT
- Fall 2017 Instructor, Binghamton University Department of Anthropology
- 2014 Archaeological Technician, Aztec Ruins National Monument, Aztec NM
- 2013 Field Intern, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez CO
- 2012-2015 Teaching Assistant, Binghamton University Department of Anthropology
- 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

### **Publications**

Turner, Michelle I., Karen R. Adams, Jean N. Berkebile and Abigail R. Dockter, 2021. Ancient Grains: New Evidence for Ancestral Puebloan Use of Domesticated Amaranth. *American Antiquity*, 86(4): 815-832. doi:10.1017/aaq.2021.57

Turner, Derek D. and Michelle I. Turner, 2021, "I'm Not Saying it was Aliens": An Archaeological and Philosophical Analysis of a Conspiracy Theory. In *Explorations in Archaeology and Philosophy*, edited by Anton Killin and Sean Hermanson. Springer: Cham, Switzerland.

Turner, Michelle I. 2021. Book Review: The House of the Cylinder Jars: Room 28 in Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon, edited by Patricia L. Crown. *Antiquity* 25(384): 1613-1615.

Turner, Michelle I., 2020. Book Review: Color in the Ancestral Pueblo Southwest, edited by Marit K. Munson and Kelley Hays-Gilpin, *Kiva* 86 (3): 396-401.

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

## **Technical Report**

Turner, Michelle, 2021. *Pottery and Artifacts from the Wallace Great House and Greenstone Pueblo (5MT6970)*. Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez CO.

## **Grants and Awards**

- 2018 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant #1838474 (\$11,995 for AMS dating of Aztec North samples)
- Fall 2018 Dissertation Year Award, 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

## **Conference Presentations**

- April 2, 2022 “The Wallace Great House Assemblage: New Research at the Edges.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 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.
- March 29, 2019 “Aztec Black Pottery: Relating Color to Chacoan Identity, Memory and Power at the Aztec Great Houses.” Coauthored with and presented by Lori Stephens Reed. Big MACC Conference, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez CO.
- 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.

### **Conference Posters**

- August 7, 2021 *Ancient Grains: New Evidence for Ancestral Puebloan Use of Domesticated Amaranth.* Michelle Turner, Karen R. Adams, Jean N. Berkebile and Abigail R. Dockter. Pecos Conference, Mancos CO.
- April 15, 2021 *Lumping and Splitting: Design Variation on Mancos Black-on-white Pottery in the Central Mesa Verde Region.* Kari Schleher, Michelle I. Turner, Benjamin Bellorado, et al. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. (online)
- April 15, 2021 *Using Computer Vision and Deep Learning Algorithms to Predict Pottery Types: An Example Using Ancestral Pueblo Pottery from the Central Mesa Verde Region.* Coauthored with Dylan Schwindt, Kari Schleher, et al. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting. (online)
- 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.

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

- Feb. 28, 2022 “Ancient Grains: Amaranth at the Aztec North Great House.” Guest talk to Dr. David Witt’s Southwest Archaeology class, University of Buffalo.
- Feb. 17, 2022 “The Archaeology of Domesticated Amaranth in the Southwest.” Lecture for University of Colorado, Colorado Springs “Grain School” for Colorado farmers.
- Nov. 5, 2021 “Archaeology at the Aztec North Great House.” Guest talk to Dr. Chuck Riggs’ Southwest Prehistory class, Fort Lewis College.
- Nov. 3, 2021 “Cultural Heritage Law,” Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL (online talk to pre-law students at a HBC).
- October 7, 2021 “The Wallace Great House Assemblage: An Update from the Lakeview Community Archaeological Project,” Four Corners Lecture Series/Crow Canyon Webinar Series, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez CO. (Available [online](#).)

- Sept. 21, 2021 “The Wallace Great House Assemblage: An Update from the Northern Chaco Outliers Project,” Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project Archaeologist Chat, Velarde NM. (Available [online](#).)
- May 6, 2021 “Chimney Rock as a Landscape of Interaction on the Chacoan Frontier,” Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series, Pagosa Springs CO. (Available [online](#).)
- Feb. 10, 2021 “The Archaeology of the Aztec North Great House,” San Tan Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society, Phoenix AZ. (Online).
- Oct. 31, 2020 “Ancient Aliens as a Conspiracy Theory.” Coauthored with Derek Turner. Institute for American Indian Studies Archaeology Roundtable (Online).
- Oct. 17, 2020 “Archaeology Day: The Archaeology of the Aztec North Great House.” Facebook live video for Aztec Ruins National Monument. (Available [online](#).)
- Sept. 26, 2020 “Becoming Chacoan: The Archaeology of the Aztec North Great House.” Colorado Archaeology Society Annual Conference. (Available [online](#).)
- June 2, 2020 “The Archaeology of the Aztec North Great House.” Four Corners Lecture Series/Crow Canyon Webinar Series, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez CO. (Available [online](#).)
- January 9, 2020 “New Research on the Aztec North Great House.” Chimney Rock Interpretive Association Lecture Series, Pagosa Springs CO.
- October 9, 2019 “Becoming Chacoan at the Aztec North Great House.” Four Corners Lecture Series, Fort Lewis College Center of Southwest Studies.
- 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.

**Public Archaeology Pieces** (links are at <http://www.michelle-turner.net>)

- 2020 Turner, Michelle and Ruth Van Dyke, “Aztec North: Enigma on the Animas,” *Archaeology Southwest Magazine* 34(4): 26-27.
- 2017 “Legislative Attacks on Historic Preservation and Archaeological Research,” *MAPA Blog*, Binghamton University.
- 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*, Binghamton University.
- 2016 “NAGPRA After Kennewick Man,” *MAPA Blog*, Binghamton University.
- 2016 “When Archaeologists Teach the Law,” *MAPA Blog*, Binghamton University.
- 2016 “Checks and Balances: The Legal Future for Archaeology and Archaeologists,” *MAPA Blog*, Binghamton University.
- 2016 “Notes from a Field Season at Aztec North,” *Preservation Archaeology Blog*, Archaeology Southwest.

### **Teaching Experience**

Summer 2019, Summer 2021 Crow Canyon Archaeological Center

*Taught undergraduate, adult program participants and teachers about lab analysis procedures and southwestern archaeology.*

Spring 2019 Adjunct Assistant Professor, ANTH202 *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

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

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

2016-2019 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

### **Professional Service**

2020-2023 Gene S. Stuart Award Committee, Society for American Archaeology

2021 Judge, Cordell-Powers Prize Competition, Pecos Conference, Mancos CO

2015-2021 Committee on Repatriation, Society for American Archaeology

*My term included extensive work on revising the SAA's Statement Concerning the Treatment of Human Remains.*

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, Binghamton Anthropology Graduate Organization

2013-14 Senator, Binghamton University Graduate Student Organization

### **Other Relevant Training**

May 11-12, 2021 *The National Historic Preservation Act*, training seminar by the Jornada Research Institute, online.

Oct. 15, 2019 *Risk Assessments for Cultural Institutions*, workshop by the Utah Regional Heritage Stewardship Program, at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

Oct. 14, 2019 *Essential Policies and Procedures for Cultural Collections*, workshop by the Utah Regional Heritage Stewardship Program, at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center.

Oct. 10, 2019 *QGIS for the Complete Beginner*, training by GIS Colorado.

2016 *Introduction to GIS*, Connecticut College, New London CT

-A semester-long 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

2000-2021 State Bar of California (resigned voluntarily due to bar fees)

### **Languages and International Experience**

Fluent French

Good German

Conversational Hebrew

Learning Spanish

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