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EDUCATION

- 2015-present PhD Candidate, Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Chilton. Candidacy achieved April 2019. Degree expected December 2021.
Dissertation: Making the Old City: Life Projects and State Heritage in Contested Urban Spaces
- 2015 M.A., Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Chilton.
Thesis: Producing the Dead Sea Scrolls: (Trans)National Heritage and the Politics of Popular Representation
- 2011 B.A. (Honours), Anthropology, University of Waterloo.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Critical heritage studies; decolonization; community-based research; contemporary archaeology; archaeological ethnography; human-environment relations; anthropology of museums; Palestine/Israel, Greece, and Western Canada.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Sir James Lougheed Award of Distinction, Government of Alberta (\$20,000 CAD)
- 2016 European Field Studies Grant, NSF (IIA-1261172) Culture and Heritage in European Societies and Spaces (\$6000)
- 2016 Doctoral Fellowship – Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholar, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada (\$86,000 CAD over four years)
- 2015 2008 Cultural Heritage Grant Fund Award, Fondation Québec Philanthrope/ICOMOS Canada (\$3000 CAD)

INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Anthropology Department Dissertation Writing Fellowship, UMass Amherst (\$10,000)
- 2017 Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, UMass Amherst (\$4,000)
- 2014 Department of Anthropology Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, UMass Amherst (\$2000)

OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Department of Anthropology Training and Workshop Grant, UMass Amherst (\$145)
- 2018 Graduate School Travel Grant, UMass Amherst (\$300)
- 2017 Graduate School Travel Grant, UMass Amherst (\$400)
- 2017 American Anthropological Association Archaeology Division Student Membership Award
- 2016 Graduate School Travel Grant, UMass Amherst (\$400)

- 2014 Graduate School Travel Grant, UMass Amherst (\$320)
- 2013 Graduate School Travel Grant, UMass Amherst (\$200)
- 2011 Faculty of Arts Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement, University of Waterloo
- 2009-11 Dean's List, Faculty of Arts, University of Waterloo
- 2007 Fellowship for Full-Time Studies in French, Government of Alberta (\$1000)
- 2006 Recruitment Scholarship, Standard Life/Association canadienne française de l'Alberta, Université Laval (\$4000)
- 2006 Alexander Rutherford Scholarship, Government of Alberta (\$2500)
- 2006 Fellowship for Full-Time Studies in French, Government of Alberta (\$1000)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- In press Taylor, E. "Resisting and Remaking Heritage Work: An Archaeology of the Surface in Acre." In *Contemporary Archaeologies in Old Places: Material Politics Between Past and Present*, edited by Elena Sesma and Evan Taylor. Volume 33 of the *Archaeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association*. Washington, DC: American Anthropological Association. (Publication date July 2022)
- In press **Taylor, E.** and E. Sesma. "Exploring the Contemporary in Old Places." In *Contemporary Archaeologies in Old Places: Material Politics Between Past and Present*, edited by Elena Sesma and Evan Taylor. Volume 33 of the *Archaeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association*. Washington, DC: American Anthropological Association. (Publication date July 2022)
- In press Sesma, E. and **E. Taylor**, eds. *Contemporary Archaeologies in Old Places: Material Politics Between Past and Present*. Volume 33 of the *Archaeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association*. Washington, DC: American Anthropological Association. (Publication date July 2022)
- 2017 Killebrew, A.E., D. DePietro, S. Peleg, R. Pangarkar, S. Scham, **E. Taylor**. "Archaeology, Shared Heritage, and Community at Akko, Israel," *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies* 5(3-4): 365-392.
- 2015 Taylor, E. "Alternate Routes: Interpretive Trails, Resistance, and the View from East Jerusalem," *Journal of Community Archaeology & Heritage* 2(2): 106-120.
- 2012 Taylor, E. "Museums Narrating the Nation: Case Studies from Greece and Bosnia-Herzegovina," *Totem: The University of Western Ontario Journal of Anthropology* 20(1): Article 4.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 Review of *Curated Decay: Heritage Beyond Saving*, by Caitlin DeSilvey, *Heritage & Society* 10(1): 1-3.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "The Contemporary Archaeology of Old Cities: State Heritage and its Production in Rhodes and Acre," paper presented in organized session, *Mediterranean Archaeology: Connections, Interactions, Objects, and Theory*, at the 84th Annual Meeting of the **Society for American Archaeology** (Albuquerque, NM), April 2019.
- 2018 "Resisting and Remaking Heritage Work: An Archaeology of the Surface in Acre," paper presented in organized session, *Contemporary Archaeologies in Old Places: Material Politics Between Past and*

- Future*, at the 117th Annual Meeting of the **American Anthropological Association** (San Jose, CA), November 2018.
- 2018 “Fire and Vegetation Dynamics: Blazing the Trail in New England in Pre-contact Southern New England,” paper co-authored in organized session, “*Wicked Awesome*” *Archaeology: New Data and Directions in the Archaeological Northeast*, at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the **Society for American Archaeology** (Washington, D.C.), by Dianna Doucette, Elizabeth Chilton, David Foster, Deena Duranleau, and Evan Taylor, April 2018.
- 2018 “Displacement, Memory, and Community Heritage Work in the Old City of Acre,” paper presented in organized session, *Memory in Community-Based Archaeology*, at the 2018 **Society for Historical Archaeology** conference (New Orleans, LA), January 2018.
- 2017 “Heritage and Difference: Towards Binational Possibility in Israel/Palestine,” paper presented in organized session, *Heritage in Triple-Time: Building National Futures on and Through the Past*, at the 116th Annual Meeting of the **American Anthropological Association** (Washington, D.C.), December 2017.
- 2017 “Constructing Heritage on Displacement: Reclaiming Heritage Work in Acre’s Old City,” paper presented at *The Role of Heritage in Migration and Displacement*, symposium and workshop of the World Universities Network Understanding Cultures Group (Amherst, MA), April 30, 2017.
- 2016 “Crusaders, Crisis, and the Commodified Past: Heritage and Value at the Edge of Europe,” paper presented in organized session, *Social Justice and Changing Forms of Value in Europe: Evidence, Accident, and Discovery at a Time of Crisis*, at the 115th Annual Meeting of the **American Anthropological Association** (Minneapolis, MN), November 2016.
- 2016 “Crusaders and Commodified Pasts: (Trans)National Imagination and Changing Forms of Value,” paper present in symposium, *Social Justice and Changing Forms of Value*, the 2016 Symposium on Culture and Heritage in European Societies and Spaces at the University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain), January 2016.
- 2015 “Routes to Resist: Official and Alternative Interpretive Trails in Silwan/the City of David, East Jerusalem,” paper presented in organized session, *Navigating the Cultural Landscape: Interpretive Trails as Heritage Practice*, for *Cultural Landscapes & Heritage Values*, an international conference organized by the UMass Amherst Center for Heritage & Society (Amherst, MA), May 13-15, 2015.
- 2015 “Participatory Design Ethnography in the Learning Commons,” paper presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the **Society for Applied Anthropology** (Pittsburgh, PA), March 24-28, 2015. Co-authored by Evan Taylor, Elizabeth Usherwood, Krista Harper, Sarah Hutton, and Carol Will.
- 2014 “Mobilities of Heritage: Representing the Dead Sea Scrolls Between North America and Israel/Palestine,” paper presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the **American Anthropological Association** (Washington, D.C.), December 2014.
- 2014 “The Politics of Seeing the Scrolls: Imagining Israel and Palestine through archaeological representations in the United States,” paper presented at the 2014 **Boston University Archaeology Biennial Graduate Student Forum** (Boston, MA), February 2014.
- 2013 “Whose Spirit Sings? Re-imagining Social Value in First Nations Museum Representation,” paper presented at *The Past for Sale? The Economic Entanglements of Heritage*, an international conference organized by the UMass Amherst Center for Heritage & Society (Amherst, MA), May 2013.
- 2013 “Evaluating the Drivers and Triggers of Ecosystem Dynamics: Disturbance, Climate, and People,” poster co-presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the **Society for American Archaeology** (Honolulu, HI), by Dianna L. Doucette, Elizabeth S. Chilton, Katie Kirakosian, Evan Taylor, David Foster, Wyatt Oswald, and Bryan Shuman, April 2013.

NON-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 "Community Archaeology, Outreach, and the Old City," with Elena Sesma. Tel Akko Total Archaeology Project Website, Expert Blog. July 27, 2018.
<http://www.telakko.com/2018/07/27/community-archaeology-outreach-old-city/>
- 2018 "Getting to Know the Old City of Acre and Tel Akko," a community mapping project. Facilitated and compiled by Evan Taylor and Elena Sesma. <https://earth.google.com/earth/d/13-VllsghKmioKSSsYORSI7s6OG5M3hMM?usp=sharing>

PUBLISHED DATASETS

- 2015 Chilton, E., D. Doucette, D. Duranleau, D. Foster, K. Kirakosian, W. Oswald, B. Shuman, E. Taylor. "Survey of Native American Archaeological Sites in Massachusetts 12000-300 BP," Harvard Forest Data Archive: HF238.

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 "Community Archaeology," Lecture for the Tel Akko Total Archaeology Field School (Acre), July 2018.
- 2017 "Community Archaeology," Lecture for the Tel Akko Total Archaeology Field School (Acre), July 2017.
- 2016 "Crusaders and the Past for Sale: Tourism, Communities, and Changing Forms of Value," presented to directors and staff of *Kivunim* (non-profit focused on special needs youth engagement) (Acre), March 2016.
- 2015 "Community Archaeology," Lecture for the Tel Akko Total Archaeology Field School (Acre), July 2015.
- 2015 "Akko and UNESCO," co-presented by Evan Taylor, Reema Pangarkar, and Ann Killebrew. Lecture for the Tel Akko Total Archaeology Field School (Acre), July 2015.
- 2014 "UNESCO, Community, and Public Archaeology at Tel Akko," co-presented by Evan Taylor, Reema Pangarkar, and Ann Killebrew. Lecture for the Tel Akko Total Archaeology Field School (Acre), July 2014.
- 2011 "Whose Spirit Sings? Twenty-Five Years of Transformation in First Nations Museum Representation," First Nations Advisory Committee, Waterloo Region Museum (Waterloo, ON), April 2011.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2016 "Observational Walking as Ethnographic Method," presented to UMass Amherst College of Education Community Meeting (Amherst, MA), October 26, 2016.
- 2014 "Poaching on the Past: North American Encounters with Heritage in Israel/Palestine," UMass Amherst Department of Anthropology '701' Colloquium Series (Amherst, MA), September 2014.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2015 "Cultural Landscapes & Heritage Values," UMass Amherst Center for Heritage & Society (Amherst, MA), May13-15.
- 2014 "Heritage & Healthy Societies," UMass Amherst Center for Heritage & Society (Amherst, MA), May 14-16.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

2018 “Contemporary Archaeologies in Old Places: Material Politics Between Past and Future,” co-organized with Elena Sesma, 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (San Jose, CA), November 14-18.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

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| Human Nature (ANTH 100) | Summer 2020 | Anthropology, UMass Amherst |
| Ancient Civilizations (ANTH 150) | Summer 2019, Summer 2017, Summer 2016 | Anthropology, UMass Amherst |
| Human Ecology (ANTH 208) | Summer 2018 | Anthropology, UMass Amherst |

Teaching Assistant (Discussion section leader, grader, occasional lecturer)

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| The Jewish Experience: Ancient to Medieval (JNE 101) | Spring 2019, Fall 2018 | Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, UMass Amherst |
| The Jewish Experience: Medieval to Modern (JNE 102) | Spring 2019, Fall 2018 | Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, UMass Amherst |
| North American Archaeology (ANTH 269) | Fall 2017 | Anthropology, UMass Amherst |
| Culture, Society & People (ANTH 104) | Fall 2016 | Anthropology, UMass Amherst |
| Archaeology and Prehistory (ANTH 102) | Fall 2015, Fall 2014 | Anthropology, UMass Amherst |
| Ancient Civilizations (ANTH 150) | Fall 2013 | Anthropology, UMass Amherst |

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Ethnographic Research (Israel/Palestine)**. Phase II dissertation field research, studying local experiences of heritage tourism projects in Acre, Israel/Palestine. Supported by UMass Amherst Graduate School and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. January-March 2018.
- 2016 **Ethnographic Research (Israel/Palestine and Greece)**. Phase I dissertation field research. Culture and Heritage in European Societies and Spaces ethnographic field training program, studying UNESCO World Heritage projects in Acre, Israel/Palestine and Rhodes, Greece. Sponsored by NSF, UMass Amherst Department of Anthropology, and University of Barcelona Department of Anthropology. January-June 2016.
- 2014-15 **Project Ethnographer (Israel)**. Tel Akko Total Archaeology Project at Acre, Israel/Palestine. Ethnographic research on the impact of World Heritage Site designation. June-July 2014 and July 2015.

ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Photo-Archaeological Survey of Old City of Acre.** Two month-long daily photo survey of 30 loci in the Old City of Acre, Israel/Palestine, tracking material transformations by residents and state heritage professionals. February-March 2018.
- 2018 **Co-Director for Community Archaeology.** Tel Akko Total Archaeology Project at Acre/‘Akka/Akko. Facilitating community archaeology program for local youth and field school students. July-August 2018.
- 2017 **Co-Director for Community Archaeology.** Tel Akko Total Archaeology Project at Acre/‘Akka/Akko. Facilitating community archaeology program for local youth and field school students. July-August 2017.
- 2014 **Assistant Area Supervisor.** Tel Akko Total Archaeology Project at Acre/‘Akka/Akko. July 2014.
- 2013 **Archaeological Field Registrar and Project Photographer.** UMass Amherst Anthropology Field School at Acre, Israel/Palestine. Registering artifacts from Tel Akko/ Tel el-Fukhar excavations. Principal photographer. Planned a community outreach project. June-July 2013.
- 2010 **Field School Participant.** Iklaina Archaeological Project. Excavation of a Late Bronze Age “Mycenaean” city, lab work, evening classes, museum and site visits, coordinated by the University of Missouri St. Louis. May-June 2010.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 **Report Writer, Department of Anthropology,** University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Composed final report and public outcomes report for NSF-funded project *Interacting Influences of Climate, Land Use, and Other Disturbances on Regime Shifts in Forest Ecosystems: Holocene Dynamics in the Northeastern United States* (NSF DEB-1146286). July-October 2016.
- 2014-15 **Research Assistant, Center for Heritage & Society,** University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Coordinator for CHS 2014 annual conference, *Heritage & Healthy Societies*, CHS 2015 annual conference, *Cultural Landscapes & Heritage Values*, and campus interdisciplinary colloquium series. February-June 2014 and September 2014-June 2015.
- 2012-15 **Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology,** University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Database manager and archaeological site file research in Massachusetts related to human ecology. NSF-funded project *Interacting Influences of Climate, Land Use, and Other Disturbances on Regime Shifts in Forest Ecosystems: Holocene Dynamics in the Northeastern United States* (NSF DEB-1146286). September 2012-May 2013 and September 2014-July 2015.
- 2011 **Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology,** University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. Curation and analysis of microlithic artifacts from the Canadian High Arctic. Focus on microwear patterns on burin spalls. January-March 2011.
- 2007-09 **Museum Educator and Guide, National Battlefields Commission,** Québec, QC. Led interpretive programs for school groups, grades 5-10, on the Plains of Abraham. April 2007-June 2009.
- 2006-12 **Museum Educator and Supervisor, Heritage Park Historical Village,** Calgary, AB. Supervised interpreters, coordinated interpretive programs for exhibits and guided tours, led school programs and overnight summer camps. July 2006-August 2012 (seasonal).

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- 2018-19 Search Committee for Open-Rank Tenure Stream Archaeologist for the 21st Century, UMass Amherst Department of Anthropology.
- 2017 Co-organizer, Archaeology Brown Bag Association, UMass Amherst Department of Anthropology.
- 2012-13 Collections Committee, Graduate student representative, UMass Amherst Department of Anthropology.

DISCIPLINE-RELATED SERVICE

- 2020- Academic Advisor. AlMadrasa Heritage NGO, Acre, Palestine/Israel. Consulting on heritage programs development for local youth and community groups.
- 2015,18 Alternative tours of the City of David National Park in Silwan, East Jerusalem for students of the Tel Akko Total Archaeology field school. Discussion of the political deployment of archaeology in Israeli state projects, the disciplining of visitors' senses in the park, and the history of Silwan and the Palestinian community in and around the park. July 2015 and 2018.
- 2015 Community Heritage Facilitator. Facilitated photo-elicitation focus group and community presentations on local interpretations of historic urban spaces with Palestinian and Jewish-Israeli youth aged 12-16 in Acre, Israel/Palestine. July 2015.
- 2015 Excavation Volunteer, Digging Northampton's History: A Community Archaeology Project in Western Massachusetts (Northampton, MA), May 19-June 6, 2015.
- 2014 Outreach Presenter, Archaeology presentation for 6-7-year-old students, the Common School (Amherst, MA), October 9, 2014.
- 2014 Conference Volunteer, 47th Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, Society for Historical Archaeology (Québec, QC), January 2014.
- 2013 Session Chair, "Negotiating Diverse Heritages" at *The Past for Sale? The Economic Entanglements of Heritage*, an international conference organized by the UMass Center for Heritage & Society (Amherst, MA), May 2013.
- 2010-11 Exhibit Development Consultant, Waterloo Region Museum (Kitchener, ON). Panel member for the development of First Nations exhibit. October 2010-May 2011.
- 2010 Archaeology Lab Volunteer, University of Waterloo (Waterloo, ON). Cleaned lithic material, applied labels to faunal and lithic material, and sorted lithic debitage. September-December 2010.
- 2009 Conference Volunteer, Ontario Archaeological Society (Waterloo, ON), October 2009.
- 2003-07 Museum Volunteer, Public programs and interpretation assistance. Glenbow Museum (Calgary, AB), October 2003-January 2007.

INVITED PEER REVIEWER

Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies (2 articles)

POPULAR MEDIA

- 2018 Interview, Musawa (مساواة) Channel (National Arabic language network, Israel/Palestine). Special report on relations between residents and historic buildings in Old City of Acre.
- 2018 Consultant on Acre, BBC (UK). Documentary exploring British Jewish relations to and impressions of Israel in the 70th year since its creation.

RESEARCH SKILLS

Ethnographic skills in semi-structured and unstructured interviewing; archaeological ethnography; focus group facilitation; event observation and recording.

Archaeological skills in contemporary archaeology (photographic surface survey); standard archaeological field registration methods; database management; archaeological photography; artifact processing; standard excavation and survey methods.

Software proficiency in MAXQDA, Tropy, Microsoft Office Suite, and iMovie. Basic knowledge of QGIS, Google Earth, and FileMaker Pro.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

Archaeology Division of AAA

Association of Critical Heritage Studies

Society for Historical Archaeology

Insanniyat (Association of Palestinian Anthropologists, Friend Member)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent, spoken/written)

French (fluent, spoken/written)

Arabic, Modern Standard and Levantine (intermediate, spoken/written)

Hebrew (intermediate, spoken/written)

Greek (beginner, spoken/written)

German (beginner, spoken/written)