

## **Curriculum Vitae for Chad Ryan Thomas**

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### ***DEGREES***

Currently: Doctoral Candidate in School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University.

Dissertation title: Relationships among Ideology, Iconography, and Sociopolitical Organization in the Mississippian World

Committee members: Dr. Christopher Carr (chairperson), Dr. Katherine Spielmann, Dr. Ben Nelson, Dr. Paul Welch

May, 2001: M.A. in Anthropology at Arizona State University.

Thesis title: Archaeological Evidence for Oral Narratives at Spiro, Oklahoma, and Its Implications for Spiro Leadership

Committee members: Dr. Christopher Carr (chairperson), Dr. Katherine Spielmann, Dr. Elizabeth Brandt

May, 1998: B.A. from Indiana University, Bloomington, with majors in Anthropology, Folklore Studies, and Classical Civilization (Literary and Cultural Emphasis)

### ***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS***

Society for American Archaeology  
Southeastern Archaeological Conference  
Midwest Archaeological Conference

Golden Key Honor Society  
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society  
Friends of Angel Mounds (Board of Directors)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2007/Spring 2008: *SOC111: Introduction to Sociology*

Adjunct Professor, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Evansville, IN

Fall 2007/Spring 2008/Fall 2008: *HUM211: The Western Tradition in the Humanities I*

Adjunct Professor, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN

Spring 2007/Spring 2008: *WC120: World Cultures: Emergence of the Modern World*

Adjunct Professor, University of Evansville, Evansville, IN

Fall 2006/Fall 2007/Fall 2008: *WC110: World Cultures: Foundations of World Traditions and Ancient Thought*

Adjunct Professor, University of Evansville, Evansville, IN

Fall 2005/Fall 2006/Fall 2007/Fall 2008: *ANH154: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*

Adjunct Professor, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Evansville, IN

Spring 2005/Spring 2006: *ANH254: Introduction to Archaeology*

Adjunct Professor, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Evansville, IN

### **PAPERS/PUBLICATIONS**

- 2008 Iconography and Social Organization at Wickliffe. Paper presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2007 Iconography and Ideology at Angel Site. Paper presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Knoxville, TN.
- 2005 Vertically Focused Ideology at Spiro, Oklahoma. Paper presented at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Columbia, SC.
- 2005 The Vacant Quarter Hypothesis: A Summary of Previous Thought. Paper presented at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Dayton, OH.
- 2005 *(with Christopher Carr and Cynthia Keller)* Animal Totemic Clans of Ohio Hopewell Peoples. In *Gathering Hopewell: Society, Ritual, and Ritual Interaction*. Edited by Christopher Carr and D.Troy Case. pp. 339-385. Kluwer Academic/Plenum Press, New York.
- 2004 Regional Variation in the Construction of Mississippian Birdmen: Unlocking Identities. Paper presented at the 50th MAC and 61st SEAC meetings, St. Louis, MO
- 2003 *(with Cynthia Keller)* Ohio Hopewell Clan Organization: Their Locality, Interrelations, and Prestige. Paper presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2002 Mississippian Oral Narratives at Spiro, Oklahoma, and Their Implications of Spiro Leadership. Paper presented at 67th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver, CO.

- 2001 Archaeological Evidence for Oral Narratives at Spiro, Oklahoma. Paper presented at 1st Annual Graduate Student Conference on American Indian Research, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.
- 2000 Digression and Insertion in a Belizean Folktale. *Journal of American Folklore* 113:185-194.
- 1999 The Logic of Inducing Belief. Paper presented at the 3rd Multidisciplinary Conference on Holidays, Ritual, Festival, Celebration, and Public Display, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Mississippian Chiefdoms
- Cognitive Archaeology
  - Ideology
  - Iconography
    - Semiotic methods of analysis
    - Art as performance
  - Applications of Cognitive Linguistics to archaeological problems
- Folklore
  - Prehistoric-Historic continuities among Mississippian and historic Southeastern tribes
  - Type and Motif analysis
- Public Archaeology
  - Public outreach and interpretation, especially for teen audience

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK**

Fall 2004/Fall 2005: Research Assistant, Indiana University Department of Anthropology. Field project at Hovey Lake Village, Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Management Area, Posey County, IN  
Immediate supervisor: Cheryl Ann Munson (IU)  
Responsibilities: site interpretation, excavation, documentation, etc.

Summer 2003: Research Assistant, Arizona State University Department of Anthropology. Field project at Hopeton Earthworks, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, Chillicothe, OH  
Immediate supervisor: Kate Spielmann (ASU)  
Responsibilities: supervision of field school students, site interpretation, excavation, documentation, etc.

Summer 2002: Archaeological Technician, Midwest Archaeological Center, National Park Service. Field project at Hopeton Earthworks, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, Chillicothe, OH  
Immediate supervisor: Mark Lynott (MWAC)  
Responsibilities: supervision of field school students, site interpretation, excavation, documentation, etc.

Summer 2001: Chaperone/Field Assistant, Center for American Archaeology Education Program fieldschool.

Immediate supervisor: Mary Pirkl (CAA)

Responsibilities: supervision of field school students, site interpretation, excavation, documentation, etc.

Spring 2000: Field Technician, Jordan Valley Village Project, Tell Abu en-Ni'aj, Jordan

Immediate supervisors: Dr. Steven Falconer (ASU), Dr. Jennifer Jones (ASU)

Responsibilities: supervision of hired workers, excavation, documentation, etc.

Summer 1999: Archaeological Technician/Mentor, Martin University Next Step Archaeology Program, Indianapolis, Indiana

Immediate supervisor: Harry Murphy (MU)

Responsibilities: supervision of field school students, mentoring of student research, site interpretation

Summer 1998: Field Intern, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez, Colorado

Immediate supervisor: Dr. Andrew Duff (CCAC)

Responsibilities: supervision of field school students, site interpretation, excavation, documentation, etc.

#### ***RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/SKILLS***

2003 to 2004: Webmaster for ASU Department of Anthropology. Skills in Dreamweaver, CSS, Javascript.

1999 through 2002: Database development and maintenance in FoxPro for Windows, Visual FoxPro for Windows, Microsoft Access, and FileMaker Pro as part of various Graduate Assistantships. Related experience in Visual Basic for Applications programming.

Immediate supervisors: Sharon Bushart (ASU), Marsha Schweitzer (ASU), Michael Barton (ASU)

Fall 1998 through Spring 2000: Collections and Curation Assistant, ASU Department of Anthropology

Immediate supervisor: Dr. Michael Barton (ASU)

Responsibilities: inventory, curation, research, database maintenance