

CLARISSA CAGNATO

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EDUCATION

- 2008-PRESENT** **Washington University in St Louis Arts and Sciences – St. Louis, MO**
Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology
➤ Research Focus: Reconstruction of Ancient Human Diets and Cuisine, Ancient Uses of Plants, Mesoamerican Archaeology, Gardens, Starch-Grain Analysis
➤ Advisors: Dr. Gayle Fritz and Dr. David Freidel
- 2005-2008** **Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences -- New Haven, CT**
Master's Degree in Archaeological Studies
➤ Research Focus: Early Complex Societies; Political and Ritual Economy; Ancient Maya Archaeology
➤ Master's Thesis: *El Guayabal: Life at a Late Preclassic Center in the El Paraiso Valley, Honduras*
➤ Advisor: Dr. Marcello Canuto
- 2001-2004** **University of Leicester -- Leicester, England**
Bachelors of Science Degree in Archaeology

AWARDS

- 2012** National Science Foundation Award: Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$25,197)
2011-12 Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence
2011 Charles R. Jenkins Award (Lambda Alpha Society)
2010-2011 Summer research funding awarded by Washington University in St. Louis
2008-2014 Full scholarship and tuition for PhD program awarded by Washington University in St. Louis
2006-2007 Albers Fund Grant awarded by the Peabody Museum, Yale University for research in Honduras
2003 Leonardo da Vinci Award funded by European Union for research in Iceland

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009-2011** **Teaching Assistant (Washington University in St. Louis)**
➤ Introduction to Archaeology (Professor Darla Dale)
➤ People and Plants: Paleoethnobotany and Ethnobotany (Professor Gayle Fritz)
➤ Introduction to Environmental Studies (Dr. Joshua Lockyer)
➤ Culture and Environment (Dr. Matthew Fry)
➤ World Archaeology (Dr. John Kelly)
- 2008 (Spring)** **Teaching Assistant (Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences)**
➤ Course: Hoaxes and Fantasies in Archaeology (Professor William Honeychurch)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012** Archaeological investigations and Flotation of Soil Samples from El Peru-Waka', Guatemala
- 2010-2012** Archaeological investigations and Flotation of Soil Samples from La Corona, Guatemala
- 2009-2010** Analysis of Soils from Rising Sun Hotel Site, New Orleans
➤ French and Spanish Colonial Period Garden Samples
- 2009** Flotation of Soil Samples from El Perú-Waka', Guatemala

2006-2007 **Investigator and Staff/Student Coordinator for the Kenyon-Honduras Study Abroad Project -- El Paraiso, Honduras**

- Coordinated archaeological research at the El Guayabal site

2005 **Senior Researcher -- Lazaret Cave, Nice, France**

- Excavated human-occupied cave dating to the Paleolithic period and mastered artifact recording, cleaning, drawing and photographing techniques
- Taught school children archaeological techniques
- Assisted with the preparation of rock art drawings for publication

2003 **Junior Researcher -- Skriðuklaustur, Iceland**

- Carried out archaeological research at a medieval Augustinian monastery
- Assisted with the organization of an exhibition at a local museum

PUBLICATIONS

Cagnato, Clarissa

2011 Análisis Preliminar de los Restos Paleobotánicos de La Corona. En *Proyecto Arqueológico La Corona: Informe Final, Temporada 2010* (editado por T. Barrientos Q., M. A. Canuto, y M. J. Acuña), pp. 385-402. Guatemala.

2012 Operación CR48: Investigación de chultunes en La Corona. En *Informe Final, Temporada 2011 de Proyecto Arqueológico La Corona* (editado por T. Barrientos Q., M. A. Canuto, y J. Ponce), pp.357-372. Guatemala.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2012 **XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala (26th Annual Archaeological Symposium), July 16-20, Guatemala City, Guatemala**

Plantas E Animales en La Corona, Joint Paper with Diana N. Fridberg

2012 **77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology – April 18-22, Memphis, TN.**

Strolling through Madame Mandeville's Garden: The Real and Imagined Landscape of 18th Century New Orleans.

2007 **72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology -- April 25-29, Austin, TX.**

El Guayabal and Las Orquideas: The El Paraiso Valley as a Regional Center in the Preclassic Period.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

2012 **Poster Session at the 17th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis**
Starch-Grain Analysis and Paleoethnobotany: A Microscopic Approach to Reconstructing Ancient Diets

2010 **Friday Archaeology Talk- Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis**

Strolling through Madame Mandeville's Garden: The Real and Imagined Landscape of 18th Century New Orleans

2009 **Friday Archaeology Talk-- Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis**

Flotation of Samples from El Perú-Waka', Guatemala

RELEVANT

2008-PRESENT **Ethnobiology Journal Club -- Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis**

2006-2008 **Database Manager for PAREP (Proyecto Arqueológico Regional El Paraíso)**

- Responsible for the organization and maintenance of a project-based archaeology database

Language Skills **ENGLISH:** Fluent **ITALIAN:** Native **FRENCH:** Native **SPANISH:** Fluent

Other Skills Proficiency with MS Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), Photoshop, SAS (Statistical Analysis Program), and GIS programs (Esri)