

Ahna Feldstein

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EDUCATION

Boston University 2022 - 2023
M.A., Archaeology
GPA: 3.96

Related Coursework

Zooarchaeology • Paleoethnobotany • Archaeological Ethics and the Law • Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

University of Maryland, College Park 2018 - 2021
B.S., Anthropology. Double Minor in Archaeology & History
Dean's List: Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Related Coursework

Archaeology Field Methods • Material Culture Studies • Environmental Archaeology • Anthropology of Global Violence

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Chirikof Island Archaeological Project, Boston, MA. May – December 2023

Research Assistant

- Pursued exploratory morphometric data analysis on a sample of domestic canid mandibles recovered from a Russian-Colonial period Alutiiq village on Chirikof Island.
- Evaluated existing zooarchaeological and ethnographic literature to contextualize the introduction of domestic dogs on Chirikof Island by Russian settlers.
- Utilized R Studio programming software to visualize and compare morphological trends.

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez, CO. June – August 2023

Zooarchaeology Intern

- Contributed ~1,300 specimens to the Crow Canyon archaeofaunal database under the supervision of resident Postdoctoral Scholar and Research Institute.
- Assisted archaeological summer programs for local school groups, adult volunteers, and college field school students.
- Created research reports using the Crow Canyon archaeofaunal database to assess ancient human-animal interactions and data quality using R Studio programming software.
- Submitted 2023 faunal report as Master's project.

Univ. of Maryland Kippax Plantation Historic Preservation Lab, College Park, MD. Sept 2020 - Jul 2022

Laboratory Technician

- Oversaw the organization of Kippax Plantation archaeological materials via artifact identification, cataloging, and curation.
- Documented the progression of artifact analysis via digital photographic documentation.
- Presented findings from ceramic assemblage data at the annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference in March 2021.

University of Maryland Archaeology of the Irish Diaspora Field School, Skibbereen, Ireland. May – July 2019

Field School Student

- 7-week excavation of a mid-19th to early 20th-century dwelling yielded proficiency in surveying, mapping, and excavation of numerous historic sites attributed to the Irish Potato Famine (1845-1852).
- Identified, washed, and cataloged glass, ceramic, textile, and metallic artifacts attributed to Ireland and the British Isles ca. 1830-1920.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gibson House Museum, September – December 2023

Museum Guide

- Provided interpretive tours to groups of 5-10 visitors.
- Contextualized the history of the Gibson House within the context of Victorian Boston, displaying proficient knowledge of American History ca. 1750-1950.
- Ensured visitor comfort and satisfaction, along with comprehension of key historical facts and interpretive takeaways.

Historic Newton Museums, September 2022 - May 2023

Museum Educator and Assistant

- Performed monthly Integrated Pest Management (IPM) on-site at the Durant Kenrick house museum.
- Managed the daily operation of two museums, the Jackson Homestead and the Durant-Kenrick House, including ticket transactions, museum rentals, and the continued integrity of artifact displays.
- Facilitated historical education programs for K-12 school groups, both on and off-site.

M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Cultural Resources Stewardship Section, January – August 2022

Assistant Archaeologist/Program Aide

- Prepared and managed excavation sites, cataloged and conserved associated artifacts, and surveyed historic sites within the Montgomery and Prince George's County region.
- Supervised weekly volunteer days at the archaeology lab, ensuring the proper maintenance of the Needwood Archaeological repository by assigning tasks, providing oversight, and coordinating projects with a group of 15-20 adult volunteers.
- Engaged with members of the community through participation in public events, fostering an increase in community engagement with M-NCPPC's Archaeology Program.

PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

(in prep) *Year Two of Archaeofaunal Analysis at the Haynie Site, CO (5MT1905)*. Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Technical Report.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 "How Do We Characterize a Merchant's Colonoware Collection? Exploration into the significance of Colonoware vessels at Kippax Plantation, Hopewell, Virginia." Presentation at the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Ocean City, MD. March 26, 2022.
- 2023 "Bronze-Age Ecosystem Engineering on the Kazakh Steppe: Geo-Spatial Analyses for the Examination of Ecozonal Migration." Final Poster Presentation for AR506: Regional Archaeology and Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Boston, MA. December 11, 2023.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Crow Canyon 2023 Carhart Fellow

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- The Society for American Archaeology

LANGUAGES

- English (fluent)
- Korean/Hangul (beginner)
- Spanish (beginner)