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AFFILIATION

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EDUCATION

2021 M.A., Anthropology. University of Michigan
2018 B.A., Anthropology and Classical Studies. Tulane University
Summa Cum Laude, Senior Honor's Thesis: "The Red Clay Pad the Spaniards Had: A Geoarchaeological Examination of Sixteenth Century Spanish Forts."

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2019-2024 Museum Studies Program, University of Michigan
2019-2020 Rackham Professional Development DEI Certificate Program, University of Michigan

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

2022-Present PI. *Mapping the "Indian Fields" of South Carolina*. Charleston, South Carolina. (\$10,000)
2021-Present PI. *Yamasee Landscapes Project*. Beaufort, South Carolina. (\$105,000)
2022 Team Member. *The Search for Stuarts Town*. Beaufort, South Carolina.
2019 Excavation Supervisor. *Aventura Archaeology Project*. Corozal, Belize.
2019 Field Archaeologist. *Woodland Ohio Monumentality Project*. Chillicothe, Ohio.
2018 Field Surveyor. *American Excavations at Morgantina*. Aidone, Sicily.
2016, 2017 Excavation Supervisor. *Berry Site Field School*. Morganton, North Carolina.
2016 Lab Assistant. *Weiner Lab, American School for Classical Studies*. Athens, Greece.
2015 Field Archaeologist. *Berry Site Field School*. Morganton, North Carolina.

MUSEUM AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES EXPERIENCE

2023-2025 Participant. [Networking Archaeological Data and Communities](#). 2-year NEH funded workshop hosted by the Alexandria Archive Institute and Open Context. Berkeley, California.
2023-Present Researcher. Brays Island Nature Center. Sheldon, South Carolina.
Narrating Local, Native Histories from Collections at the Brays Island Nature Center, SC
2021 Research Assistant. U-M Department of Anthropology. Ann Arbor, MI. Digital Exhibit: [Anishinaabe Plants: Learning from Museum Collections at the University of Michigan](#).
2020 Research Assistant. U-M Natural History Museum. Digital Exhibit: [Knowledge Sharing](#)
2020 Consultant. U-M Museum Studies Program. Ann Arbor, MI. Capstone Project for the Detroit Historical Society, [Re-imagining the Streets of Old Detroit](#)
2015-2017 Archival Volunteer. Middle American Research Institute. New Orleans, Louisiana.
2015 Archival Intern. Middle American Research Institute. New Orleans, Louisiana.
Photo Exhibit: [A Swatch of MARI History](#)

PUBLICATIONS

2023 "Digging into daily life at Pocotaligo, an early 18th century capital town of the Yamasee in the South Carolina Lowcountry." *The Current*.
2022 "[The "Indian Fields" of the Mackay Point Plantation](#)." *Legacy* 26.2.
2021 Lisa Young and Hannah Hoover. "[Managing Archaeology's Infodemic: Lessons from Surveys about Atlantis and Ancient Aliens](#)." *The SAA Archaeological Record* 21.5:11-14.

2020* Christopher Rodning, Michelle Piggot, and **Hannah Hoover**. "Native American Responses to Contact and Colonialism in the American South." In *The Global Spanish Empire: Five Hundred Years of Place Making and Pluralism*, edited by Christine D. Beaulieu and John G. Douglas. University of Arizona Press.

*Peer-reviewed

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Presentations

2025 **Hannah Hoover** and Mallory Melton. "Rooting Power and Place: Yamasee Women in 18th Century South Carolina." Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA.

2024^ "Yamasee Landscapes." Organized Session: Centering an Indigenous Lowcountry: New Research from Colonial South Carolina. Southeastern Archaeology Conference, Williamsburg, VA.

2024 "Networking Households, Building a Nation: Investigating the Social Organization of Yamasee Towns in 18th Century South Carolina." Society for American Archaeology. New Orleans, LA. Organized Session: Applications of Network Analysis.

2023^ "Reconstructing 18th century Yamasee Homelands from Practices of Settler Emplacement in South Carolina." Organized Session: The Archaeology of Memory in the South Carolina Lowcountry. Southeastern Archaeology Conference. Chattanooga, TN.

2023* **Hannah Hoover**, Erin Niles, Maria Cunningham, and Cynthia Robin. "Aventura's Households from 'Commoners to Leaders.'" Society for American Archaeology. Portland, OR.

2022 Results from Landscape-Scale Survey of the "Indian Fields" of the Mackay Point Plantation, South Carolina." Southeastern Archaeology Conference. Little Rock, AK.

2022* Zachary A. Nissen, Kacey C. Grauer, Gabriela Dziki, **Hannah Hoover**, Erin Niles, Deborah Walker, Anna Moles, and Cynthia Robin. "Situating Households within an Urban Community: Recent Research at Aventura, an Ancient Maya City." Belize Archaeology Symposium. San Ignacio, Belize.

2022* Lisa Young, **Hannah Hoover**, and Sarah Oas. "Native American Seed Keepers and the Watermelon." Society for American Archaeology. Chicago, IL.

2018 The Red Clay Pad the Spaniards Had: A Geoarchaeological Examination of 16th Century Spanish Forts. Paper Presentation, The Society for Historical Archaeology. New Orleans, LA.

Posters

2024+ Cassidy Heller and **Hannah Hoover**. An Integrated Analysis of Lithic and Ceramic Assemblages of Late Archaic and Early Woodland South Carolina. Society for American Archaeology. New Orleans, LA.

2024+ Christopher Putnam, **Hannah Hoover**, and Megan Savoy. Wetland Foods: A Zooarchaeological Analysis of Shell Middens from Coastal South Carolina. Symposium, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program. University of Michigan.

2022+ **Hannah Hoover** Theodora Bilich, Megan Savoy, and Eloise Jansson. Investigations of the "Indian Fields" of the Mackay Point Plantation. U-M Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Centennial Conference. Ann Arbor, MI.

2020 Analyzing Soapstone "Gaming" Disks from the Berry Site in Western North Carolina. Society for American Archaeology. Austin, TX. CANCELLED.

2017 Amber Thorpe, **Hannah Hoover**, Chris Rodning. Mississippian Settlement at the Catawba Meadows Site, Burke County, North Carolina. Southeastern Archaeology Conference. Tulsa, OK.

*Invited participation

+Undergraduate student collaborations

^Session organizer

FELLOWSHIPS

2024-2025 Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. *Institute for Citizens & Scholars*

2024 Fellowship for Doctoral Research in Museums. *U-Michigan Museum Studies Program*

2023 Griffin Endowment Fellowship. *U-Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*

2020-2025 [Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#). *National Science Foundation*

2018-2023 [Beinecke Scholarship for Graduate Studies](#). *The Sperry Fund*

2018-2019 First-Year Fellowship. *Anthropology, U-Michigan*

RESEARCH GRANTS

External Support

- 2024 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Award No. 2430847. *National Science Foundation* (\$38,518). PI: Robin Beck, co-PI: Hannah Hoover
- 2023 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. *Wenner-Gren Foundation* (\$23,195)
- 2023 Development Research Grant. *Brays Island Environmental Trust* (\$10,000)
- 2022 Charles Hudson Award. *Southeastern Archaeology Conference* (\$800)
- 2022 Dan Rasick Grant-in-Aid Program. *Archaeological Society of South Carolina* (\$1,000)
- 2021 Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research. *American Philosophical Society* (\$5,000)

Internal Support

- 2024 Fellowship for Doctoral Research in Museum. *U-Michigan Museum Studies Program* (\$7,117)
- 2023 Griffin Endowment Fellowship. *U-Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology* (\$20,000)
- 2023 Museum Studies Project Grant. *U-Michigan Museum Studies Program* (\$6,500)
- 2022 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant. *U-Michigan* (\$3,000)
- 2022 Emergency Covid Funding. *Anthropology, U-Michigan* (\$2,000)
- 2021 Griffin Scholarship Fund. *U-Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology* (\$4,000)
- 2020, 2021 Pre-Candidate Summer Research Fellowship. *Anthropology, U-Michigan* (\$8,000)
- 2020 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant. *U-Michigan* (\$1,500)
- 2021-2024 Rackham Conference Travel Grant. *U-Michigan* (total \$2600)
- 2018 Classics Award for Summer Research. *Classical Studies, Tulane University* (\$2,000)
- 2017 Opat Fund for Research in Anthropology. *Anthropology, Tulane University* (\$1,000)
- 2017, 2016 Newcomb Tulane Research Grant for Summer Research. *Tulane University* (\$2,500)
- 2015 [Jean Danielson Memorial Research Grant](#). *Tulane University* (\$2,000)

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. *Anthropology, U-Michigan*.
- 2018 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist. *The Rhodes Trust*.
- 2018 Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society. *Tulane University*.
- 2018 Tulane '34 Club' & Perry Wallace Society (top 15 students in Tulane class of '18).
- 2018 Riedel Classical Studies Prize, Honors Anthropology Award, & Robert Wauchope Award in Anthropology. *Tulane University*.

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "Indigenous Women in Colonial South Carolina." Port Royal Sound Foundation, South Carolina
- 2024 "Reconstructing and Reconnecting 18th Century Yamasee Homelands in the South Carolina Lowcountry." Beaufort County Library, St. Helena, South Carolina.
- 2023 "Narrating Local, Native Histories from Legacy Collections at the Brays Island Nature Center, South Carolina." Brays Island Property and Nature Center, Sheldon, South Carolina.
- 2023 "Yamasee Settlements in the Port Royal Sound: The View from Pocotaligo." Stuarts Town Symposium, University of South Carolina-Beaufort.
- 2021 "Refocusing an RIW: The Collaborative Archaeological Workgroup's 2020-2021 DEI Initiatives." Presentation co-authored by Joseph Frankl, U-M Classical Studies DEI Lightning Talks.
- 2020 "The Emergence of Complexity in the Eastern Woodlands." Guest lecture for ANTHARC 386 – *Early Civilizations*.
- 2018 Student Commencement Speech, Tulane University School of Liberal Arts Graduation.
- 2018 "The Red Clay Pad the Spaniards Had: A Geoarchaeological Examination of 16th Century Spanish Forts." Newcomb-Tulane College Honors Forum.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2024* Adjunct Instructor. *Introduction to Anthropology*. ANTH 101.
College of Charleston, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. 3 Sections (75 students).
- Fall 2021* Graduate Student Instructor. *Introduction to Anthropology*. ANTHCUL 101.
University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology. 3 Sections (75 students).
- Spring 2020+ Graduate Student Instructor. *Early Civilizations*. ANTHRARC 386.
University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology. 2 sections (50 students)

Fall 2020, 2019 Graduate Student Instructor. *Frauds and Fantastical Claims in Archaeology*. ANTHRARC 285. University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology. 3 Sections (75 students).

*Course fulfills Race and Ethnicity requirement.

+Course fulfills Upper-Level Writing requirement.

PEDAGOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

2020*+ Race and Ethnicity Community. U-M Center for Research on Learning and Teaching

2020+ Teaching Writing in the Disciplines. U-M Sweetland Writing Center.

2019-2020* Rackham Professional Development DEI Certificate Program. Workshops in *Microaggressions, Bystander Intervention, Intercultural Awareness and Communication, Unconscious Bias and Implicit Bias, and Inclusive Leadership*.

2018-2020 U-M Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT). Workshops: *Disability and Accessibility in Teaching, Principles and Practices of Anti-Racist Pedagogy, and Principles and Practices of Anti-Racist Pedagogy in Archaeology*.

*Nominated for participation

+Semester program

MENTEES

Easton Long (College of Charleston '27, Research Assistant), Sarah Walton (LSU '27), Matthew Michalski (U-Michigan '24, Graduate Thesis Advisor), Cassidy Heller (Coastal Carolina '24, Research Assistant), Kathleen Boyle (College of Charleston '24, Research Assistant), Brooke Boyd (Tulane University and St. Andrews '23)

2022-2023 Ryan English, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, U-Michigan. *Mapping the Indian Old Fields of South Carolina*

2023-2024 Christopher Putnam. Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, U-Michigan. *Wetland Foods: Zooarchaeological Analysis of Shell Middens in South Carolina*; Co-PI Megan Savoy

TECHNICAL REPORTS

2024 Hoover, H. Phase II Testing of 38BU1192 on the Brays Island Plantation Property.

2019 Hoover, H. Operation 17: An Elite Residence and Plaza Center Structure at Aventura. Aventura Archaeology Project.

SELECTED SERVICE

2023-2025 Chair Elect, Island and Coastal Archaeology Interest Group. Society for American Archaeology.

2022 Student Representative, '[UMMAA at 100](#)' conference.

2021-2024 Member, Student Affairs Committee. Society for American Archaeology

2020-2022 Member, Ad-Hoc Graduate Curriculum Committee, UMMAA

2020-2021 Co-organizer, UMMAA Speaker Series Committee, Series: [From the "New Archaeology" to Equitable Archaeologies: Global Lessons From Black Scholars](#)

2020-2021 Student Co-Chair, U-M Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup

2019-2021 Co-organizer, U-M Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Brown Bag Committee

2019-2020 Logistics Chair, U-M Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup