**KARA LARSON, M.A.**

Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

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**EDUCATION**

2020-Present University of Michigan: PhD, Anthropology

2020 Mississippi State University: M.A., Applied Anthropology

Thesis: *Meat on the Hoof: A Zooarchaeological and Isotopic Investigation*

*of Herd Management at Khirbet Summeily in the Iron Age*

Committee: James W. Hardin, D. Shane Miller, Elizabeth Arnold

2016 Grand Valley State University: B.S., Anthropology, Minor in Archaeology

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

2021-Present Center for Research on Learning and Teaching Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Michigan

**AFFILIATIONS**

2020-Present Research Affiliate; *Cobb Institute of Archaeology, Mississippi State University*

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Topical: Domestic foodways and economies, zooarchaeology, stable isotope analyses,

ZooMS, proteomics, archaeobotany, pastoralism, urbanism, migration, and seasonal mobility

Regional: Southern Levant, Southwest Asia, Central Asia, Caucasus, Eastern Europe

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Journal Articles (Peer-reviewed)**

**Larson, Kara,** Elizabeth Arnold, and James W. Hardin**.** 2023. Resource Allocation and Rising

Complexity during the Iron Age IIA: An Isotopic Case Study from Khirbet Summeily. *Quaternary International* 646: 68-80.

Ventresca Miller, Alicia,Shevan Wilkin, Rachel Smithers, **Kara Larson**, Robert Spengler, Ashleigh

Haruda, Nikolay Kradin, Bilikto Bazarov, Denis Miyagashev, Tserendorj Odbaatar, Tsagaan Turbat,

Elena Zhambaltarova, Prokopii Konovalov, Jamsranjav Bayarsaikhan, Anke Hein, Peter Hommel,

Brendan Nash, Ayushi Nayak, Nils Vanwezer, Bryan Miller, Ricardo Fernandes, Nicole Boivin,

Patrick Roberts. 2023. Adaptability of Millets and Landscapes: Ancient Cultivation in

North-Central Asia. *Agronomy* 13(11): 2848.

**Larson, Kara**, James W. Hardin, and Sara Cody. 2020. Cultural Modification Analyses on Faunal

Remains in Relation to Space Use from Field VI EB IIIA Tell el-Hesi. *Palestine Exploration*

*Quarterly* 152(04): 365-389.

Ludvik, Geoffrey, and **Kara Larson**. 2020. Identification of an EB IIIA Incised Bone Tube Workshop at

Tell el-Hesi. *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 152(04): 332-364.

**Chapters (Peer-reviewed)**

**Larson, Kara.** 2023. Meat on the Hoof: A Zooarchaeological and Isotopic Investigation of

Herd Management at Khirbet Summeily in the Iron Age. In *New Discoveries from the Greater*

*Hesi* *Region*, edited by John Spencer and Jeffrey Blakely. Penn State University Press.

**Larson, Kara**, and James W. Hardin. 2022. Rethinking “Cultic” Herd Management: A Multi-

Isotopic Perspective on the Proposed Iron Age IIA Cultic Space at Khirbet Summeily.

*In Pursuit of Visibility: Essays in Archaeology, Ethnography, and Text in Honor of Beth Alpert*

*Nakhai,* edited by Jennie Ebeling and Laura Mazow. University of Arizona Press.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Ludvik, Geoffrey, Derek Anderson, Jeffrey Blakely, and **Kara Larson**. Accepted. Experimental

Studies of EB III Bone Tube Manufacture: Reconstructing the Chaîne Opératoire through Replication. *Palestine Exploration Quarterly.*

Ludvik, Geoffrey, **Kara Larson**, and Jeffrey Blakely. Under Review. Reassessing the Levantine

Tradition of EBIII Bone Tubes: The View from Tell el-Hesi. Submitted to *Bulletin of the*

*American Society of Overseas Research.*

**Larson, Kara,** I. Tomazic, A. R. Ventresca Miller, A. Haruda, A. Tazhekeyev, H. Harke, and I. Arzhantseva. N.d. Life along the Silk Roads: Provisioning and livestock management at the urban site of

Dzhankent, Kazakhstan. To be submitted to *Quaternary International*.

**Larson, Kara**. N.d. A Zooarchaeological Application of Adaptive Cycling and Risk Mitigation at Tell el-

Hesi. To be submitted to *Environmental Archaeology*.

Tomaziv, Iride, **Kara Larson,** Alicia Ventresca Miller, and Katie Pompeani. N.d. Dietary Variation in

Bronze Age Serbia: Comparative Human and Faunal Isotopic Analysis of Two Cemeteries. To be submitted to *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports.*

**Larson, Kara**, Matthew Brown, Zhaneta Gjyshja, and Erina Baci. N.d. Revisiting Intensive Site Surface

Collection with Case Studies from Three World Regions. To be submitted to *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory.*

**Reports**

Banks, Rachel, Cassandra DeGaglia, Amy Dixon, and **Kara Larson**. 2020. Test Excavations in Field IV

at Tell Halif. *Report for the Cobb Institute of Archaeology.*

**Larson, Kara.** 2019. Beyond Broken Bones and Dusty Teeth: Faunal Samples from the Khirbet

Summeily Excavations. *2019 Fellowship Report submitted to the American Society of Overseas*

*Research Newsletter.*

**Larson, Kara**. 2018. The Chemistry of Archaeology: Summer Internship at the GVSU Stable Isotope

Laboratory. *Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures Blog Post.*

**FIELD EXPERIENCE**

**Principle Investigator**

2024-Present, **Project Investigator and Co-Director**, Neolithic to Bronze Age Kazakhstan Regional

Survey

2023, **Project Investigator and Co-Director,** *Tell el-Hesi Archaeological Excavation Project*

*(License No. G-59/2023)*

2022, **Project Investigator and Director**, *Hesi Regional Survey Project (License No. S-1207/2022)*

**Staff**

2024, **Senior Staff Member**, Zooarchaeologist and Isotope Specialist, *Kulal Tepa Archaeological*

*Project*

2023, **Senior Staff Member**, Isotope Specialist; *Khirbet Summeily Archaeological Project*

2021, **Crew Member**, *Belson Site Archaeological Project, Michigan*

2021, **Senior Crew Member**, *Hester Archaeological Project, Mississippi*

2018-2022, **Junior Staff Member**, Isotope Specialist; *Khirbet Summeily Archaeological Project*

2018-2022, **Junior Staff Member**, Isotope Specialist, and Primary Faunal Analyst; *Tell el-Hesi*

*Regional Survey Project*

2020-2021, **Junior Staff Member**; *Tel Burna Archaeological Project*

2019, **Crew Member**; *Lyons Bluff GPR House Mound Project, Mississippi State University*

2019, **Crew Member**; *Spirit Hill Farms GPR Cemetery Project, Mississippi State University*

2019, **Crew Supervisor**; *Hester Survey Archaeological Project, Mississippi State University Survey Field*

*School*

2019, **Crew Supervisor**; *SCDNR Pockey Island Archaeological Project, Mississippi State University*

*Field School*

2018-2019, **Crew Member**; *Swag Site Archaeological Project (Topper Archaeological Project),*

*Mississippi State University Survey Field School*

2018, **Crew Member**; *AMEC Archaeological Survey Project at Allendale Chert Quarry*

*(Topper Archaeological Project)*

2017, **Square Supervisor, Assistant Faunal Analyst, and Crew Member**; *Tell es-Safi/Gath*

*Archaeological Project*

2016, **Crew Member and Assistant Faunal Analyst**; *Lechaion Harbor Settlement Land Project*

2015, **Crew Member**; *Tell es-Safi/Gath Archaeological Project*

**LABORATORY EXPERIENCE**

2023-Present, **ZooMS Lead and Isotope Co-Lead**, Medieval Barda (Azerbaijan) Faunal Project,

University of Michigan

2023-Present, **Proteomics Lead,** Southern Levantine Byzantine Monastery Child Burial Project,

University of Michigan

2020-Present, **Isotope and Faunal Specialist**, Ancient Protein and Isotope Lab, University of

Michigan

2020-Present, **Principal Investigator**, Tell el-Hesi Isotope (Bioapatite and Collagen), ZooMS, and

Amelogenesis Research Project, University of Michigan

2019-2020, **Principal Investigator**, Mississippi Archaeological Faunal Database Project. Co-Principal

Investigator with Derek Anderson. Cobb Institute of Archaeology

2017-2020, **Faunal Laboratory Assistant**, Zooarchaeology Laboratory, Mississippi State University

2016-2020, **Isotope Research Assistant**, Quaternary Isotope Laboratory, Grand Valley State University

2018-2019, **Stable Isotope Graduate Student Intern**, Sample Preparation Laboratory, MC-ICP-MS

Laboratory, and the Illinois State Geological Survey Prairie Research Institute Stable Isotope Laboratory, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Grand Valley State University

2016-2017, **Research Assistant**, Mummification Laboratory, Grand Valley State University

2015-2016, **Faunal Laboratory Technician**, Zooarchaeology Laboratory, Grand Valley State University

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Winter 2023 Making Things: Three Million Years of Material Culture (ANTHRARC 296), Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

Fall 2022 Osteology Laboratory (ANTHRBIO 371), Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

Winter 2022 Making Things: Three Million Years of Material Culture (ANTHRARC 296), Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

Fall 2021 Doing Archaeology (ANTHRARC 282), Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

Summer 2020 Archaeology Report Writing (AN 3510), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Winter 2020 Digital Media Laboratory, Department of Communications, Mississippi State University

Winter 2020 Near Eastern Archaeology (AN 3553), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Fall 2019 Digital Media Laboratory, Department of Communications, Mississippi State University

Fall 2019 Introduction to Anthropology (AN 1103), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Summer 2019 Archaeological Survey (AN 2510), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Spring 2019 Old Testament Archaeology, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Fall 2018 Introduction to Anthropology (AN 1103), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Spring 2018 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (AN 1143), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Fall 2017 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (AN 1143), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University

Spring 2017 Human Osteology (ANT 300), Department of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University

**Graduate Research Assistant**

2023 Graduate Student Research Assistant, Ancient Protein and Isotope Laboratory, under direction of Dr. Alicia Ventresca Miller, University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

2021 Graduate Research Member, Humanities Collaboratory Proposal Development Grant ($80,000) for “Centering the Northern Frontier: Integrating Histories and Archaeologies of the Mongol Empire,” University of Michigan

2020 Graduate Summer Research Assistant, University of Michigan Museum of

Anthropological Archaeology

2019-2020 Ancient Near East Laboratory Manager, Cobb Institute of Archaeology, Mississippi

State University

2018-2020 Graduate Near Eastern Research Assistant, Cobb Institute of Archaeology,

Mississippi State University

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS (*Total of $114,100.00*)**

2023 Winner of the Joy Ungerleider Poster Award, American Society of Overseas Research

2023 Rackham International Research Award (RIRA), University of Michigan (**$7,500.00**)

2023 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan (**$3000.00**)

2023 Candidate Fieldwork Support Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan **($36,000.00**)

2023 Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan (**$900.00**)

2022 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan (**$100.00**)

2022 Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research, American Philosophical Society **($4900.00**)

2022 Global Individual Grant, International Institute, University of Michigan **($3250.00**)

2022 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan (**$1500.00**)

2022 Pre-Candidate Fieldwork Support Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan **($4000.00**)

2022 Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan (**$900.00**)

2021 University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Graduate Emergency COVID-19 Funding Recipient (**$1000.00**)

2021 American Society of Overseas Research Summer Stipend Grant (**$2000.00**)

2021 Pre-Candidate Fieldwork Support Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan **($4000.00**)

2020-2021 Department of Anthropology First-Year Fellowship, University of Michigan **($21,800.00**)

2020 Winner of the Joy Ungerleider Poster Award, American Society of Overseas Research

2019 Mississippi State University Graduate Research Symposium First Place Poster Recipient **($300.00**)

2019 First Presbyterian Church Near Eastern Archaeological Dissertation Start-Up Grant (**$5000.00**)

2019 American Society of Overseas Research Student Travel Grant (**$250.00**)

2019 Mississippi State University Graduate Student Assistant Travel Grant (**$500.00**)

2019 College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Travel Award (**$500.00**)

2019 Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures Graduate Student Association Travel Award (**$500.00**)

2019 Heritage Archaeological Research Grant for Near Eastern Studies (**$3000.00**)

2019 Harva L. Sheeler Excavation Fellowship (**$2000.00**)

2019 Mississippi State University Women’s Club Scholarship (**$500.00**)

2018 Joint Sheeler-Cobb Research Grant for Archaeological Research in the Southern Levant

(**$2500.00**)

2018 Cobb Institute of Archaeology Research Support Grant (**$3000.00**)

2018 College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Travel Award (**$500.00**)

2018 Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures Research Travel Award (**$800.00**)

2018 Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures Graduate Student Association Travel Award (**$500.00**)

2017 Presidential Graduate Initiative Fellowship Award (**$2500.00**)

2017 Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures Graduate Student Association Travel Award (**$500.00**)

2016 Undergraduate Research Travel Award; Grand Valley State University (**$400.00**)

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Symposia Organized**

2023 Stability and Resilience in Zooarchaeology (Sponsored by Zooarchaeology Interest Group). Society for American Archaeology. (Poster session). Co-Chair (with Jonathan Dombrosky).

2022 Trade, Entanglement, and Cultural Interconnections in the Greater Hesi Region: Interdisciplinary Approaches. American Society of Overseas Research 2022 Annual Meeting. (6 papers). Co-Chair (with Geoffrey Ludvik).

2022 Zooarchaeology and Urban Communities (Sponsored by Zooarchaeology Interest Group). Society for American Archaeology. (Poster Session). Co-Chair (with Pam Crabtree).

2021 The Great Experiment at Tell el-Hesi: Reflections from the Past and Visions for the Future. American Society of Overseas Research 2021 Annual Meeting. (6 papers). Co-Chair (with Dr. Geoffrey Ludvik).

2020 50 Years at Tell el-Hesi. American Society of Overseas Research 2020 Annual Meeting. (12 papers). Co-Chair (with Dr. Geoffrey Ludvik and Dr. Jeffrey Blakely).

2020 Archaeology of the Iron Age. 85th Annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology 2020 Annual Meeting (14 papers). Chair (Canceled due to COVID-19).

2019 The Early Bronze Age in the Southern Levant: New Discoveries and Implications from the Greater Hesi Region and Beyond. American Society of Overseas Research 2019 Annual Meeting.

 (6 papers). Co-Chair (with Dr. Geoffrey Ludvik).

**Presentations (invited\*; student advisee†)**

**Larson, Kara.** 2023. Feeding Hesi: Insights from Excavations and Surveys Regarding Herd Management

and Provisioning at EB IIIA Tell el-Hesi. Paper Presented in “Uniting Survey and Excavation Data from the Hesi Region.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 18, 2023, Chicago, IL.

**†**Luurtsema, Anna, **Kara Larson,** Alicia Ventresca Miller, and Henry Wright. 2023. Persistence in

Pastoralist Strategies During the Uruk Period at Tepe Farukhabad. Paper Presented in “Isotopic Investigations in the Ancient Near East and Caucasus.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 17, 2023, Chicago, IL.

**Larson, Kara,** and Geoffrey Ludvik. 2023. The Return to Hesi: Report of the 2023 Excavation Season at

Tell el-Hesi. Poster Presented in the Poster Symposium. American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 18, 2023, Chicago, IL.

**†**Welch, Mya, Erika Niemann, and **Kara Larson.** 2023. Preliminary Analysis of a Late Bronze Age Shell

Cache from Tell el-Hesi. Poster Presented in the Poster Symposium. American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 18, 2023, Chicago, IL.

Nakash, Efrat, Yehudit Harlavan, Jeffrey A Blakely, **Kara Larson,** Erez Ben-Yosef. 2023. Copper

Circulation in the Southern Levant during the EBIIIA: Tell el-Hesi as a Case Study. Poster Presented in the Poster Symposium. American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 18, 2023, Chicago, IL.

**Larson, Kara.** 2023. A Zooarchaeological Application of Risk Mitigation and Stress Response at Tell el-

Hesi. Poster Presented in the Poster Symposium “Stability and Resilience in Zooarchaeology.” Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, March 30, 2023, Portland, OR.

**†**Luurtsema, Anna, **Kara Larson**, Alicia Ventresca Miller, and Henry Wright. 2023. An Isotopic and

Proteomic Investigation of Uruk Period Faunal Remains from Tepe Farukhabad, Iran. Poster

Presented in the poster symposium “Stability and Resilience in Zooarchaeology.” Society for

American Archaeology Annual Meeting, March 30, 2023, Portland, OR.

**Larson, Kara,** and Geoffrey Ludvik. 2022. Tracing a Craftsperson: An EB III Levantine Bone Tube

Production Center for the Southern Levant. Paper presented in the symposium “Trade, Entanglement,

and Cultural Interconnections in the Greater Hesi Region: Interdisciplinary Approaches.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 19, 2022, Boston, MA.

**Larson, Kara**, Tony Boudreaux, Shawn Lambert, Bill Isenberger, **†**Anna Luurtsema, **†**Allison Densel,

and **†**India Pruette. 2022. A Multi-Method Survey of the Early Bronze Age Lower City at Tell el-Hesi. Poster Presented in the Poster Symposium. American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 19, 2022, Boston, MA.

**†**Luurtsema, Anna, **Kara Larson**, Alicia Ventresca Miller, and Henry T. Wright. A Comparative Spatial

Analysis of Wild and Domesticated Faunal Remains from the Early/Middle Uruk and Late Uruk Periods at Tepe Farukhabad, Iran. Poster Presented in the Poster Symposium. American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 19, 2022, Boston, MA.

\***Larson, Kara**. 2022. Revealing Iron Age Nomadic Pastoralists through Faunal Isotopic Approaches in

the Greater Hesi Region. Paper presented in the conference “Local and Regional Perspectives on Nomads in the Biblical World.” Hosted by Tel Aviv University, organized by Zachary Thomas and Erez Ben-Yosef. June 13, 2022, via Zoom.

**Larson, Kara,** and Geoffrey Ludvik. 2022. Identifying a Bone Tube Workshop: A Multi-Method

Zooarchaeological Approach at an Early Urban Center from Tell el-Hesi. Poster presented in the symposium “Zooarchaeology and Urban Communities.” Society for American Archaeology, March 31, 2022, Chicago, IL.

Ludvik, Geoffrey, and **Kara Larson.** 2021. Reassessing the Chaîne Opératoire of the Early Bronze Age

III Levantine Bone Tube Tradition: The View from Tell el-Hesi. Paper presented in the symposium

“The Great Experiment at Tell el-Hesi: Reflections from the Past and Visions for the Future.”

American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 19, 2021, Chicago, IL.

**Larson, Kara**. 2021. Material Vestiges of the Mongol Empire: Graves, Artifacts, Statues, and Built

Environments. Paper presented in the workshop “Centering the Northern Frontier: Integrating histories and archaeologies of the Mongol Empire.” June 3, 2021, Ann Arbor, MI.

\***Larson, Kara**. 2021. Meat on the Hoof: Isotopic Evidence of Administrative Herd Management at

Khirbet Summeily in the Iron Age. Paper presented in the symposium “Animal Bones to Human Behavior.” 86th Annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 17, 2021, San Francisco, CA.

\***Larson, Kara**. 2020. Rethinking “Cultic” Herd Management: Initial Isotopic Investigations of the

Proposed Iron Age IIA Cultic Space at Khirbet Summeily.Paper presented in the symposium

“Isotopic Investigations in the Ancient Near East and Caucasus.” American Society of Overseas

Research Annual Meeting, November 21, 2020, Virtual Conference.

Ludvik, Geoffrey, and **Kara Larson**. 2020. Ornamental Workshop Traditions at Early Bronze Age Tell

el-Hesi: Evidence from Incised Bone Tubes and Carnelian Beads. Paper presented in the symposium

“50 Years at Tell el-Hesi.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 21,

2020, Virtual Conference.

**†**Banks, Rachel, **†**Cassandra DeGaglia, **†**Amy Dixon, and **Kara Larson**. 2020. The Spaces Between:

Spatial Reconstruction of a Proposed Iron Age IIB Domestic House at Tel Halif*.* Poster presented in the symposium “Digital Archaeology.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 20, 2020, Virtual Conference.

**Larson, Kara**. 2020. Meat on the Hoof: A Zooarchaeological Isotopic Investigation into Administrative

and Cultic Herd Management at Khirbet Summeily*.* Paper to be presented in the symposium “Archaeology of the Iron Age.” 85th Annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, April 24th, 2020, Austin, TX. (Canceled due to COVID-19).

Miller,D. Shane, James Strawn, Derek Anderson, and **Kara Larson.** 2020.Renewed Investigations at the

Hester (22MO569) and Beachum-Harrison (22MO1011) Sites in Amory, Mississippi*.* Poster to be presented in the symposium “Conversations on Hunter-Gatherer Behavior and Lifeways.” 85th Annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, April 23rd, 2020, Austin, TX. (Canceled due to COVID-19).

Lambert, Shawn, Gabriel Griffin**, Kara Larson**, Keri Porter, Kaelyn Olson, Ben Hatfield, Shawny

Tucker, and Dylan Karges. 2020.Searching for Unmarked Graves: Geophysical Survey of the Spirit Hill Farm Cemetery, Tate County, Mississippi. Poster presented in the symposium “Poster Session.” Joint Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Archaeological Association and Louisiana Archaeological Society, February 8, 2020, Natchez, MS.

**\*Larson, Kara,** Elizabeth Arnold, and James W. Hardin. 2019.Examining Iron Age Administrative

Provisioning in the Southern Levant through Isotopic Analyses*.* Paper presented in the symposium “Isotopic Investigations in the Ancient Near East and Caucasus.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 20th, 2019, San Diego, CA.

**Larson, Kara,** Sara Cody, and James W. Hardin*.* 2019. From the Herd to the Dinner Plate:

Contextualizing Butchery Practices from Early Bronze Age III Tell el-Hesi*.* Paper presented in the symposium “The Early Bronze Age in the Southern Levant: New Discoveries and Implications from the Greater Hesi Region and Beyond.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 21st, 2019, San Diego, CA.

Anderson, Derek, and **Kara Larson.**2019. An Archaeological Faunal Database for Mississippi.Poster

presented in the symposium “The Old and the New: Standard and Innovative Methods.” Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, November 7th, 2019, Jackson, MS.

**Larson, Kara**, Nathan Shores, Caleb Hutson, Karen Y. Smith, Derek T. Anderson, and D. Shane Miller.

2019. Surveying Shell Rings with Advanced Technology and Methodology: Initial Results from the 2019 Survey at Pockoy Island, South Carolina. Poster presented in the symposium “Shovel to Machine: Survey Methods in the Southeast.” Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, November 7th, 2019, Jackson, MS.

**Larson, Kara,** Julianne Paige, Anna Osterholtz, and Lujana Paraman. 2019.Familial Feasting through

Faunal Refuse: Analyses of the Put Dragulina Roman Cemetery Animal Remains. Poster presented at the Mississippi State University 19th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, October 5th, 2019, Starkville, MS.

Paige, Julianne, **Kara Larson,** Anna Osterholtz, and Lujana Paraman. 2019. Feasting with the Dead:

Preliminary Analysis of Faunal Remains at the Put Dragulina Roman Cemetery. Poster presented in the symposium “New Research on the Ancient Mediterranean World.” 84th Annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 14th, 2019, Albuquerque, NM.

**\*Larson, Kara,**Elizabeth Arnold, and James W. Hardin. 2018.Using Stable Isotope Analyses to

Examine Foodways at Iron Age II Khirbet Summeily.Paper presented in the symposium “Archaeology and History of Feasting and Foodways.” American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, November 15th, 2018, Denver, CO.

**Larson, Kara,** and Gwyn Madden. 2016.Analyzing Cranial Injury Location Difference between Males

and Females in Roman Cemetery Sites*.* Poster presented at the Grand Valley Student Scholar’s Day, April 13, 2016, Allendale, MI.

**Larson, Kara,** and Elizabeth Arnold. 2015. Tell Dan Preliminary Faunal Report: 1988-1991 Excavations*.*

Poster presented at the Grand Valley Student Scholar’s Day, April 12, 2015. Allendale, MI.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, GUEST LECTURES, AND OUTREACH ACTIVITES**

2023 Artifact Show-and-Tell Evening. Outreach Event with Kibbutz Ruhama.

2023 Zooarchaeology and Isotopic Analyses. Public Lecture to Kibbutz Ruhama.

2022 Reassessing the Levantine Tradition of EB III Bone Tubes: The View from Tell el-Hesi. Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup Lightning Talk Series, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.

2021 International Archaeology Day Social Media Feature “What is an Artifact?”, University of Michigan

2021 Catching Up in the Coffee Range Interviewee for Social Media Outreach, University of Michigan

2021 Rising Complexity on the Frontier: Isotopic Evidence of Administration at Iron Age Khirbet Summeily. Brown Bag Lecture Series, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.

2020 Isotopic Results from Khirbet Summeily. Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup Lecture Series, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.

2020 Fundamentals of Faunal Identification. Artifact Analysis (AN 3513). Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures,Mississippi State University.

2019 Initial Finds from Isotopic Analyses Conducted on Faunal Remains from Khirbet Summeily. First Presbyterian Church. Tupelo, MS.

2019 Anthropology Day Boys and Girls Club Outreach Volunteer

2019 Undergraduate Research Opportunities in the Southern Levant. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research. Jerusalem, Israel-Palestine.

2019 Organizer and Panelist for AMEC GSA First Annual Graduate School Panel. Mississippi State University. Starkville, MS.

2018-2020 Science Night at the Museum; Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures

Coordinator

2018 Game Changer: Implications of Animal and Plant Domestication in the Near East. Introduction to Anthropology (AN 1103). Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures,Mississippi State University.

2018 The Formation of Egypt: From Humble Beginnings to the Rise of the Pyramids. Ancient Near East (REL/HI 4403). Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures,Mississippi State University.

2017-2019 AMEC Graduate Student Association Community Mock Excavation Volunteer

2017-2018 Winterville Mounds Mississippi Archaeology Expo Volunteer

2017 Skeletal Anatomy of the Humerus. Human Osteology(ANT 300). Department of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University.

**SERVICE**

2024-Present President, *Student Affairs Committee, Society of American Archaeology*

2024-Present Board Member, *Anthropology Undergraduate-Graduate Mentorship Program, University of Michigan*

2023-2024 Committee Member, *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology.*

2022-2024 Committee Member, *Student Affairs Committee, Society of American Archaeology*

2022-2023 Co-Chair, *Zoooarchaeology Interest Group, Society of American Archaeology*

2022-2023 Committee Member, *Early Career Scholars Social-Media Sub-Committee, American Society of Overseas Research*

2022-2023 Co-Chair, *Collaborative Archaeology Workgroup, University of Michigan*

2020-2023 University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Brown Bag

Committee Member; *Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan*

2021-2022 Graduate Student Representative, *University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*

2021-2022 Board Member, *Michigan Anthropology Graduate Students, University of Michigan*

2020-2022 Committee Member, *Membership and Outreach Committee, American*

*Society of Overseas Research*

2020-2021 Anthropology Faculty Representative*; Department of Anthropology, University of*

*Michigan*

2020-2021 Speaker Series Working Group; *Department of Anthropology, University of*

*Michigan*

2020-2021 DEI Inclusion Social-Media Working Group; *Department of Anthropology,*

*University of Michigan*

2020-2021 DEI Undergraduate Recruitment and Diversity Working Group; *Department of*

*Anthropology, University of Michigan*

2020-2021 DEI Social-Media Working Group; *Department of Anthropology, University of*

*Michigan*

2019-2021 Committee Member, *ICAZ Professional Protocols Sub-Committee,*

*International Council of Archaeozoology*

2020 Vice President; *Lambda Alpha Chapter at Mississippi State University*

2018-2019 President; *Anthropology Graduate Student Association*

2017-2018 Graduate Student Association Representative; *Anthropology Graduate Student*

*Association*

**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

Lily Heald (Sophomore at University of Michigan). UROP Mentor, project title “Unearthing Ancient

Pastoralists in the Southern Levant” (2022-2023) and Research Scholars Mentor, project title

“Carbon (δ13C) and Oxygen (δ18O) Data from Early Bronze Age Fauna at Tell el-Hesi” (2023-

2024).

Meghan Dwan (Freshman at University of Michigan). UROP Mentor, project title “Unearthing Ancient

Pastoralists in the Southern Levant” (2023-2024).

Dani Tutak (Senior at University of Michigan). Senior Honors Thesis Mentor, “New Tools for Old Tools:

Reexamining EBA Levantine Worked Bone Artifacts” (2023-2024).

Anna Luurtsema (PhD student at University of Pennsylvania). AUGMENT mentor (2021-2022) and

Senior Honors Thesis Mentor, “Persistence in Pastoralist Practices During the Uruk Period at Tepe Farukhabad” (2022-2023).

Mya Welch (Senior at University of Michigan). AUGMENT mentor (2022-2023).

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR)

International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ)

Society of American Archaeology (SAA)

Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)

American Association of Biological Anthropologists (AABA)

Lambda Alpha

**TRAINING**

**Proficiencies**

Computer Skills: ArcGIS, SPSS, R, SketchUp 3D Modeling, Website Design • Cultural Resource Management: Pedestrian survey, phase I survey, phase II testing, phase III excavation • Fieldwork Skills: Archaeological survey and excavation (at the PI level), total station and transit, ground penetrating radar, stratigraphy and profile drawing, photography, artifact registration • Laboratory Skills: Preparation of bone, teeth, shell and plant samples for stable isotope analysis (collagen and bioapatite), faunal analysis (species identification and all manner of bone modification)

**Languages**

Fluent: English • Reading Comprehension: German, French • Oral Comprehension: German, French, Hebrew, Arabic, Beginning Russian