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## Education

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

**Expected 2029 | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

Biological/Forensic Anthropology
Committee Chair: Dr. Daniel J. Wescott
Committee Members: Drs. Elaine Chu, Gulnaz Javan, Sophia Mavroudas, and Jessica Metcalf
Dissertation Topic: Obesity, Decomposition, Microbiome Succession and Analysis, Postmortem Interval Estimation, Mass Loss

### MASTER OF ARTS, ANTHROPOLOGY

**May 2024 | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

Biological/Forensic Anthropology
Committee Chair: Dr. Daniel J. Wescott
Committee Members: Drs. Deborah Cunningham, Timothy Gocha, and Michelle Hamilton
Thesis Title: "The effects of obesity on decomposition by measuring mass loss percentage and postmortem interval estimation"

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, ANTHROPOLOGY

**December 2021 | *Cum laude* | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

Major: Anthropology, focus on Biological/Forensic
Minor: Biology

**Relevant Coursework: Doctoral –** Professional Ethics, Theory in Anthropology, Gross Anatomy I & II, Methods in Skeletal Biology, GIS in Anthropology, Advanced Osteology, Technical Methods in Anthropology, Advanced Statistics & Computer Programming. **Masters –** Anthropological Statistics, Research Design in Biological Anthropology, Practice in Teaching Anthropology, Seminar in Biological Anthropology, Seminar in Cultural Anthropology, Seminar in Archaeology, Paleopathology, Advanced Skeletal Methods I & II, Applied Statistics in Anthropology in RStudio. **Undergraduate –** Biological Anthropology with Laboratory, Introduction to Archaeology with Laboratory, Forensic Anthropology, Anthropology and the Law, Osteology, Methods in Skeletal Biology, Human Evolutionary Thought, Advanced Principles in Cultural Anthropology, Human Structure and Function, Internship in Anthropology, Functional Biology with Laboratory, Organismal Biology with Laboratory, Genetics with Laboratory, and Neurobiology.

## Teaching Experience

### INSTRUCTOR – GIRL SCOUTS OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP

**Mar 2025 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist with instructing a Girl Scouts troop on human skeletal anatomy and provide hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

### INSTRUCTOR – HIGH SCHOOL OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP

**Dec 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**Oct 2024, June 2024, Apr 2024, Mar 2023**

- Instruct high school students on human skeletal anatomy and provide hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

### LECTURER – FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY LECTURE

**Oct 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**Dec 2023, Mar 2023**

- Gave lecture to high school students on forensic anthropology and the role of forensic anthropologists. Gave tour of the Forensic Anthropology Center and Grady Early Forensic Anthropology Research Lab.

### FIELD ASSISTANT – K9 PUPPY COURSE

**July 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist the K9 training coordinator and K9 handlers in detecting decomposed and skeletal human remains at the Forensic Anthropology Research Facility on Freeman Ranch.

### INSTRUCTOR – MIDDLE SCHOOL OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP

**June 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Instruct middle school students on human skeletal anatomy and provide hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

### INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT – GIRL SCOUTS OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP

**Apr 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**Dec 2022**

- Assist with instructing a Girl Scouts troop on human skeletal anatomy and provide hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

### INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT – HIGH SCHOOL OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP

**Feb 2024| Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**Jan 2024, Nov 2023, Nov 2022**

- Assist with instructing high school students on human skeletal anatomy and provide hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

### INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT – HUMAN VS. NONHUMAN WORKSHOP

**Feb 2024| Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist with instructing the public on the differences between human skeletal anatomy and nonhuman mammal skeletal anatomy and provide

hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection and nonhuman skeletal material.

**FIELD ASSISTANT – K9 HUMAN REMAINS DETECTION**

**Nov 2022 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist the K9 training coordinator and K9 handlers in detecting decomposed and skeletal human remains at the Forensic Anthropology Research Facility on Freeman Ranch.

## Professional Experience

**DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT – OSTEOLOGY RESEARCH AND PROCESSING LAB (ORPL)**

**Spring 2026 | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

- Orchestrate the maceration and processing of donors from the Willed Body Donation Program, train volunteers, inventory processed remains, orchestrate supply orders, and maintain the lab.

**LEAD – HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERY COURSE**

**June 2026 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**June 2025**

- Lead an exhumation with the workshop team.

**INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT – 3-DAY OSTEOLOGY WORKSHOP**

**May 2026 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist with instructing workshop teams on human skeletal anatomy and provide hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

**INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT – FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY METHODS WORKSHOP**

**June 2025 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**June 2024**

- Assist with instructing a workshop team on the methods utilized by forensic anthropologists to conduct a biological profile on human skeletal remains and provide hands-on examination of human skeletons from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

**ASSISTANT – HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERY COURSE**

**Jan 2025 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**June 2024, Jan 2024**

- Assist Ph.D. students in leading an exhumation with the workshop team.

**ASSISTANT – HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERY COURSE**

**April 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist Ph.D. students in leading an exhumation with students from Schreiner University.

**LECTURER – FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY LECTURE**

**Oct 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Gave lecture to the Hays County Citizen's Police Academy on forensic anthropology and the role of forensic anthropologists.

### LEAD – ADVANCED HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERY COURSE

**Sept 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Instructed a team on body removal, photography, and inventory of burned remains for the Fire Death Investigation Course.

### ASSISTANT – TEEX COURSE

**April 2024 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist Ph.D. students in leading an exhumation with the TEEX team.

### WILLED BODY DONATION PROGRAM LEADER

**September 2023 to December 2024 | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

- Led a team of graduate students to pick up donors for the Willed Body Donation Program for the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State, performed intake of the donor, and placed the donor at the Forensic Anthropology Research Facility at Freeman Ranch.

### ASSISTANT – ADVANCED HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERY COURSE

**Sept 2023 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**
**Sept 2022**

- Assist with body removal and photography for the Fire Death Investigation Course.

### GRADUATE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT/DOCTORAL INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT

**Fall 2022 to Present | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist professors with various tasks around the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State and assist professors with undergraduate and masters level courses.
- Courses: Undergraduate History of Evolutionary Thought (Fall 2024), Master's Seminar in Biological Anthropology (Spring 2025), Undergraduate Osteology (Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

### SOCIAL MEDIA ADMIN

**Sept 2022 to Aug 2024 | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist Dr. Deborah Cunningham to run the social media pages for the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State.
- Create creative and professional posts for social media pages.
- Provide Standard Operating Procedures for future interns.

### LABORATORY AIDE

**Spring 2022 to Spring 2023 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist with the re-labeling project involving each donor from the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection.

### EXHUMATION TEAM MEMBER

**Nov 2022 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist visiting researchers by exhuming human remains from a simulated mass grave scenario at the Forensic Anthropology Research Facility on Freeman Ranch.

### ANTHROPOLOGY INTERNSHIP

**Fall 2021 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Intern at the Grady Early Forensic Anthropology Research Laboratory under Dr. Timothy Gocha to re-label each skeletal element of the Texas State Donated Skeletal Collection housed at the Grady Early Building.
- Perform miscellaneous tasks assigned.

### SOCIAL MEDIA INTERNSHIP

**Summer 2021 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist Dr. Deborah Cunningham with the Forensic Anthropology Center Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Generate post ideas and post them on the page every weekday to maintain active engagement with the followers.
- Contact interns, graduate students, and visiting researchers/students to gather information to highlight their work.

### PROCESSING AIDE

**Summer 2021 | Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State | San Marcos, TX**

- Volunteer in the Osteology Research and Processing Lab on Freeman Ranch to assist with processing skeletonized donor remains.

### EXHUMATION TEAM MEMBER

**Spring 2019 | Texas State University | San Marcos, TX**

- Assist graduate student with exhumation of donor remains for thesis research.

### PALEONTOLOGY VOLUNTEER

**Fall 2019 – Spring 2020 | Texas Memorial Museum | Austin, TX**

- Volunteer in the paleontology lab to teach elementary and middle school-aged children about fossils.
- Assist Dr. Pamela Owen in identifying organic and osteological material from research digs.

## Forensic Cases

### WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TX

**November 2023**

- Forensic search of human remains in Leander, TX. Member of a human remains recovery team assisting the Austin Police Department.

### TRAVIS COUNTY, TX

**July 2023**

- Forensic search of human remains in Pflugerville, TX. Member of a human remains recovery team assisting the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Evidence Response Team, Austin Police Department, and Pflugerville Police Department.

### COMAL COUNTY, TX

**Sept 2022**

- Forensic recovery in Spring Branch, TX. Member of a human remains recovery team assisting the Schertz Police Department.

## Service & Outreach

FACTS Representative, Galindo Elementary School Science Fair. January 2023.
FACTS Representative, Charles Patterson Middle School Career Fair, November 2024.

## Presentations

Frow B, Herbert T, **Jackson PN**. **A comparative study of osteoarthritis (OA) prevalence between occupational fields**. Poster. Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. May 2023.
**Jackson PN. The effects of obesity on decomposition by measuring mass loss percentage and postmortem interval estimation.** Poster. Texas Association of Biological Anthropology. San Marcos, TX. November 2024.
**Jackson PN. The effects of obesity on decomposition by measuring mass loss percentage and postmortem interval estimation.** Podium. American Association of Biological Anthropology Conference. Baltimore, MD. March 2025.
**Jackson PN. The effects of obesity on decomposition by measuring mass loss percentage and postmortem interval estimation.** Poster. American Academy of Forensic Sciences. New Orleans, LA. February 2026.

## Invited Lectures

**TEXAS DIVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF IDENTIFICATION**

**May 2024 | Corpus Christi, TX**

Invited lecturer for the TDIAI on the work done at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS), the use of decomposition facilities, and how FACTS assists with casework.

## Training

- Willed Body Donation Program Leader
- Osteology Workshop Lead/Assistant
- K9 Human Remains Detection Assistant
- Advanced Human Remains Recovery: Fire Death Investigation Assistant
- Human vs Nonhuman Workshop
- Human Remains Recovery Course
- Annual Blood-Borne Pathogens and FACTS Lab Training

## Memberships & Awards

**TEXAS STATE GRADUATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

**May 2026**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

**October 2024 – Present**

**GRADY EARLY ENDOWMENT FELLOWSHIP**

**May 2023 | Amount – $2,770.00**

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**May 2023 – Present**

**SMART SCHOLARSHIP – DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Spring 2023 | Semifinalist**

**LAMBDA ALPHA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**December 2020 – Present**

**DEAN'S LIST**

**Fall 2019 – Spring 2021**

**ALPHA CHI NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**April 2021 – Present**