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EDUCATION:

In Progress. Ph.D (Doctoral Candidate). in Applied Anthropology: Focus Archaeology, Texas State University.

Running Title: The Introduction of Spanish Domesticated Stock Animals: The Rise of the Southern Plains Indigenous Horse Cultures, Supervisor: Dr. Britt Bousman

2019. Master of Arts in Anthropology: Focus Forensic Anthropology, University of Montana.

Title: 3D Printing of the Proximal Right Femur: It's Implication in the Field of Forensic Anthropology and Bioarchaeology, Supervisor: Dr. Randall Skelton

In Progress. Bachelor of Science in Geology, University of Texas at Arlington.

2016. Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, University of Texas at Arlington.

2016. Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Texas at Arlington.

Certificate: Forensic Technician

CERTIFICATIONS:

- November 2025. Society for American Archaeology online Seminar Preparing to Direct your First Field Project or Field School.
- Fall 2023. Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University. Basic Osteology, Advanced Osteology, Mapping

WORKSHOPS:

- August 2023. *Human Osteology*, Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University.
- July 2023. *Human Remains Recovery*, Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University.
- February 2019. *Forensic Photographs,* University of Montana Forensic Anthropology Lab.
- August 2018. *Human Osteology,* Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University.
- August 2015. *Human Osteology*. Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University.
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FIELD SCHOOL:

- July 2019 – August 2019. (Boncuklu Höyük**,** Konya, Turkey)
  Advisor: Douglas Baird of Liverpool University
  Trench M: Building Material
  Trench N: Faunal Pit
  Trench T extension: Opened up the extension for further excavation
  Lab: Hard residue sorting (rocks, faunal, phytolith, seeds)

RESEARCH INTERST:

Zooarchaeology, Spread of Domestication, Colonial Archaeology, Forensic Anthropology, Trade Networks, Neolithic Turkey, Stable Isotope Analysis, Radiocarbon Dating, Historical Archaeology, Complex Societies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2022 – MAY 2027. Texas State University.

- Fall 2026. Instructor of Record. World Prehistory (60 students).
- Spring 2026. Instructor of Record. World Prehistory (53 students).
- Fall 2025. Doctoral Instructional Assistant. Site Analysis and Curation.
- Summer 2025. Center of Archaeology Studies Texas State University. Lab Technician.
- Spring 2025. Instructor of Record. World Prehistory (62 students).
- Fall 2024. Doctoral Instructional Assistant. World Prehistory.
- Summer 2024. Center of Archaeology Studies Texas State University. Field Technician.
- Spring 2024. Doctoral Instructional Assistant. World Prehistory.
- Fall 2023. Doctoral Instructional Assistant. World Prehistory.
- Summer 2023. Center of Archaeology Studies Texas State University. Lab Technician.
- Spring 2023. Center of Archaeology Studies Texas State University. Lab Technician.
- Fall 2022. Doctoral Instructional Assistant. Chimpanzee Tool Curation/ World Prehistory.

June 2025 – August 2026. Perennial Environmental Services, LLC. Lab Technician.

- States:
  - Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Colorado.
- Tasks
  - Artifact Analysis & Photographs, Site Forms & Write-Ups, Build & Send Out Equipment (e.g. Screens, Electronics, etc.), Office Project Organization (e.g. Pre-field Checklists & Safety Logs, and Curation.

Spring 2019. University of Montana

- Research Assistant. Anthropology 3D Lab.

GRANTS AWARDED: (TOTAL $32,000)

- Fall 2012 – Spring 2016. Texas Be-On-Time Loan. Acts like a grant because conditions were met. University of Texas at Arlington. $ 32,000.

FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED: (TOTAL $12,990)

- Fall 2025. Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship. Texas State University. $4,990.
- Fall 2025. John Michael Kilby Memorial Endowed Graduate Fellowship. Texas State University. $2,000.
- Fall 2022- Spring 2023. Graduate Merit Fellowship. For the First Year of the Doctoral Program. Texas State University. $6, 000.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: (TOTAL: $33,094)

- Fall 2026 – Spring 2027. Philanthropic Education Organization Scholar Award. PSA. $25,000.
- Spring 2025. J. Michael Quigg Student Research Grant. Council of Texas Archaeology. $1,200.
- Spring 2025. Texas State University Graduate College Scholarship. $1,000.
- Spring 2024. Texas State University Graduate College Scholarship. $1,000.
- Fall 2023. Texas State University Graduate College Scholarship. $1,000.
- Spring 2023. Texas State University Student Graduate Government Scholarship. $750.
- Spring 2019. Research Assistant Scholarship at University of Montana. $3,144.

TRAVEL AWARDS:

- Travel Award. Texas State University. $700. Spring 2024.
- Travel Award. Texas State University. $700. Spring 2025.
- Travel Award. Texas State University. $700. Spring 2026.

TOTAL MONITARY REWARDS: $80,094.

AWARDS:

Dean's List

- Fall 2019. University of Texas at Arlington. College of Science
- Spring 2014 – Fall 2016. University of Texas at Arlington. College of Liberal Arts
- Spring 2013. University of Texas at Arlington. College of Architecture Freshman Distinction Roll.

NEWS PAPER ARTICLE APPEARANCE:

TXST. 6 Texas State Students Honored with P.E.O. Scholar Awards. July 22,2026. www.news.txst.edu/accolades-and-achievements/2026/6-txst-students-honored-with-p-e-o-scholar-awards.html

TXST Graduate College to Host 16th Annual Graduate Student Research Conference on April 8th. By: Kate Malazonia. April 13th, 2025. www.news.txst.edu/inside-txst/2025/16th-graduate-student-research-conference.html

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PUBLICATIONS:

ACADEMIC:

- Allen, Myriah Adonia Jo. 2019. "3D Printing of the Proximal Right Femur: It's Implications in the Field of Forensic Anthropology and Bioarchaeology". *Graduate Student Theses, Dissertations, & Professional Papers*. 11395. https://scholarworks.umt.edu/etd/11395

WRITINGS IN THE WORK:

- Bousman, B., **Allen, M**., Boyd, D. & Johnson, E. Title: A Chronology of the Origin of the Plains Indian Horse Culture.

TECHNICAL REPORTS/ MEMOS

- 2026. Jacob Cook, MA, RPA, Jennifer Cochran, MA, RPA, **Myriah Allen, MA,** Brittany Brown, MA, Katie Robbins, BA, Miles Murphy, BA, Alex Montes, BA, Lawrence Walker, MA. "Addendum I - A Phase IA Cultural Resources Assessment of the Dearborn County Lateral Project Dearborn County, Indiana."

- 2026. Jennifer L. Cochran, Jacob Cook, **Myriah Allen**, Brittany Brown, Kirsten Dymond, Tyler Fanell, Daniela Fuenmayor, Joanna Holden, Itzamara Ixta, Alex Montes, Miles Murphy, Katie Robbins, and Lawrence Walker. "Addendum I – A Class III Cultural Resources Survey of the Critical Energy Reliability Link Project Weld, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, El Paso, and Lincoln Counties, Colorado."

- 2025. Jennifer Cochran, Jacob Cook, Lawerence Walker, Itzamara Ixta, Hugo Beust, Daniela Fuenmayor, Kirsten Dymond, John Cashion, Tyler Fanell, Alex Montes, and **Myriah Allen**. "A Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Maysville Project, Fleming, Mason, and Rowan Counties, Kentucky." Report No. 25-029. Perennial Environmental Services. Austin, Texas.

- 2024 Annual Report to Texas State University, San Marcos, Hays County, Texas, for Texas Antiquities Permit No. 31568 By Erin Hamilton, Hilda R. Torres, and Christopher J. Jurgens with Contributions from **Myriah Allen.** Technical Report 106.

- 2023 Annual Report to Texas State University, San Marcos, Hays County, Texas, for Texas Antiquities Permit No. 30971 By Erin Hamilton and Chris Jergens, with contributions from **Myriah Allen**, Hailey Stewart and Bridget Dunbar. Technical Report 104.

- 2023 Technical Memo: Cultural Resources Condition Assessment at Big Bend National Park - Mesa De Anguilla. By Dr. Jodi Jacobson and **Myriah Allen**. Prepared for National Park Services Big Bend National Park.

FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY CASE WORK:

- October 2018. 0-5174, Ravalli County, forensic analysis and profile, possible missing person. Dr. Kirsten Green Mink. Advisor: Dr. Randall Skelton.

- February 2018. 07-05-2011, Lewis and Clark, forensic analysis and profile, possible missing person. Dr. Kirsten Green Mink. Advisor: Randall Skelton.

- December 2017. URD 17-300, Fergus County, forensic analysis and profile, possible archaeological remains. Dr. Kristen Green Mink. Advisor: Randall Skelton.

ABSTRACTS:

- 2026. **Allen, Myriah**, Britt Bousman, and Matthew Boulanger. "A Complex Array of Fauna: A Comparison of the Pete Creek and Mott Creek Faunal Collections." Symposia Abstracts of the 2026 Society for American Archaeology 91st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Fransico, California.

- 2026. Moore, Elizabeth Rose, **Myriah Allen**, and Jodi Jacobson. "More Than An Aside: A Look at Early Ranching in Big Bend." Symposia Abstracts of the 2026 Society for American Archaeology 91st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Fransico, California.

- 2025. **Allen, Myriah**, Matthew Boulanger, Christopher Roos, Eileen Johnson, and Britt Bousman. "The Search for Spanish Livestock and the Possibilities of a Forgotten Collection." Symposia Abstracts of the 2025 Society for American Archaeology 90th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver, Colorado.

TEACHING AND MENTORING:

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD:

- Fall 2026. Instructor of Record. World Prehistory. Texas State University. (60 students)
- Spring 2026. Instructor of Record. World Prehistory. Texas State University. (53 students)
- Spring 2025. Instructor of Record. World Prehistory. Texas State University. (62 students)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- April 2025. Guest Lecturer. Anth 4315: Artifact Analysis. Texas State University.
    - Day 1: Lecture on Faunal Analysis and the Process
    - Day 2: A Hands-on Approach to Learning Faunal Analysis

- Fall 2022 – Fall 2024, Fall 2025. Teaching Assistant. World Prehistory. Texas State University. Lectures given per class.
    - Fall 2024. Chinese Civilization
    - Fall 2024. Erectus and Acheulian
    - Spring 2024, Fall 2024. Southwest Asia Agriculture and Domestication
    - Spring 2024. Modern Homo Sapiens
    - Fall 2023 & Fall 2024. Rise of Agriculture in Eastern Asia and Polynesia.
    - Fall 2023. Middle Paleolithic and our Homo Ancestors.
    - Fall 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and Spring 2023, 2024. Egyptian Civilization.
    - Spring 2023, Fall 2024. Agriculture in the Americas.
- Spring 2023 (~2 weeks) Artifact Analysis. Teaching Assistant. Texas State University.
    - Subbed classes on ceramics when the professor was out
- Spring 2023 Geoarchaeology. Teaching Assistant. Texas State University. Deltas and Costal Systems
- April 2019. Organized and conducted a workshop on how to use the Next Engine 3D scanner. Texas State University.

STUDENT MENTEES:

- Summer 2025. Supervising an intern (Vickilynn Allen) for faunal analysis.
    - ANTH 4390: Supervisors: Dr. Britt Bousman & Lise Byars George
    - Teaching: Faunal Analysis, Data Collection, Utility Indices, and Background of the Faunal Collections, Southern Plains, and Utility Indices

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Archaeology Project Experience:

Perennial Environmental Services:

- July 2026. Herring Water Line. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos. Lawerence Walker.
- November 2025 – August 2026. Pelican. Lab & Project Organization. Artifact Processing/Analysis & Photos/ Equipment/ Pre-field Lists/ Safety Logs.
- January 2026 – August 2026. Colorado Energy Reliability Link. Lab & Project Organization. Artifact Processing/Analysis & Photos/ Equipment/ Pre-field Lists/ Safety Logs.
- November 2025 – August 2026. Texas Gateway. Lab & Project Organization. Artifact Processing/Analysis & Photos/ Site Forms/ Equipment/ Pre-field Lists/ Safety Logs.
- October 2025 – August 2026. Kinder Morgan- North Systems Expansion 2. Lab. Artifact Processing/Analysis & Photos.
- January 2026. Dearborn Lateral. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos/ Site Write Ups. Lawerence Walker.

- October 2025. KM- North Expansion. Artifact Processing & Photos. Lawerence Walker.
- September 2025. Lab. William-Magnolia. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos/ Site forms. Lawerence Walker.
- September 2025. Boardwalk- Carnation. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos/ Bagging. Lawerence Walker.
- September 2025. Texas Refinery 9. Lab. Preparing and sending file forms in curation. Lawerence Walker.
- July 2025 – August 2026 EKPC. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos/ Site Forms/ Deeds/ Site Write Ups. Lawerence Walker.
- July – August 2026. KOSCI. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos/ Deed. Lawernce Walker.
- July/August 2025.Titanium. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos. Lawerence Walker.
- June/July 2026. KOT. Lab. Artifact Processing & Photos. Abby Peyton.

University System Property Surveys:

- July 2024. SE Water Pipeline Monitoring. Erin Hamilton. Monitor/Report.
- July 2024. Castro House Survey. Erin Hamilton. Report.
- June/July 2024.STEM building. Erin Hamilton. Report.
- June 24, 2026. Kerby Lane Café Dumpster Enclosure. Monitor/ Report. Erin Hamilton.
- June/ July 2024. ICI Project Survey. Erin Hamilton. Survey.
- August 15th, 2023. JC Kellem Project. Erin Hamilton. Monitor.
- June 7-20, 2023E-W Connector Project. Erin Hamilton. Monitor.
- June 7, 2023Freeman's Ranch Mobile Home. Erin Hamilton. Survey.
- June 7, 2023Freeman's Ranch Lodge Survey. Erin Hamilton. Survey.

Outside University Property Survey:

- March 2025. .Big Bend Project: survey for new archaeology sites. Dr. Jodi Jacobson.
- March 2023. Big Bend Project: survey condition of 39 sites. Dr. Jodi Jacobson.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*invited presentations):

- May 2026. Society for American Archaeology. Poster. Moore, E., **Allen, M.A.,** & Jacobson, J. *More Than An Aside: A Look at Early Ranching in Big Bend*
- May 2026. Society for American Archaeology. Poster. **Allen, M.A.,** Bousman, B., Boulanger, M. Day, R. *A Comparison of the Pete Creek and Mont Creek Faunal Collections.*
- October 11, 2025. Texas Archaeology Society. Presentation. Jacobson, J., **Allen, M.A.,** & Moore, E. *More Than An Aside: A Look at Early Ranching in Big Bend*
- April 24, 2025. Society for American Archaeology. Presentation. **Allen, M.A.**, Boulanger, M, Roos, C, Johnson, E, Bousman, B. and Eislet, S. *The Search for Spanish Livestock and the Possibilities of the Forgotten Collection.*

- April 11, 2025. Texas State Anthropology Conference. Presentation. **Allen, M.A.** *The Spirit of the Horse: The Apache's Journey of Endurance with the Spanish Mustang*
- April 8th, 2025. Texas State Graduate Research Conference. Poster. **Allen, M.A.** *Unearthing the Past: Raw Material Sources from 4 Contact Period Sites in the Texas Panhandle.*
- October 2024. Texas Archaeological Society. Poster. Oct 2024. Moore. E.R., **Allen, M.A.** *Preservation of Cultural Landscapes: Big Bend.*
- March 2024. Texas State Anthropology Conference. **Allen, M.A.** *Prairie Bonds and Beyond*.
- November 2023. Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists. Poster. **Allen, M.A.** *Turtles of Spring Lake a Potential Source of Environmental Reconstruction*
- October 2023. Plains Anthropology Conference. Presentation. **Allen, M.A.** *Utilization of the Ceramics from the Cross Bar Ranch*
- October 2023. Texas Archaeology Society. Poster. **Allen, M.A.** *Ceramics of the Cross Bar Ranch: A Technical Study Utilizing pXRF*
- October 2023. Texas Archaeology Society. Presentation. **Allen, M.A.** *Turtles of Spring Lake.*
- April 2023. Texas State Graduate Student Research Conference. Poster. **Allen, M.A.** *Stratigraphically Calibrated Radiocarbon Dates at Lubbock Lake*
- February 2019. GradCon. Presentation. **Allen, M.A.** *3D scanning of the Right Proximal Femur: Its Implications in the field of Physical Anthropology.*

COMMUNITY OUTRESEARCH AND SERVICE:

School:

- September 2026 – Present. Co-leading the Graduate Brown Bag Talks. Texas State University.
- September 2025 – April 2026. Created, lead, and participated in the Graduate Brown Bag Talks. Texas State University.
- February 19th, 2026. Co-Leader/organizer for Anthropology Day. Texas State University.
- January 22, 2026. Paneled for Grad College Shop Talk: What I Wish I Would Have Known as a New Doctoral Student. Texas State University.
- Fall 2018 – Spring 2019. Co-president of the Montana Anthropology Student Association. University of Montana.
- Fall 2018- Spring 2019. Co-treasurer of Lamda Alpha. University of Montana.
- November 2018. Set up of the 3D scanning lab (NextEngine and Breckmann) for the Board of Regents meeting in the new Innovation Factory. University of Montana's University Center.

Volunteer:

- September 2024 – May 2025. Operation Identification. Texas State University.
- October 2021 – December 2021. Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State. Texas State University.
- October 2016. Juvenile Center: Watch and help juveniles with their service hours. University of Texas Arlington.
- Fall 2014 – Spring 2016. Mission Arlington. Worked in sorting and in the food pantry. University of Texas Arlington.

Public Outreach:

- November 22, 2025. Helped prepare turtle faunal samples for an outreach event. Texas State University.
- October 11, 2025. Helped prepare turtle faunal sample for Texas archaeology month. Texas State University.
- Spring 2019. World Anthropology Day. Help set up and run the stand. University of Montana.
- Fall 2018. Paleontology Day. Helped break down the event. University of Montana.
- Spring 2018. Archaeology Day. Set up a forensic anthropology stand. University of Montana.

Special Skills and Training:

- Language:
    - American Sign Language: mid moderate level
    - Spanish: high moderate level
    - French: moderate level but reading only
    - English: fluent
- Laboratory:
    - Microscopy: Mineralogy and Microfossils
    - Osteo: Human Osteology and Faunal Analysis
    - Forensic Analysis
- Software:
  Software GIS: ArcGIS
- 3D scanning: GeoMagic, MeshMixer, SketchUp, NextEngine Scanner, Breckmann Scanner
- Forensics: Excel Regressions for Forensic Casework, Forensic Anthropology, Ballistics Comparison, Crime Scene Investigation
- Microsoft: Word, Excel, Power point, Google Docs
- Adobe: Photoshop

Professional Associations:

- Fall 2026 – Present. Philanthropic Education Organization.
- Fall 2023 – Present.. Texas Association of Biological Anthropology.
- Fall 2023 – Present. Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society.
- Fall 2023 – Present. Plains Anthropology Society.
- Fall 2023 – Present. Texas Archaeology Society.

- Spring & Fall 2023; Spring 2025 – present. Council of Texas Archaeologists
- Spring 2016 – Present. Lambda Alpha Honor Society.
- Spring 2015 – Present. Alpha Phi Sigma.
- Fall 2017-Spring 2018; Spring 2020- Fall 2024. Egyptian Exploration Society
- Fall 2022 – Fall 2023. American Cultural Resource Association.