

## COREY HERRMANN – JUNE 2025

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### EDUCATION

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT

**Ph.D.**, Anthropology 2025

Subfield: Archaeology, Advisor: Richard Burger

M.Phil. earned Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Ph.D. earned May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Thesis: “Evaluating Ancient Volcanic Disaster in the Río Grande de Chone, Manabí, Ecuador”

**Colorado State University**, Fort Collins, CO

**M.A.**, Anthropology 2016

Subfield: Archaeology, Advisors: Mary Van Buren and James Zeidler

Thesis: “Ceramic Analysis of the Tabuchila Complex of the Jama River Valley, Manabí, Ecuador”

**University of Colorado**, Boulder, CO

**B.A. with Honors**, Anthropology 2012

Subfield: Archaeology

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Geographic:** Andes; Amazonia; Ecuadorian Coast (Valdivia, Chorrera, Jama-Coaque societies); Peruvian Initial Period and Early Horizon (Manchay, Chavín)

**Theoretical:** Early Social Complexity; Past Non-State and Anarchic Social Organization; Anthropology of Disaster; Andean and Amazonian Ontology, Cosmology, Iconography; Paleoclimate; Geoarchaeology; Commodity Exchange

**Methodological:** Ceramic Analysis; GIS and Landscape; Iconography; Stable Isotopes; Portable X-ray Fluorescence; SEM-EDS Tephra Analysis; Photogrammetry; Ethnographic Interviews and Participant Observation; Community Engagement; Knowledge Co-Production

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

**Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant** (\$23,068) 2020-2023

U.S. National Science Foundation, Award #2023376

**MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship** (\$18,000) 2019

Yale University, Department of Anthropology, New Haven, CT

**Alan P. Smith Fund Research Grant** (\$3,000) 2018

Yale University, Department of Anthropology, New Haven, CT

**Josef Albers Travel Fund** (\$14,595; \$11,910; \$16,000; \$8,400; \$4,300) 2017-2022

Yale University, Department of Anthropology, New Haven, CT

**Schwartz Family Foundation Conference Fund** (\$2,000) 2017, 2018

Yale University, Department of Anthropology, New Haven, CT

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

**Western Connecticut State University**, Danbury, CT Spring 2025

Adjunct Instructor, Amazonian Archaeology

- Lower-level class for undergraduate majors and non-majors, on the archaeology, ethnography, and politics of greater Amazonia; developing syllabus, twice-weekly lecture and seminar discussion, developing and grading assessments, mentoring students

**Yale University, New Haven, CT**

2018-2024

Instructor, The Green Hell and the Mother Serpent: Amazonian Archaeology, Ethnography, and Politics (Fall 2022, with Richard Burger)

- Co-taught an upper-level undergraduate/graduate seminar on the archaeology, ethnography, and politics of greater Amazonia; developing syllabus, twice-weekly lecture and seminar discussion, developing and grading assessments (of undergraduate students), mentoring students

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (July 2024)

- Assisting in lecture, grading assignments, leading breakout groups
- Instructor: Matthew O'Malley

Teaching Assistant, Human Osteology (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

- Assisting in lab sessions, teaching students human osteological features, grading tests
- Instructor: Eric Sargis

Teaching Assistant, Inca Culture and Society (Spring 2019, Fall 2020)

- Lectures in archaeology of Inca-period Ecuador, grading essays and tests, leading a recitation section
- Instructor: Richard Burger

Teaching Assistant, Ancient Civilizations of the Andes (Fall 2018)

- Lectures in archaeology of Formative Ecuador, grading essays and tests, leading a recitation section
- Instructor: Richard Burger

**Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO**

2014, 2015

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Archaeology (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

- Lectures in Andean archaeology, grading essays and tests
- Instructors: Richard Adams, Jason LaBelle

**University of Colorado, Boulder, CO**

2009, 2011, 2012

Teaching Assistant, Mayan Hieroglyphics (Spring 2012)

- Grading assignments, lectures and group leadership in Mayan hieroglyphic decipherment
- Instructor: Inga Calvin

Teaching Assistant, Ancient Astronomies of the World (Fall 2009, Spring 2011)

- Lectures and development of planetarium show on Andean cosmology, grading essays and tests
- Instructor: John Stocke

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE****Director, Proyecto Arqueológico Río Grande de Chone**

7/2018 – present

Chone, Manabí, Ecuador; Corey Herrmann and Robert Andrade Verdezoto, principal investigators

- Archaeological research program of regional site survey and horizontal excavation, recovering contexts of the Chorrera culture (1300-300 BC) affected by volcanic eruptions, amid larger sequence of 4500 years of pre-Columbian occupation
- Ceramic, obsidian, and tephra archaeometric analyses undertaken as part of

doctoral dissertation research

- Community-focused fieldwork project seeking to educate and empower local communities, better supporting stewardship of Manabí cultural heritage past and present

Research Assistant, Programa de Investigación Arqueológica Cardal

2017, 2018, 2019

Cardal, Lima, Peru; Richard Burger and Lucy Salazar, principal investigators

- Supervised and carried out excavation of architectural features, and performed site survey of a monumental Initial Period civic-ceremonial center

**Ceramic Analyst**, Proyecto Arqueológico-Paleoetnobotánico Río Jama

3/2015 – 8/2016

San Isidro, Manabí, Ecuador; James Zeidler and Deborah Pearsall, principal investigators

- Ceramic analysis of materials excavated in 1991 and 1994 field seasons, relating to Chorrera domestic feasting contexts
- Investigation and reconnaissance of archaeological sites in the Jama River Valley, and museums of Quito and Guayaquil

**Research Assistant and Crew Chief**, Proyecto de Investigación Arqueológica Minasparta

9/2013 – 3/2014

Minasparta, Cusco, Peru; Thomas Hardy and José Victor Gonzalez Avendaño, principal investigators

- Supervised and carried out excavation of domestic contexts, and performed site survey of a highland site with occupations dating from the Early Horizon to Inca periods
- Ceramic analysis of recovered materials from excavations

**Research Assistant**, Huamuxtitlán Agricultural and Archaeological Project

5/2012 – 7/2012

Huamuxtitlán, Guerrero, Mexico; Gerardo Gutiérrez Mendoza, principal investigator

- Augur testing and field survey of agricultural fields managed individually and communally in multiple communities of eastern Guerrero, evaluating community resilience against flooding disaster and soil loss

**Research Assistant**, UCLA Field School

7/2010 – 8/2010

Chacanguanacauri, Cusco, Peru; Alexei Vranich, principal investigator

- Excavated Inca and Early Colonial contexts of a sacred site in the Inca heartland

## MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

**Museum Fellow**, Peabody Museum, Yale University

1/2020 – 5/2024

- Digitized physical records of museum accessions, connecting historic files to current EMu database
- Photographed artifacts and documents following museum protocols; compiled photos into multimedia records for upload to EMu; assisted visiting museum researchers with access and digitization of records
- Designed an archival plan for historic documents of Yale archaeologists to be uploaded to EMu, with considerations for Peabody's EMu implementation and best practices

## PUBLICATIONS

- Whose “Resilience” Is It Anyway? Panarchy and Anarchy in Studies of Past Disaster and Collapse. In *(Re)Creating New Worlds: The Archaeology of Social Transformations*, edited by Jordi A. Rivera Prince and Justine Shaw. University Press of Florida, Gainesville. Expected publication: 2026. in press
- “Archaeology in 2022: Counter-myths for hopeful futures.” *American Anthropologist*, Year-in-Review Essay, p. 1-14 (with Black Trowel Collective, Marian Berihuete-Azorín, Chelsea Blackmore, Lewis Borck, James L. Flexner, Catherine J. Frieman, and Rachael Kiddey) <https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.13940> 2023

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Terminally Formative: Early Ecuadorean Social Complexity 50 Years after Donald Lathrap's Ancient Ecuador: Culture, Clay and Creativity; as part of the session Reflections and Ripples of the Caiman: Papers in the Spirit of Don Lathrap* (with Ryan Clasby and James Zeidler)  
Presenter and Session Co-Chair at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver, CO 4/2025
- El Torno del Cielo: A New Spin on Regional Interaction from the Río Grande de Chone, Manabí*  
Paper presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA 4/2024
- The Practical Anarchist, Working for Better Archaeological Futures*  
Paper presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Archaeological Association (with Colleen Morgan and Lewis Borck) 9/2022
- Disaster, Resistance, Community: Reflections of 4,000 Years in Manabí, Ecuador*  
Paper presented for the Yale Peabody Museum's Graduate Spotlight Series 5/2022
- The Local Without Walls: Reflecting on Borderlands in the Cordillera Costanera de Chone, Manabí, Ecuador*  
Paper presented at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, IL 4/2022
- Paisajes Arqueológicos de Orgullo, Inversión y Resistencia en el Río Grande de Chone, Manabí, Ecuador*  
Paper presented with Robert Andrade Verdezoto at the IV Congreso Ecuatoriano de Antropología y Arqueología 12/2021
- Conjuntos Cerámicos de la Costa Manabita en la Frontera del Significado y la Tecnología*  
Paper presented for the Colegio de Arqueólogas y Arqueólogos del Ecuador 11/2020
- Regional Survey and Ancient Disaster in the Río Grande de Chone, North-Central Manabí, Ecuador*  
Paper presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> Northeast Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY 10/2018
- The Thorny Problem of Spondylus Sourcing on the Ancient Andean Coast*  
Paper presented with Nicholas Brown and Sadie Weber at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, D.C. 4/2018
- Tabachila Ceramics of the Jama River Valley, Manabí, Ecuador*  
Paper presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, B.C. 4/2017

*Tabuchila Ceramics of the Jama River Valley, Manabí, Ecuador*

Paper presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 10/2016

*Culture at an Andean Crossroads: New Analysis of Chorrera Ceramics from the Jama River Valley, Manabí, Ecuador*

Paper presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL 4/2016

*Analyzing regional variability within the Chorrera ceramic style of Late Formative Ecuador (ca. 1300 – 300 BCE)*

Poster presented at the Colorado State University Graduate Student Showcase, Fort Collins, CO 11/2015

*Building Authority in the Northern Central Andes*

Paper presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Rocky Mountain Pre-Columbian Association, Denver, CO 9/2015

## MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

<b>Member, Program Committee</b> for the Society for American Archaeology's 90th Annual Meeting in Denver, April 2025	9/2024
- Helped approve paper, poster, and symposia abstracts for annual meeting of the SAA	
<b>Conference Organizer</b> for 39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory (NCAAAE), Yale University, New Haven, CT (\$10,450 support from the Yale Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund)	11/2022
<b>Chair, Student Affairs Committee</b> for the Society of American Archaeology	2021 – 2024
- SAA Board-approved proposals for ongoing Student Affairs Lecture Series in Archaeology (SALSA; \$750 annual budget, 2021, '22, '23 for speaker honoraria)	
- Consultations and proposals with Board re: student representation, DEI initiatives	
<b>Representative</b> for Graduate Students, NECHE Yale Reaccreditation Committee Standard Eight: Educational Effectiveness	2018-2019
<b>Representative</b> for Anthropology Dept., Yale Graduate Student Assembly	SY 2018-2019
- Member, Service Committee – logistics and operations for GSA Relax and Chill Events, outreach to larger New Haven community	
<b>Lecture Series Organizer</b> , Ancient Latin America Lectures, Yale University Council on Archaeological Studies and MacMillan Center's Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies, supported by Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund (\$5,500 in 2017-18; \$8,760 in 2018-19; \$8,970 in 2019-20; \$6,350 in 2020-21; \$13,874 in 2021-22; \$12,779 in 2022-23; \$13,092 in 2023-24)	2017 – 2024
<b>Lecture Series Organizer</b> , Archaeology Brown Bag Series, Yale University Council on Archaeological Studies (\$5,000 annual budget)	2017 – 2018, 2022
<b>Member</b> , Society for American Archaeology	2014 – Present
<b>President</b> , University of Colorado Anthropology Club	2011 – 2012

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Spanish (fluency in reading, writing, speaking)

**Software:** ArcGIS; GIMP, Adobe Photoshop, Inkscape; Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access; JMP Statistics; AgiSoft Metashape (Photogrammetry), EMu (Museum Databasing)

**Equipment:** Theodolite (Topconn Total Station), Portable X-Ray Fluorescence (Olympus Vanta), SEM EDS (ThermoFisher Phenom), DSLR Photography

REFERENCES

**Dr. Richard Burger**, Charles J. MacCurdy Professor of Anthropology, Director of Graduate Studies in Archaeology, Yale University. Office: (203) 432-6517; [richard.burger@yale.edu](mailto:richard.burger@yale.edu)

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