

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology; December 2004  
Dissertation: *Dental Analysis of Classic Period Population Variability in the Maya Area*

Undergraduate Studies at Hamline University.

Degree: Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Anthropology, Summa Cum Laude; May 1998  
Major: Anthropology  
Minors: American Indian Studies, Geology, and Religious Studies

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

7/25-Present **Pierre and Patricia Bikai Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology & the Ancient World**

- Director of the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World (2023-present)
- Department of Anthropology, Brown University

7/24-6/25 **Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology**

- Director of the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World (2023-present)
- Department of Anthropology, Brown University

7/16-6/24 **Associate Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology**

- Director of the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World (2023-present)
- Director of Graduate Studies in Anthropology (2022-2024)
- Director of Graduate Studies in Archaeology and the Ancient World (Fall 2023)
- Director of Graduate Student Admissions in Anthropology (2020-2021)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies in Anthropology (2016-2017; 2018-2020)
- Department of Anthropology, Brown University

7/10-6/16 **Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology**

- Department of Anthropology, Brown University

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

- 8/07-6/10      **Assistant Professor of Anthropology**
- Department of Anthropology, Forensic Science, and Archaeology, Baylor University
- 8/04-8/07      **Assistant Professor of Anthropology**
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Wagner College

**RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator)**

- 2021      Faculty Fellowship, Cogut Institute for the Humanities at Brown University.
- 2021      Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Indigenist Resiliencies at McMaster University (declined).
- 2020      National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (Co-PI: Harper Dine), Archaeology Program (BCS- 2054097), \$13,555.
- 2020      Alphawood Foundation, \$125,000.
- 2019      National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration (NGS- 60224R-19), \$30,000.
- 2019      National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant, Archaeology Program (BCS- 1917671), \$177,504.
- 2019      National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant, Archaeology Program (BCS- 1849921), \$263,353
- 2019      Brown University OVPR Salomon Faculty Research Award, \$15,000
- 2017      Mellon Decade Fellow, Clark Art Institute, Fall 2017.
- 2017      National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (Co-PI: Omar Alcover), Archaeology Program (BCS- 1733551), \$10,565.
- 2017      Alphawood Foundation, \$206,045.
- 2015      National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant, Archaeology Program (BCS- 1505483/1505399), \$154,212.
- 2015      Brown University Research Seed Funding, \$75,000.
- 2012      Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship, Brown University.
- 2011      National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant, Archaeology Program (BCS- 1115818), \$42,721.
- 2010      Baylor University Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activities Small Grant Program, \$4,790.
- 2009      National Geographic Society/Waitt Grant Program, \$11,030.
- 2009      Baylor University Research Committee Grant, \$7,217.
- 2008      Pre-Columbian Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, 2008-2009.
- 2007      National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant, Archaeology Program (BCS- 0715463), \$147,484 (co-PI).
- 2006      H. John Heinz III Charitable Trust Grants for Latin American Archeology, \$9,970.
- 2006      Wagner College Faculty Research Grant, \$1,001.
- 2005      Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. (#05027), \$9,120.
- 2004      Graduate Enhancement Fund, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, \$666.
- 2004      Travel Grant, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$250.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### **(Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator; CONTINUED)**

- 2003 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Physical Anthropology Program, (BCS-0234006), \$1,920.
- 2003 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (Gr. 7014), \$12,383. 2003 Travel Grant, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$250
- 2001 Travel Grant, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$222.
- 2000 Travel Grant, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$250.
- 1997 Bush Foundation Summer Collaborative Research Grant, Hamline University.

### **RESEARCH GRANTS (Collaborator)**

- 2020 NASA Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (19-IDS19-0060), \$ 741,346 (PI: Timothy Murtha, University of Florida).
- 2019 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant (435-2019-0837), \$283,705 (PI: Shanti Morell-Hart).
- 2018 National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant, (RZ-260752-18), \$140,661 (PI: Stephen Houston, Brown University)
- 2018 National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant, Archaeology Program (BCS-1821932), \$137,575 (PI: Thomas Garrison, Ithaca College)
- 2012 National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration, \$20,000 (PI: Charles Golden)
- 2009 National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant, Archaeology Program (BCS0840930), \$247,664 (PI: Stephen Houston, Brown University).
- 2008 NASA Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences, \$75,000 (PI: Ronald Blom, NASA).
- 2007 National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant (RZ-5068007), \$120,000 (PI: Stephen Houston, Brown University).
- 2004 Dumbarton Oaks Conservation Grant, \$9,461 (PI: C. Golden, Brandeis University).

## **CURRICULAR GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2018 Zern Endowment for the Life and Physical Sciences, Brown University, \$4,951.
- 2016 Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology Faculty Fellowship, Brown University.
- 2016 Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (Interdisciplinary Team), Brown University, \$21,000.
- 2013 Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology Faculty Fellowship, Brown University.
- 2009 Baylor University Teaching Grant, \$1,500.

## **HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2014 Comfort and Urry Prize for Teaching and Mentorship, CareerLAB, Brown University
- 2005 Distinguished Graduate Student Doctoral Research Award, Association of Former Students, Texas A&M University.
- 2001 J.W. Van Dyke Memorial Scholarship, Texas A&M University.

## **HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS (CONTINUED)**

|      |                                                                              |
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| 2001 | Texas Public Education Grant.                                                |
| 2000 | Texas Public Education Grant.                                                |
| 1999 | Texas Public Education Grant.                                                |
| 1999 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention. |
| 1998 | Phi Beta Kappa, Member.                                                      |
| 1998 | Pi Gamma Mu, Member.                                                         |
| 1998 | Leland Cooper Award in Anthropology, Hamline University.                     |
| 1997 | Maya Society of Minnesota Travel Scholarship.                                |

## **RESEARCH AND FIELD EXPERIENCE**

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| 6/15-Present  | <b>Co-Director, Proyecto Paisaje Piedras Negras-Yaxchilan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Regional archaeological survey and excavation in Petén, Guatemala.</li><li>▪ Bioarchaeology sub-project.</li></ul>                                                                             |
| 6/09-Present  | <b>Co-Director, Proyecto Arqueológico Busilja-Chocolja</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Regional archaeological survey and excavation in Chiapas, Mexico.</li><li>▪ Bioarchaeology sub-project.</li></ul>                                                                                 |
| 10/21-Present | <b>Asesor Científico, Proyecto Arqueológico del Sur de Tikal</b> <p>Analysis of human remains at the ancient Maya site of Tikal, Guatemala Dr. Edwin Román, Project Director</p>                                                                                                                     |
| 6/08-07/23    | <b>Project Bioarchaeologist, Proyecto Arqueológico El Zotz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Analysis of human remains at the ancient Maya site of El Zotz, Guatemala.</li></ul> <p>Dr. Thomas Garrison, University of Texas at Austin and Lic. Elizabeth Marroquín, Project Directors</p> |
| 7/11          | <b>Project Bioarchaeologist, Proyecto Arqueológico Holtun</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Analysis of human remains at the ancient Maya site of Holtun, Guatemala.</li></ul> <p>Dr. Brigitte Kovacevich and Dr. Michael Callaghan, Project Directors, University of Central Florida.</p> |
| 7/10-7/11     | <b>Project Bioarchaeologist, Proyecto Áreas Habitacionales de Yaxha</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Analysis of human remains at the ancient Maya site of Yaxha, Guatemala.</li></ul> <p>Dr. Laura Gamez, Project Director</p>                                                           |
| 1/03-12/10    | <b>Co-Director, Sierra del Lacandón Regional Archaeology Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Regional archaeological survey and excavation in Petén, Guatemala.</li><li>▪ Bioarchaeology sub-project.</li></ul>                                                                      |

**RESEARCH AND FIELD EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)**

- 6/99-7/06      **Project Bioarchaeologist, Proyecto Arqueológico Piedras Negras**
- Excavation and analysis of human remains at the ancient Maya site of Piedras Negras, Guatemala.
- Dr. Stephen D. Houston and Dr. Héctor Escobedo, Project Directors, Brown University and Universidad del Valle
- 7/06      **Project Bioarchaeologist, Proyecto Arqueológico San Bartolo**
- Analysis of the human remains excavated at the ancient Maya site of San Bartolo, Guatemala
- Dr. William Saturno and Licda. Monica Uriquizú, Project Directors, University of New Hampshire and Universidad de San Carlos
- 6/03-8/04      **Project Bioarchaeologist, Proyecto Parque Kaminaljuyu**
- Analysis of the human remains excavated at the ancient Maya site of Kaminaljuyu, Guatemala.
- Licda. Matilde Ivic de Monterroso, Project Director
- 5/99-7/00      **Research Associate, Proyecto Osteológico Tikal**
- Dental morphometric sub-project.
- Dr. Lori E. Wright, Project Director, Texas A&M University
- 9/98-12/98      **Research Assistant, Proyecto Osteológico Tikal**
- Laboratory support for stable isotope analyses.
- Dr. Lori E. Wright, Project Director, Texas A&M University
- 1/96-8/98      **Research Assistant, Hamline University Osteology Laboratory**
- General osteological analysis and research duties as part of the NAGPRA process in Minnesota.
- Dr. Barbara H. O'Connell and Dr. Susan M.T. Myster, Project Directors, Hamline University
- 7/96-9/96      **Archaeological Field Assistant, Mitchell Site (39DV2), Mitchell, South Dakota.**
- Dr. L. Adrien Hannus, Principal Investigator, Archeology Laboratory, Augustana College
- 7/95      **Archaeological Field Assistant, East Shingobee Bay Site (21CA??), Walker, Minnesota**
- Christina Harrison, Principal Investigator, Private Contractor, Minneapolis, MN
- 6/95-7/95      **Archaeological Field School Student, Felknor Site (21CA??), Longville, Minnesota.**
- Dr. Christy A. Hohman-Caine and Grant Goltz, Principal Investigators, Hamline University

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 9/03      **Assistant Field Instructor, “Clandestine Graves”**  
▪      State University of New York, Canton
- 8/01-12/01      **Lecturer, “Introduction to Physical Anthropology”**  
▪      Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Baylor University
- 8/99-12/01      **Laboratory Instructor, “Introduction to Physical Anthropology”**  
▪      Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University
- 9/97-12/97      **Teaching Apprentice, “Archaeology and Human Biology”**  
▪      Department of Anthropology, Hamline University

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 12/06      **Physical Anthropologist, Survey for 120th Precinct, Staten Island (KANY #1190A4)**  
Dr. Celia Bergoffen, Principal Investigator
- 1/05      **Team Leader, Kenyon International Emergency Services**  
Mortuary logistical support and repatriation of human remains from the December 26, 2004 Tsunami Disaster, Phuket and Krabi, Thailand.  
Jerry Novosad, Vice President of Operations and Planning, Kenyon International Emergency Services
- 7/02-3/03      **Team Member, Kenyon International Emergency Services**  
▪      Processing of human remains from the World Trade Center disaster and American Airlines Flight 587.  
Jerry Novosad, Vice President of Operations and Planning, Kenyon International Emergency Services

## BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS, and EDITED VOLUMES

- 2025      *As the Gods Kill: Morality and Social Violence among the Precolonial Maya*. University of Texas Press, Austin.
- 2024      *Substance of the Ancient Maya: Kingdoms and Communities, Objects and Beings* [A.K. Scherer and T. Garrison, editors]. University of New Mexico Press.
- 2018      *Smoke, Flames, and the Human Body in Mesoamerican Ritual Practice* [V. Tiesler and A.K. Scherer, editors]. Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington, D.C.
- 2015      *Mortuary Landscapes of the Classic Maya: Rituals of Body and Soul*. University of Texas Press, Austin.
- 2014      *Embattled Bodies, Embattled Places: War in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica and the Andes* [A.K. Scherer and J.W. Verano, editors]. Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Trustees for Harvard University, Washington D.C.
- 2012      *Revisiting Maler's Usumacinta: Recent Archaeological Investigation in Chiapas, Mexico* [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Monograph 1. Precolumbia Mesoweb Press, San Francisco.

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- In review “Diverse Perspectives on the Study of Precolonial Maya Human Remains” [A. K. Scherer, E. Román-Ramírez, F. Godos, and C. Golden]. *Latin American Antiquity*. Submitted, August, 2025.
- 2025 “Childness, Humanness, and Violence among the Classic Maya Elite” [A.K. Scherer, E. Román Ramírez, L. Paiz Aragón, C. García Leal, A. Bolster, and M. Herrera Parra]. *Childhood in the Past* <https://doi.org/10.1080/17585716.2025.2585703>
- 2025 “A Teotihuacan Altar at Tikal, Guatemala: Central Mexican Ritual and Elite Interaction in the Maya Lowlands” [E. Román Ramírez, L. Paiz Aragón, A. Bass, T. G. Garrison, S. Houston, H. Hurst, D. Stuart, A. Corado Ochoa, C. García Leal, A. Scherer, R.E. Piedrasanta Castellanos]. *Antiquity* 99 (404): 462–480.
- 2024 “Suitability Models of Ancient Maya Agriculture in the Upper Usumacinta River Basin of Mexico and Guatemala” [G. Horseman, S. Morell-Hart, C. Golden, and A.K. Scherer]. *Latin American Antiquity* 35 (4): 946 – 964.
- 2024 “The Maya Landscape of El Infiernito, Chiapas, Mexico: Comparison of Occupied and Unoccupied Airborne LiDAR Mapping Systems” [W. Schroder, T. Murtha, A.K. Scherer, S. Morell-Hart, C. Golden, E. Broadbent, A.M. Almeyda Zambrano, J.C. Fernandez Diaz]. *Remote Sensing* 16(23), 4459; <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs16234459>.
- 2024 “Soil Development and Ancient Maya Land Use in the Tropical Karst Landscape: Case of Busiljá, Chiapas, México” [P. García Ramírez, K. Guillén-Domínguez, S. Sedov, C. Golden, S. Morell-Hart, A.K. Scherer, T. Pi-Puig, E. Solleiro-Rebolledo, H. Dine, and Yazmín Rivera-Uria]. *Soil Science Society of America Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/saj2.20723>
- 2023 “Regional Household Variation and Inequality across the Maya Landscape” [W. Schroder, T. Murtha, C. Golden, M. Brown, R. Griffin, K.E. Herndon, S. Morell-Hart, A.K. Scherer]. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 72:101522.
- 2022 “Chronology and the Evidence for War in the Classic Maya Kingdom of Piedras Negras” [A.K. Scherer, C. Golden, S. Houston, M. Matsumoto, O. Alcover Firpi, W. Schroder, S. Jiménez Álvarez, A. Roche Recinos, M. Urquizú, G. Robles Pérez, and J. Schnell] *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 66, 101408 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaa.2022.101408>).
- 2022 “Healthcare in the Marketplace: Exploring Maya Medicinal Plants and Practices at Piedras Negras, Guatemala” [S.E. Watson, J.T. Schnell, S. Morell-Hart, A.K. Scherer, and L. Dussol]. *Ancient Mesoamerica* 34: 383-406. (doi:10.1017/S0956536122000037).
- 2022 “Organic Compositional Analysis of Ancient Maya Tooth Sealants and Fillings” [G. Hernandez, P. Quintana, M. Ramírez-Salomón, E. Vega-Lizama, M. Morgan, J.T. Schnell, A.K. Scherer, V. Tiesler]. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*. 43 (doi:10.1016/j.jasrep.2022.103435).
- 2021 “UAV LiDAR Survey for Archaeological Documentation in Chiapas, Mexico” [W. Schroder, T. Murtha, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, E.N. Broadbent, A.M. Almeyda Zambrano, K. Herndon, and R. Griffin. *Remote Sensing* 13 (23), 4731 (doi:10.3390/rs13234731).

# REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES (CONTINUED)

- 2021 "Airborne Lidar Survey, Density-Based Clustering, and Ancient Maya Settlement in the Upper Usumacinta River Region of Mexico and Guatemala" [C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, W. Schroder, T. Murtha, S. Morell-Hart, J.C. Fernández Díaz, S. Jiménez Álvarez, O. Alcover Firpi, Mark Agostini, A. Bazarsky, M. Clark, G.V. Kollias, M. Matsumoto, A. Roche Recinos, J. Schnell, B. Whitlock]. *Remote Sensing* 13(20), 4109 (<https://doi.org/10.3390/rs13204109>).
- 2021 "Classic Maya Dental Interventions: Evidence for Tooth Extractions at Piedras Negras, Guatemala" [J.T. Schnell and A.K. Scherer]. *Bioarchaeology International* 5(1):47-67.
- 2021 "Recent Research on the Archaeology of War and Violence." *Annual Review of Anthropology* 50:403-421.
- 2021 "Sculptural Traditionalism and Innovation in the Classic Maya Kingdom of Sak Tz'i" [M.E. Matsumoto, A.K. Scherer, C. Golden, S. Houston]. *Ancient Mesoamerica*. Early view available online. doi:10.1017/S0956536121000316
- 2020 "The Lowland Maya Settlement Landscape: Environmental LiDAR and Ecology" [W. Schroder, T. Murtha, C. Golden, A. Anaya Hernández, A. Scherer, S. Morell-Hart, A. Almeyda Zambrano, E. Broadbent, M. Brown]. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 33 (2020) 102543 (doi:10.1016/j.jasrep.2020.102543).
- 2020 "Centering the Classic Maya Kingdom of Sak Tz'i" [C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, S. Houston, W. Schroder, S. Morell-Hart, S. Jiménez Álvarez, G. Van Kollias, M. Yerath Ramiro, J. Dobereiner, O. Alcover Firpi]. *Journal of Field Archaeology*. 45(2):67-85.
- 2019 "Remote Sensing and Reconnaissance Along the Lacantún River: The Lakamtuun Dynasty and the Sites of El Palma and Benemérito de las Américas, Primera Sección" [W. Schroder, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, T.M. Murtha, O. Alcover Firpi]. *Mexicon* XLI: 157-167.
- 2019 "Drone-Mounted Lidar Survey of Maya Settlement and Landscape" [T. Murtha, E. Broadbent, C. Golden, W. Schroder, and A. Almeyda Zambrano]. *Latin American Antiquity* 30(3):630-636.
- 2018 "Bacterial Tetraether Lipids in Ancient Bones Record Past Climate Conditions at the Time of Disposal" [J.T. Dillon, S.J. Lash, Jiaju Zhao, K.P. Smith, P. Van Dommelen, A.K. Scherer and Y. Huang]. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 96 (2018): 45-56.
- 2017 "Bioarchaeology and the Skeletons of the Pre-Columbian Maya." *Journal of Archaeological Research* 25 (2): 133-184.
- 2016 "A Royal Maya Country House: Archaeology at Bejucal, Guatemala" [T. G. Garrison, S.D. Houston, A.K. Scherer, D. del Cid, E. Czapiewska, and E. Román]. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 41(5):532-549.
- 2016 "Reanalyzing Environmental Lidar Data for Archaeology: Mesoamerican Applications and Implications [C. Golden, T. Murtha, B. Cook, D.S. Shaffer, W. Schroder, E.J. Hermitt, O. Alcover Firpi, A.K. Scherer]. *Journal of Archaeological Sciences: Reports* 9: 293-308.
- 2015 "Local Water Resource Variability and Oxygen Isotopic Reconstructions of Mobility: A Case Study from the Maya Area" [A.K. Scherer, A. de Carteret, and S. Newman]. *Journal of Archaeological Sciences: Reports* 2: 666-676.
- 2013 "Territory, Trust, Growth and Collapse in Classic Period Maya Kingdoms" [C. Golden and A.K. Scherer]. *Current Anthropology* 54(4): 397-435.



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- 2013        Stable Carbon Isotope Signatures of Ancient Maize Agriculture at El Kinel, Guatemala [C. Balzotti, C. Golden, A. Scherer and R. Terry]. *Central European Geology* 56(1):59-74.
- 2012        "The Classic Maya Sarcophagus: Veneration and Renewal at Palenque and Tonina." *RES: Journal of Anthropology and Aesthetics* 61/62 Spring/Autumn: 242-261.
- 2012        "All of a Piece: The Politics of Growth and Collapse in Classic Period Maya Kingdoms" [C. Golden and A.K. Scherer]. *Contributions in New World Archaeology* 4: 157-171.
- 2012        "Parallelism in Occupation: Tracking the Pre- and Post-Dynastic Evolution of Piedras Negras, Guatemala through its Secondary Site, El Porvenir" [M.J. Kingsley, C.W. Golden, A.K. Scherer, L. M. Marroquin de Franco]. *Mexicon* XXXIV (5): 109-117.
- 2012        "Politics, Boundaries, and Trade in the Classic Period Usumacinta River Basin" [C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, A.R. Muñoz, and Z. Hruby]. *Mexicon* XXXIV (1): 11-19.
- 2010        "Remote Sensing as a Tool for Tropical Ecology" [C.B. Balzotti, S.L. Petersen, R.E. Terry, A.K. Scherer, and C. Golden]. *Geography Compass* 4/8 (2010): 993-1012.
- 2009        "Ticolote, Guatemala: Archaeological Evidence for a Fortified Late Classic Maya Political Border" [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 34(3): 285-304.
- 2008        "Piedras Negras and Yaxchilan: Divergent Political Trajectories in Adjacent Maya Polities" [C.W. Golden, A.K. Scherer, A.R. Muñoz, R. Vásquez]. *Latin American Antiquity* 19(3): 249-274.
- 2007        "Population Structure of the Classic Period Maya." *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 132 (3): 367-380.
- 2007        "Bioarchaeological Evidence for Social and Temporal Differences in Subsistence at Piedras Negras, Guatemala" [A.K. Scherer, L.E. Wright, and C.J. Yoder]. *Latin American Antiquity* 18(1): 85-104.
- 2006        "La Técnica and El Kinel: Mounds and Monuments Upriver from Yaxchilan" [S. Houston, H. Escobedo, C. Golden, A. Scherer, R. Vásquez, A.L. Arroyave, F. Quiroa, J.C. Melendez]. *Mexicon* 28 (5): 87-93.
- 2005        "Stones, Bones, and Crowded Plazas: Evidence for Terminal Classic Maya Warfare at Colha, Belize" [J.W. Barrett and A.K. Scherer]. *Ancient Mesoamerica* 16(1): 101-118.
- 2005        "Exploring the Piedras Negras-Yaxchilan Border Zone: Archaeological investigations in the Sierra del Lacandón, 2004" [C. Golden, A. Scherer, R. Muñoz]. *Mexicon* 27(1): 11-16.
- 2003        "Guardian of the Acropolis: The Sacred Space of a Royal Burial at Piedras Negras, Guatemala" [J.L. Fitzsimmons, A.K. Scherer, S.D. Houston, H.L. Escobedo]. *Latin American Antiquity* 14(4): 449-468.

## REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

- In review “Why are there Human Remains in Caves in the Maya Area?” In *Black as Night, Dark as Death: Bioarchaeology of the Maya Subterranean*, edited by M.M. Bleuze and J.E. Brady. University of Florida Press, Talsahassee. Submitted December, 2025.
- In press “Stone Goods and the Organization of Late Classic Period Regional Economies of the Middle Usumacinta River Region” [A. Roche-Recinos, A.K. Scherer, and C. Golden]. In *Ancient Maya Embedded Economies*, edited by R. Horowitz and B. Cap. University of Colorado Press, Boulder. Accepted December, 2025.
- In press “Ritual Violence in Ancient Mesoamerica: Looking Back, Looking Ahead.” In *Ritual Violence and Related Body Treatments in Ancient Mesoamerica: Beyond the Maya*, edited by V. Tiesler. BAR Publishing, Oxford. Submitted June 2025
- In press Diversity in Maya Foodways [A.K. Scherer, S. Morell-Hart, and H. Dine]. In *The Oxford Handbook of the Maya*, edited by T. Garrison, J. Glover, and B. Woodfill. Oxford University Press, Oxford. Accepted November, 2023.
- 2024 “The Death Within: Maya Perspectives on Bone, Material, and Being,” In *Substance of the Ancient Maya: Kingdoms and Communities, Objects and Beings*, edited by A.K. Scherer and T. Garrison, editors, pp. 227-242. University of New Mexico Press.
- 2024 “The Man of Macabillero: An Osteobiography of Perseverance” [A.K. Scherer, R. Rodas, J.T. Schnell, M. Urquizú, and O. Alcover Firpi]. In *Mesoamerican Osteobiographies: Revealing the Lives and Deaths of Ancient Individuals*, edited by G. Wrobel and A. Cucina, pp. 27-42. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- 2024 “War, Captive-Taking, and Warriors in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica.” In *The Routledge Handbook of the Global History of Warfare*, edited by K. Roy and M. Charney, pp. 42-55. Routledge, New York.
- 2022 “Soil Toposequence in the Busiljá Valley and Its Relationship with Prehispanic Anthropic activities (Chiapas, Mexico)” [K.A. Guillén Domínguez, E. Solleiro Rebolledo, S. Sedov, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, A. Cerón González]. In *Soils Sequences Atlas V* edited by M. Świtoniak and P. Charzński, pp. 45-54. Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland.
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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

- 2025 “Diverse Perspectives on Precolonial Maya Human Remains and the Foreigners who Study Them” [A.K. Scherer, E. Román-Ramírez, F. Godos, and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Denver, CO, April 23.
- 2025 “Cranial Bowls, Broken Bones, and Precious Bodies: The Presence of Teotihuacan at Tikal” [A.K. Scherer, C. García Leal, E. Romón-Ramírez, S. Houston, E. Bustamante, L. Paiz Aragón, Pamela Rosales, and S. Newman. Paper presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Denver, CO, April 24.
- 2025 Discussant for Black as Night, Dark as Death: Bioarchaeology of the Mesoamerican Subterranean. Paper presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Denver, CO, April 24.
- 2024 “Arquitectura y Urbanismo en Lacanjá Tzeltal, Chiapas: Influencias y Similitudes en la Región del Usumacinta” [F. Godos, C. Golden, and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at *Los Investigadores de la Cultura Maya: Caminos y Fronteras*. November 8.
- 2024 “Smoke and Flame in Precolonial Maya Thought and Practice.” Paper presented at *Sacred Flames: The Place of Fire in Ritual, Religion, and Cosmology. Fifth Annual Debates in Archaeology Symposium*. The Archaeology Centre, University of Toronoto, September 21.
- 2024 “Investigaciones en Tikal: Cuarta Temporada de Campo del Proyecto Arqueológico del Sur de Tikal” [E. Román, R. Piedrasanta, L. Paiz, C.G. Leal, A. Corado, G. Valle, T. Garrison, P. Rosales, R. Cambranes, E. Bustamante, H. Escobedo, R. Landa, S. Houston, A.K. Scherer y D. Stuart] Paper presented at the XXXVII *Simpósio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, July 16. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2024 “Restos Óseos en el Gropo 6D-XXI de Tikal, Petén, Guatemala: Implicaciones del Uso de Huesos Humanos en Rituals de Fundación. Paper presented at the XXXVII *Simpósio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, July 16. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2024 “Childness, Humanness, and Violence among the Precolonial Maya” [A.K. Scherer, E. Román, L. Paiz Aragón, C. García Leal, A. Bolster, & M. Herrera Parra]. Paper presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. New Orleans, LA, April 20.
- 2023 “Cronología Cerámica en la Cuenca del Río Usumacinta de México y Guatemala” [S. del Pilar Jiménez, E. Huchim Mazun, M. Flores Cortes, C. Golden y A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the XXXVI *Simpósio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, July 19. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2023 “Recent Archaeological Work in the Kingdom of Sak Tz’i’ and the Santo Domingo Lacanja Valley” [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Portland, OR, April 1.
- 2023 Discussant for “The Movement of People and Ideas in Eastern Mesoamerica during the Ninth and Tenth Centuries: A Multidisciplinary Approach.” Paper presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Portland, OR, March 30.
- 2022 “Paisaje y poder al nexo de los reinos maya occidentales” [C. Golden and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the *Primer Simposio sobre Toniná y sus Alrededores*. August 13, 2022. Ocosingo, Chiapas, Mexico.

# CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

- 2022 “Entre el Aire y la Tierra: los Datos de LIDAR y el Reconocimiento Terrestre en el Parque Nacional Sierra del Lacandón” [C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, A. Roche Recinos, G. Pérez Robles, M. Urquizú Sánchez, W. Schroder, T. Murtha, O. Alcover Firpi, M. Agostini, A. Bazarsky, M. Clark, G.V. Kollias III, M. Matsumoto, J. Schnell y B. Whitlock. Paper presented at the XXXV *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, July 18, 2022. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2022 “Fields and Markets, Hilltop Forts and Missing Capitals: Recent Advances in the Archaeology of the Upper Usumacinta River Region” [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the 87<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Chicago, IL, April 2.
- 2022 “A Secret behind Dental Decoration of Ancient Maya: Organic Compositional Studies of Tooth Seals and Fillings” [G. Hernandez-Bolio, P. Quintana, M. Morgan, A.K. Scherer and Vera Tiesler]. Paper presented at the 87<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Chicago, IL, April 3.
- 2021 “Stone Goods and the Organization of Late Classic Period Regional Economies of the Middle Usumacinta River Region” [A. Roche Recinos, A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the 86<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. San Francisco, CA, April 16.
- 2019 “The Death Within: Bone as Material among the Maya.” Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Albuquerque, NM, April 11.
- 2019 “Stephen Houston's Impact on Maya Archaeology: Celebrating His Completion of 3 K'atuns” [T. Garrison and A. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Albuquerque, NM, April 11.
- 2019 “Health Care in the Marketplace: Exploring Medicinal Plants and Practices at Piedras Negras” [S. Watson, J. Schnell, S. Morell-Hart and A. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Albuquerque, NM, April 11.
- 2019 “An Obsidian Workshop at Budsilhá Chiapas, Mexico” [A. Roche Recinos, C. Golden and A. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Albuquerque, NM, April 12.
- 2019 “Variation in Obsidian Source Consumption within the Kingdom of Piedras Negras” [M. Seidita, W. Schroder, A. Roche Recinos, C. Golden and A. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Albuquerque, NM, April 14.
- 2018 “Patrones de asentamiento y la organización social del territorio al nexo de Piedras Negras y Yaxchilan.” [A.K. Scherer, C. Golden, O. Alcover Firpi, W. Schroder, T. Murtha, M. Urquizú]. Paper presented at the XXXII *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, 2018. July 25, 2018, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2018 “La guerra en el Usumacinta preclásico: tres temporadas de investigaciones en el sitio Macabilero, Guatemala” [O. Alcover Firpi, R. Rodas, Mónica Urquizú, A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the XXXII *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, 2018. July 23, 2018, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

- 2018 "Trabajos de conservación en los monumentos de Piedras Negras, Guatemala" [G. Pérez Robles, J.C. Pérez, E.R. Pérez, J. Doyle, B. Fash, W. Fash, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, M. Urquizú]. Paper presented at the *XXXII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2018*. July 27, 2018, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2018 "Economy, War, and Population at Piedras Negras, Guatemala" [A.K. Scherer, C. Golden, M. Urquizú, and G. Pérez Robles]. Paper presented at the *83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Washington, DC, April 13.
- 2018 "Fortified Capitals: Understanding Defensive Systems at Piedras Negras and Yaxchilan" [M. Matsumoto, A.K. Scherer, and O. Alcover Firpi]. Paper presented at the *83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Washington, DC, April 13.
- 2018 "Animal, Human, and Worked Bone from the S-Sector at Piedras Negras, Guatemala" [J. Schnell, S. Newman, and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the *83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Washington, DC, April 13.
- 2018 "Flows of Value, Debt, and Goods in the Usumacinta River Basin" [C. Golden, A. Roche Recinos, and A. Scherer]. Paper presented at the *83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Washington, DC, April 12.
- 2018 "Discussant: Integrating Climate Change into Archaeological Curricula." Paper presented at the *83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Washington, DC, April 14.
- 2018 "Fractured Lands: War in the Kingdoms of Piedras Negras and Yaxchilan" [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the *15th Annual Tulane Maya Symposium*. March 10, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 "Viviendo entre Señoríos: Investigaciones de Asentamiento en la Región de los Ríos Usumacinta y Busiljá [W. Schroder, C. Golden, and A. Scherer]. Paper presented at the *VII Mesa Redonda, Palenque: Chan Ch'e'n, El Cielo y El Pozo: Sustentabilidad de las Ciudades Mayas*. November 7, Palenque, Chiapas.
- 2017 "Building Political Capital from Periphery to Center" [C. Golden, A. K. Scherer, and W. Schroder]. Paper presented at *Regimes of the Classic Maya, Wenner-Gren Workshop*. September 1-4, 2017. Middle American Research Institute, Tulane University.
- 2017 "Resultados de la Segunda Temporada de Investigaciones del Proyecto Paisaje Piedras Negras-Yaxchilan, 2017" [M. Urquizu, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, G. Perez Robles, S. Morell-Hart, J. Doyle, A. Roche Recinos, M. Matsumoto, O. Alcover Firpi, M. Seidita, J. Schnell, J. Alejandro Gonzalez]. Paper presented at the *XXXI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2017*. July 21, 2017, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2017 "Vecinos Fronterizos: Resultados Recientes del Proyecto Arqueológico Busiljá-Chocoljá, Chiapas, México" [W. Schroder, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, S. del Pilar Jiménez Álvarez, J.L. Borges Barrientos, S.A. Sobrino Fernández]. Paper presented at the *XXXI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2017*. July 21, 2017, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2017 "Ceremonies of Smoke and Flame among the Ancient Maya." Paper presented at *The Americas and the Generative Power of Fire*, a symposium at the John Carter Brown Library, Brown University. April 28, 2017, Providence, RI.

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- 2017 “Reconsidering ‘Sites,’ ‘Features,’ and ‘Landscapes’” in the Maya Lowlands with Remote Sensing and Ground-Based Survey” [O.A. Alcover Firpi, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, T. Murtha, B. Cook, and W. Schroder]. Paper presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. March 30, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 “Resultados de la Primera Temporada de Investigaciones del Proyecto Paisaje Piedras Negras-Yaxchilan” [A.K. Scherer, G. Pérez Robles, C. Golden, S. Morell-Hart, Omar Alcover, A. Roche Recinos, M. Matsumoto, J.C. Pérez, L. Gamez, E. Pérez Robles, R. Piedrasanta]. Paper presented at the XXX Annual Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. July 22, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2016 “Investigaciones en las Comunidades Antiguas y Actuales sobre la Periferia de Piedras Negras” [W. Schroder, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, S. Jiménez Álvarez]. Paper presented at the XXX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. July 22, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2016 “Resultados de la 11va. Temporada de campo del Proyecto Arqueológico El Zotz” [Y. Gutiérrez, T. G. Garrison, J. Garrido, R. Piedrasanta, O. Alcover, D. Hernández, E. Pérez, I. Zeceña, H. Pérez, T. Beach, C. Doyle, W. Delgado, A. Scherer, A. de Carteret, S. Houston, E. Román]. Paper presented at the XXX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. July 22, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2016 “La Diversidad de los Paisajes de Poder en el Alto Usumacinta” [W. Schroder, C. Golden, A. Scherer, S. Jiménez Álvarez]. Paper presented at the 10º Congreso Internacional de Mayistas. July 1, Izamal, Mexico.
- 2016 “Decentralizing the Economies of the Maya West” [C. Golden, A. Scherer, W. Schroder and C. Vella]. Paper presented at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 7, Orlando, FL.
- 2015 “Blood, Fire, Death: Covenants and Crises among the Classic Maya” [A.K. Scherer and S.D. Houston]. Paper presented at the Annual Symposium in Pre-Columbian Studies, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington D.C.
- 2015 “Investigaciones Recientes al Nexo de Piedras Negras, Tonina, Palenque, Yaxchilan y Sak Tz’i’” [C. Golden, A. Scherer, S. Jiménez, J. Dobereiner, W. Schroder y A. Méndez Cab. Paper presented at the XXIX Annual Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. July 23, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2015 “Diez Años de Investigación del Proyecto Arqueológico El Zotz” [E. Román, J. Garrido, T. Garrison, S. Houston, S. Newman, Y. Gutiérrez, A. de Carteret, R. Piedrasanta, D. Hernández, T. Beach, S. Luzzader-Beach, J. Doyle, N. Carter, M. Kingsley, H. Escobedo, E. Arredondo, G. Pérez, E. Czapiewska, A. Scherer y Z. Nelson]. Paper presented at the XXIX Annual Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. July 23, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2015 “Blood, Fire, Death: Crises and Covenants among the Classic Maya” [preliminary paper; A.K. Scherer and S.D. Houston]. Paper presented at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 17, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 “Revisiting Bird Jaguar and the Sajal of the Yaxchilan Kingdom” [C. Golden and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 18, San Francisco, CA.

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- 2015 "Stop and Go Traffic: Power, Movement, and Emplacement in the Piedras Negras and Yaxchilan Kingdoms" [W. Schroder, C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, and J. Dobereiner]. Paper presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 18, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 "Border-Building and Territory-Taking in the Usumacinta River Basin" [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 24, Austin, TX.
- 2013 Discussant. "Traveler's Log: The Past Present, and Future of Migration and Travel in Mesoamerica." 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2013 Bodies and Burials: Life, Death, and the Kingdom of Piedras Negras. Paper presented at *Along the River of Ruins: Piedras Negras Reviewed*, a Dumbarton Oaks Workshop. February 2013, Washington, DC.
- 2013 "Loathing and Ambivalence." *Building the Extended Society: A Symposium in the Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Animal Magnetism*. Program in Early Cultures, Brown University. April 26, Providence, RI.
- 2013 Land use Change and Hydrologic Management in the Distant Past, Recent Decades, and Potential Future Scenarios in the Usumacinta Valley, Chiapas, Mexico [Z. Christman, C. Golden, A. Scherer, B. Schmook, H. Pearsall]. Paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*. April 2013, Los Angeles.
- 2013 "Relación entre el Cambio de Uso del Suelo y El Manejo del Agua en el Valle de Usumacinta, Chiapas" [Z. Christman, H. Pearsall, B. Schmook, C. Golden, A. Scherer, and A. Navarro]. *IV Congreso Mexicano de Ecología*. March 19, Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico.
- 2012 "El Ser, la Identidad, y la Cabeza entre los Mayas del Clásico de los Reinos del Río Usumacinta." Paper presented the *II Coloquio Internacional de Bioarqueología en el Area Maya: Modificaciones Cefálicas en Mesoamérica*. October 29, Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico.
- 2012 "Making the Kingdom, Breaking the Kingdom: Maya Borderlords and the Dynamics of Polity." [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 21, Memphis, TN.
- 2012 "Power at the Limits of Authority: An Introduction" [C. Golden and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 21, Memphis, TN.
- 2012 Distinguishing Status in the Maya Menu: Zooarchaeological Evidence from Three Late Classic Polities [A. Sharpe, K. Emery, C. Golden, and A. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. April 2012, Memphis, TN.
- 2011 "Un Mundo Mojado: El Paisaje y Poder en los Reinos Mayas del Oeste" [C. Golden and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the XXI Encuentro "Los Investigadores de la Cultura Maya." October, Campeche, Mexico.
- 2011 "War in the West: History, Landscape, and Classic Maya Conflict" [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the *Annual Symposium in Pre-Columbian Studies, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection*, Washington D.C.

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- 2011 "Battlegrounds and Battered Bodies." Paper presented at the *Annual Symposium in Pre-Columbian Studies*, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington D.C.
- 2011 "Human Sacrifice as Royal Mortuary Ritual at the Classic Maya Site of El Zotz, Guatemala" [A.K. Scherer, C. Garrett, S.D. Houston, E. Román, T. Garrison, and S. Newman]. Paper presented at the *80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for the American Association of Physical Anthropologists*, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2011 "Cut, Broken, and Burned: An Outsider's Perspective on Ancient Pueblo 'Extended Processing' Events". Invited paper presented at *Death, Decay, and Discovery: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Taphonomic Approaches to Understanding Burial Practice*, Joukowski Institute for Archaeology, Brown University.
- 2010 "Movilidad e Historia de Población en Tikal, Guatemala: Perspectivas desde la Biodistancia y el Análisis de los Isótopos de Estroncio" [A.K. Scherer and L.E. Wright]. Paper presented at the *I Coloquio Internacional de Bioarqueología en el Area Maya: Afinidades Biológicas, Etnicidad y Dinámicas Poblacionales*. Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico.
- 2010 "El Diablo: Grupo Cívico-Ceremonial del Clásico Temprano en El Zotz, El Petén" [E. Román, S. Newman, S. Houston, T. Garrison, N. Carter, A. Scherer, Z. Hruby, C. Magee]. Paper presented at the *XXIV Annual Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2009 "All of a Piece: The Politics of Growth and Collapse in Classic Period Maya Kingdoms" [C. Golden and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the *14<sup>th</sup> Annual European Maya Conference*. Cracow, Poland.
- 2009 "Sitios Desconocidos, Perdidos y Olvidados: Reconocimiento en el Parque Nacional Sierra del Lacandón, 2009" [C. Golden, A.K. Scherer, A.L. Arroyave Prera, M. Kingsley, A. Gillot]. Paper presented at the *XXIII Annual Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2009 "Water in the West: Chronology and Collapse of the Western Maya River Kingdoms" [A.K. Scherer and C. Golden]. Paper presented at the *74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 "'His Spine' and Other Objects from the Royal Burials at Piedras Negras, Guatemala." Invited paper presented at the roundtable *Inalienable and Other Possessions*. Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, March 27, 2009.
- 2008 "A Los Limites: La temporada de Campo 2008 en el Parque Nacional Sierra del Lacandón" [A.K. Scherer, C. Golden, R. Vásquez, A.L. Arroyave Prera, B. MarzahnRamos, S. Callejas, M. Kingsley]. Paper presented at the *XXII Annual Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2008 "Identity and Bioaffinity of Atypical Burials from Puruchuco-Huaquerones, Peru" [M.S. Murphy, M.F. Boza, A.K. Scherer & E. Goycochea]. Poster presented at the *73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Vancouver, BC.

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- 2007 "La Ofrenda Máxima: El Sacrificio Humano en la Parte Central del Área Maya" [S.D. Houston and A.K. Scherer]. Invited paper at the symposium *Nuevas Perspectivas Sobre el Sacrificio Humano entre los Mexicanos*. Sponsored by the Coordinación Nacional de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico. Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2007 "Rutas de Transporte, Relaciones Políticas e Intercambio Económico entre Piedras Negras y Yaxchilan durante el Periodo Clásico" [C.W. Golden, A.K. Scherer, R. Vásquez, A.L. Arroyave, F. Quiroa, B. Marzahn-Ramos, A.R. Muñoz, D. Menéndez, C. Valenzuela]. Paper presented at the XXI Annual Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2007 "Ancient Maya Dental Wear?" [A.K. Scherer and L.E. Wright]. Poster presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Austin, TX.
- 2007 "Politics, Boundaries, and Trade in the Classic Period Usumacinta River Basin" [C.W. Golden, A.K. Scherer, A.R. Muñoz]. Paper presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Austin, TX.
- 2007 "Differential Diagnosis of Bilateral Parietal Lesions of an Individual from El Kinel, Guatemala [A.K. Scherer and A.L. Arroyave]. Poster presented at the 34<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Paleopathology Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2006 "La Frontera Actual, La Frontera Antigua: Resultados de la Temporada de Campo 2006 en El Parque Nacional Sierra del Lacandón" [C.W. Golden, A.K. Scherer, R. Vásquez, A.L. Arroyave, J.C. Meléndez, G. Pérez, F. Quiroa, B. Marzahn-Ramos]. Paper presented at the XX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2006 "Classic Maya Political Geography: Archaeological Explorations in the Piedras Negras/Yaxchilan Border Zone" [A.K. Scherer, C.W. Golden, A.R. Muñoz, and S.D. Houston]. Paper presented at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005 "Las Relaciones Biológicas del Clásico Maya." Paper presented at the XIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2005 "En el Reino de Pájaro Jaguar: Reconocimiento Arqueológico en el Área Sur de la Sierra del Lacandón, Petén" [R. Vasquez, A.K. Scherer, C.W. Golden, S.D. Houston, F. Quiroa, J.C. Melendez, A.L. Arroyave]. Paper presented at the XIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2005 "Investigaciones y Conservación de la Estructura D3-1, Teccolote, Petén [K. Machovec-Smith, A. Scherer, R. Muñoz, M. Kipling, A.L. Arroyave Prera]. Paper presented at the XIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2005 "Model-Free and Model-Bound Approaches to Population Variability in the Maya Area." Paper presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2005 "Resources of the Ancient Maya in the Parque Nacional Sierra del Lacandon, Guatemala" [D.Bair, M. Alvarez, R. Terry, C. Golden, A. Scherer]. Poster presented at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology. Salt Lake City, Utah.



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- 2004 "Reconocimiento y Patrones de Asentamiento en La Sierra del Lacandón" [C.W. Golden, L.A. Romero, A.R. Muñoz, A.K. Scherer, J.L. Fitzsimmons]. Paper presented at the XVIII *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2004 "A Show of Power: The Decline of the Piedras Negras Polity" [A.K. Scherer, A.R. Muñoz, C.W. Golden, H. Escobedo]. Paper presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Montreal, Quebec.
- 2003 "La Dieta de Los Habitantes de Piedras Negras: Una Vista de Los Isótopos Estables." [A.K. Scherer, C.J. Yoder, M.S. Parks]. Paper presented at the XVII *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2003 "Skeletal Indicators of Diet at Piedras Negras, Guatemala: An Isotopic and Osteological Analysis" [C.J. Yoder, M.S. Parks, A.K. Scherer, A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology*. Phoenix, Arizona.
- 2003 "Dams on the Usumacinta: Archaeology, Development, and Environmental Protection" [C.W. Golden, F. N. Scatena, A.R. Muñoz, A. Kovak, J. Fitzsimmons, A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2003 "Classic Period Diet at Piedras Negras, Guatemala: An Isotopic Perspective" [A.K. Scherer, C.J. Yoder, M.S. Parks, L.E. Wright]. Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2003 "Mensajes del "Mas Alla": La Muerte y Los Muertos de Piedras Negras, Guatemala" [S. Houston, H. Escobedo, A. Scherer, M. Child, J. Fitzsimmons]. Paper presented at the Conference on *La Muerte en El Mundo Maya*, organized by Andres Cuidad. Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
- 2002 "Stones, Bones, and Crowded Plazas: Evidence for Terminal Classic Maya Warfare at Colhá, Belize" [J.W. Barrett and A.K. Scherer]. Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology*. Denver, Colorado.
- 2001 "The Skeletons of Piedras Negras: A Bioarchaeological Perspective on Human Adaptation in the Usumacinta River Valley" [A.K. Scherer and C.J. Yoder]. Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2000 Late Prehistoric Dental Morphology and Biological Distance in the Upper Midwest." Paper Presented at the *Joint Midwest Archaeological & Plains Anthropological Conference*. St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 2000 Classic Maya Diet and Health at Piedras Negras [A.K. Scherer and C.J. Yoder]. Paper presented at the 27<sup>th</sup> *Annual Meeting of the Paleopathological Association*. San Antonio, Texas.
- 1998 "Biological Distance and Archaeological Relationships in the Upper Midwest." Paper presented at the *Twentieth Annual University of Minnesota Undergraduate Anthropology Research Conference*. Lake Itasca, Minnesota.

## INVITED LECTURES

- 2025 "Burials and Human Remains at Tikal: The Past and PAST." The Mesoamerica Center, The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2025 "New Discoveries Open a Once-Lost Maya Kingdom." Roswell S. Bosworth, Jr. Lecture Series, Rogers Free Library, Bristol, RI.
- 2021 "News from the Kingdoms of Sak Tz'i' and Piedras Negras" [C. Golden and A. Scherer]. 2021 Mesoamerica Meetings, The Mesoamerica Center, The University of Texas at Austin.
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- Institute Representative, Archaeological Centers Coalition (2023-present)
- Editorial Committee, *Anales de Antropología* (2017-Present)
- Comité de Arqueología, Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza, Guatemala, Member (2016-Present)
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*American Journal of Human Biology* (1)  
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*Anales de Antropología* (2)  
*Ancient Mesoamerica* (9)  
*Bioarchaeology International* (2)  
*Cambridge Archaeological Journal* (2)  
*Current Anthropology* (3)  
*Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) National Fellowship Program* (1)  
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*International Journal of Paleopathology* (1)  
*Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* (6)  
*Journal of Anthropological Research* (1)  
*Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* (1)  
*Journal of Archaeological Research* (2)  
*Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* (3)  
*Journal of Field Archaeology* (3)  
*Latin American Antiquity* (11)  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (1)  
National Science Centre, Poland (1)  
National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Proposals in Humanities Collections and Reference Resources (1)  
National Science Foundation, Research Proposals in the Biological Anthropology Program (4)  
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Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (1)  
Oxford University Press (1)  
Precolumbia Mesoweb Press (2)  
*Preternature* (1)  
Scholastic/Children's Press (1)  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada (1)  
University of Alabama Press (1)  
University of Colorado Press (2)  
University of Florida Press (2)  
University of Texas Press (2)  
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2018-Present    Steering Committee, Program for Early Cultures, Brown University  
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Human Evolution (AN 0310)  
Past Forward: Discovering Anthropological Archaeology (AN 0500)  
Maize Gods and Feathered Serpents: Mexico and Central America in Antiquity (ANTH 1640)  
Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (AN 1680)  
The Human Skeleton (AN 1720)  
Violence of the Past (AN 1730)  
Senior Seminar: (Re)Making Anthropology (AN 1990)  
Principles of Archaeology (AN 2501)  
Lived Bodies, Dead Bodies: The Archaeology of Human Remains (AN 2560)  
Anthropology of War and Violence in the Archaeological Past (AN 2580)

### **Baylor University (Assistant Professor)**

Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 1305)  
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Ancient Civilizations of Mesoamerica (ANT 3351)  
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Biological Anthropology and Human Evolution (AN 202)  
Forensic Anthropology and Human Osteology (AN 241)  
Race: Biology through a Cultural Lens (AN 291)  
Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (AN 291)  
North American Indians (AN 302)  
Archaeology and Cultures of Mesoamerica (AN 341)  
Bioarchaeology and the Archaeology of Death (AN 342)  
Anthropological Theory (AN 343)  
Unraveling the Human Species (RFT-17; Freshman Reflective Tutorial)  
Mind, Body, Culture (RFT-17; Freshman Reflective Tutorial)

### **Texas A&M University (Instructor)**

Laboratory for Introduction to Physical Anthropology (AN 225)