

CURRICULUM VITAE

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**RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:**

Archaeology of the Eastern Woodlands, Hunter-gatherer Economics, Lithic Technology, Phenomenology of Landscape, GIS Modeling and Cartography, Cultural Resource Management, and Public Outreach and Education.

**EDUCATION**

M.S. Anthropology, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee May 2016  
Graduate Adviser: Dr. Robert J. Jeske

B.A. Anthropology, Honors, University of Illinois – Chicago May 2006  
Honors College Adviser: Dr. Sloane Williams

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- (2011-2015) **Staff Archaeologist**  
*Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois (ISAS).* Responsible for quality and quantity of work performed in the field and laboratory, while ensuring that ISAS policies are followed. Primary responsibilities include supervising Phase I-II archaeological investigations, training new crew, proofing paperwork, profiles, and maps, taking record photographs and creating and maintaining GIS databases. Additional responsibilities include E2E project management, artifact analysis, preparing/editing written compliance reports, graphic design, preparing literature reviews for proposed projects, and community outreach.  
Supervisor: Paula J. Porubcan
- (2011-2012) **Archaeological Technician**  
*University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Anthropology*  
Performed flotation analysis and sorted cultural materials including lithics, ceramics, faunal, and macro-botanical specimens for the *2010 Crescent Bay Hunt Club excavations on Lake Koshkonong: An Oneota Village site* as part of a university work-study program.  
Supervisor: Dr. Robert J. Jeske

(2007-2011) **Archaeological Technician**

*Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program (ITARP), University of Illinois-Champaign.* Conducted Phase I-III investigations; responsibilities included recording any archaeologically significant finds during surveys and excavations; preparing literature reviews for proposed projects; and creating and maintaining GIS databases using ESRI ArcGIS software.

Supervisors: Paula J. Porubcan; Dr. Phillip Millhouse

(2006-2007) **Archaeological Technician**

*CAGIS: Archaeological Consulting Services, University of Illinois-Chicago* Conducted Phase I Survey over the course of several weeks.

Responsibilities included Pedestrian and Shovel Test survey, locating, collecting, and recording artifacts and recording their location with a GPS hand-held unit.

Supervisor: Dr. Thomas J. Loebel

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**SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE:**

**Survey**

2015 Forest Preserve District of Cook County (Cook County, IL) Phase I survey of Forest Preserve properties.

*Project Manager/Archaeological Supervisor (3 months).*

2012-2014 Illiana Expressway Survey Corridor (Will County, IL) Phase I survey consisting of 6,000+ acres of pedestrian survey and shovel testing.

*Project Manager/Archaeological Supervisor (3 years).*

2013 Huntley Road Improvements (McHenry County, IL) Phase I survey for road improvements along rural/suburban 2-lane highway.

*Project Manager/Archaeological Supervisor (3 months).*

US Route 12 Bypass (McHenry County, IL) Phase I survey for proposed bypass of 4-lane interstate highway;.

*Project Manager/Archaeological Supervisor (2 months).*

**Excavation**

2014 11CK1097, Roe's Hill Site, West Ridge Nature Preserve (Cook County, IL) Phase II investigations aimed at determining the extent and integrity of subsurface archaeological deposits at a Late Woodland habitation site.

*Project Manager/Archaeological Supervisor (1 month).*

## **Laboratory**

- 2012-2014 Illiana Expressway Data Recovery Project (Will County, IL) - Supervised staff in prehistoric and historic artifact tabulation and analyses.
- 2010 Bottlemey Site Data Recovery Project (McHenry County, IL) – Supervised staff in prehistoric artifact tabulations and analyses.

## **FIELD EXPERIENCE:**

- 2012 ISAS: 11K97, The Gopher Site (Kane County, IL) Phase II investigations of a multi-component Prehistoric/Historic site aimed at determining the extent and integrity of subsurface deposits. (3 Months).
- 2011 Center for American Archaeology: Havana Hopewell Lamellar Blade Project: Attribute analysis of lamellar blade assemblage recovered from the Buried Gardens of Kampsville (TBGOK).  
Supervisors: Mary PirkI; Robert J. Jeske
- 2011 Center for American Archaeology Field School: TBGOK, Kampsville, IL  
Crew: Controlled excavations of campsite adjacent to Illinois River.  
(<1 Month) Supervisor: Mary PirkI
- 2010 ISAS: Phase III excavations at the East St. Louis Site:  
Crew: Controlled excavations of Mississippian ceremonial/habitation site in the American Bottom. (<1 month)  
Supervisor: Dr. Joseph Galloy.
- 2006 OV Clary Paleoindian NSF Project (SW Nebraska):  
Student: Total Station training, excavation of bison bone bed and corresponding cultural material. (1 month)  
Supervisor: Dr. Matthew G. Hill
- 2005-2006 UIC: Debitage Analysis of Lithic Debris from Starved Rock State Park  
Research Assistant: Conducted mass attribute analysis of over 10,000 pieces ofdebitage. (2 years)  
Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Loebel
- 2003 Center for American Archaeology Field School: TBGOK, Kampsville, IL:  
Student: Controlled excavations of Prehistoric campsite adjacent to Illinois River.  
Supervisor: Mary PirkI
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## **PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2016 Geraci, Peter J. The Prehistoric Economics of the Kautz Site: A Late Archaic and Woodland Site in Northeastern Illinois. Master's Thesis. Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2011 Porubcan, Paula J.; Baltus, Melissa L.; Geraci, Peter J. The Bottlemy Site (11MH495): An Emerging and Mature Late Woodland Occupation in Northeastern Illinois. *Illinois Archaeology: The Journal of the Illinois Archaeological Survey*.
- 2010 Geraci, Peter J. A New look at an Old Collection: A Preliminary Analysis of Lithic Debitage from the Bluff Crest of Starved Rock. *Field Notes: A Journal of Collegiate Anthropology*. vol. 2

## **SELECT TECHNICAL REPORTS**

- 2015 Archaeological Investigations of the Proposed Illiana Expressway B3 Corridor in Wilmington, Florence, Wilton, Peotone, Will, and Washington Townships (Will County, Illinois). Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2015 Archaeological Investigations at the Plum River Site (11JD735) for the Illinois Route 78 Culvert Replacement Project Between Grandview Avenue in Stockton to the Carroll County Line. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2015 Archaeological Investigations at the Roe's Hill Site (11CK1097) for the City of Chicago Park District's Proposed West Ridge Nature Preserve. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2008 Archaeological Investigations at the Gopher Site (11K97) for the Fox River Bridges-Stearns Road Corridor, Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2011 Phase I Cultural Resource Feasibility Study for the IL Route 12 Richmond Bypass. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2010 Phase I Survey of the IL Route 12 Richmond Bypass. Archaeological Survey Short Report. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- 2010           Phase II investigations of the 95th Street Bridge Site, Will County, IL. Archaeological Testing Short Report. Illinois State Archaeological Survey, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- 2016           The Lithic Landscape: Using GIS to Model Chert-Bearing Outcrop Potential in Illinois. Paper presented at 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meetings of the Midwest Archaeological Conference. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2015           A Break in Tradition: Shifts in Raw Material Use at the Kautz Site, a Late Archaic to Late Woodland Campsite in the Du Page River Valley. Paper presented at the ASU Anthropology Student Colloquium "Transformations in Time: Change as a Constant". Milwaukee, WI.
- 2014           The Benefits of Public Outreach: Examples from the Illiana Corridor Project in Will County, IL. Paper presented at 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Midwest Archaeological Conference. Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2013           There's Points in them Hills! : Interpreting Archaic Landscape use from Phase I Archaeological Survey on the Woodfordian Till Plain of Southern Will County, IL. Poster presented at the 59th Annual Meetings of the Midwest Archaeological Conference. Columbus, Ohio
- 2013           Middle and Late Woodland Occupations in Northeastern Illinois: New Data from the Kautz Site. Paper presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Anthropology, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2012           Middle to Late Woodland Occupation of Upland Settings in Northeastern Illinois: An Example from the Kautz Site. Paper presented at 58th Annual Meetings of the Midwest Archaeological Conference. East Lansing, Michigan.
- 2011           The Lamellar Blade Assemblage from The Buried Gardens of Kampsville, A Havana Hopewell Village in the Lower Illinois River Valley. Poster Presented at 57th Annual Meetings of the Midwest Archaeological Conference. La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- 2010           The Bottlemy Site (11MH495): An Emerging and Mature Late Woodland Occupation in Northeastern Illinois. Paper presented at 56th Annual Meetings of the Midwest Archaeological Conference. Bloomington, Indiana.

2009      A New look at an Old Collection: A Preliminary Analysis of Lithic Debitage from the Bluff Crest of Starved Rock. Paper presented at the 55th Annual Meetings of the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Iowa City, Iowa.

## **PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

2015      Forest Preserve of Cook County “Teen Day”. Instructed teens on Atlatl throwing and flint knapping activities. Cook County, IL.  
Contact: Eve Hargrave (ISAS)

2015      The Prehistory and History of Archaeology of Illinois. Keynote speaker for the Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Dinner and Ceremony. DeKalb, IL.  
Contact: Dean Johnson (815) 756-3237 ext.3

2014      An Introduction to Illinois Archaeology. Presentation for the Annual Prairie Days Event, organized by the Goose Lake Prairie Partners. Morris, IL.  
Contact: Jackie Martin (815) 942-2899

2013      The Prehistory of Wilmington. Wilmington Public Library. Wilmington, IL.  
Contact: Carolyn Healy (815) 476-2834

2010      Presentation on Illinois Prehistory. Flagg Township Museum. Ogle County, IL. Opening Ceremony

2007      Presentation: “What it really means to be an Archaeologist.” Crystal Lake Central High school. Anthropology.  
Contact: Denis O’Brien. [dobrien@d155.org](mailto:dobrien@d155.org)

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## **TECHNICAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- Macroscopic Lithic Analysis
  - Total Station and hand-held GPS mapping and data recovery
  - GIS analysis, including the use of ESRI’s ArcGIS software suite
  - Graphic Design, including the use of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator as well as the Microsoft Office Suite including Access, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
  - Standard First Aid and Adult CPR. American Red Cross, certified Dec. 2011
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## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Society for American Archaeology
  - Illinois Archaeological Survey
  - Midwestern Archaeological Conference
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## REFERENCES

Dr. Thomas Emerson  
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