Austin Schoenkopf

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Experience

Graduate Research Assistant – University of Oklahoma 08/2018–Present

Norman, OK

- Performed research on western environmental history to support the work of Travis Chair in Modern History, Dr. Kathleen Brosnan.
- Led classes on Environmental History and History of the United States, 1865-2001.

Field Technician – PaleoWest Archaeological Consulting 10/2017–Present

Denver. CO

- Performed Class III survey on local, state, and federal land parcels, primarily in Mesa and Garfield counties.
- Used Trimble/TerraSync technology for site and feature mapping and Garmin GPS units for tracking,
- Excavated Basketmaker III/Pueblo I pithouses for Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project.

Field Technician – Tierra Right-of-Way

8/2017-08/2018

Albuquerque, NM

- Performed Class III survey across difficult terrain, often covering 12+ miles/day.
- Used Trimble/TerraSync technology for site and feature mapping and Garmin GPS units for tracking,
- Surveyed in central and northern New Mexico and the Arizona Strip.

Field Technician - Totah Archaeology Project

05/2017-08/2017

Farmington, NM

- 6-credit field school and 3-credit internship with San Juan College.
- Contributed to a twenty-year excavation project of a Puebloan site and composed an excavation summary report.
- Surveyed a Puebloan road and the B-Square Ranch using GPS technology and compass/tape.
- Completed lab work including cleaning, cataloging, and drafting.

Park Ranger – Bandelier National Monument

08/2015-11/2015

Los Alamos, NM

- Composed and led guided tours of both the pueblo of Tyounyi and adjacent cliff dwelling communities.
- Served as a frontline representative of Bandelier National Monument, answering visitors' questions, planning backcountry camping trips, and operating A/V instruments for the theater.
- Operated fee collection system, maintained inventory of government property and funds, following accountability protocols.

Interpretive Intern – Mojave National Preserve

06/2014-08/2014

Kelso, CA

- Performed Class III survey across the preserve's 1.6 million acres for surface and subsurface evidence of historic and prehistoric archeological sites with lead archaeologist David Nichols.
- Planned and presented "table talks" on Dunbar, homesteading, the Hackberry fire, et al.

Education

University of Oklahoma, 4.0 GPA

2018-2020

Norman, OK

- M.A. thesis, expected spring 2020.
- Graduate Research Assistant
- Relevant coursework: research seminar on the American West (Wrobel); readings in Environmental History (Brosnan); Latin American Environmental History (Hines); 20th Century America (Holland).

University of Pittsburgh, 3.78 GPA

2013-2015

Pittsburgh, PA

- B.A. Honors in History Major, summa cum laude
- Political Science Minor
- Successful defense of Honors Thesis, "'May Develop Mojave Lands': Unfulfilled Promises of Desert Homesteading".