

# SEWASEW HAILESELASSIE ASSEFA

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## EDUCATION

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- A.M.** Washington University in St. Louis, Anthropology  
May 2021
- MA** University of Colorado Denver, Anthropology  
May 2018  
Thesis: "Borderlands between Egypt and Nubia: A Bioarcheological Analysis of the Effect of Conflict on Health"
- BA** Texas Tech University, Anthropology  
May 2015  
Minor: History  
Concentration: Forensic

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Biocultural perspective on interpreting diet and health in north-central highlands of Ethiopia during the Zagwe (11<sup>th</sup> C – 1270) and Solomonic (1270-1974) Dynasties,**  
Washington university in St. Louis, MO 2021

Advisor: Helina Woldekiros

**Borderlands between Egypt and Nubia: A Bioarcheological Analysis of the Effect of Conflict on Health,** University of Colorado, Denver, Denver, CO 2018

Advisor: Charles Musiba

- Collected data from a museum collection
- Developed and completed a research project

**University of Colorado, Denver,** Denver, CO 2016 to 2017

**Research Assistant,** Supervisor: Dr. Charles Musiba

- Created digital 3D models of cultural and fossil material
- Began developing a database for department collections in association with digital models

**The Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Sensory Disabilities/ Texas Tech University department of Education,** Lubbock, TX

2014 to 2015

**Research Assistant,** Supervisor: Dr. Nora Griffin-Shirley

- Wrote grant proposals
- Developed human subject research protocols

**Texas Tech University Digital Humanities lab,** Lubbock, TX 2013 to 2015

**Student Researcher,** Supervisor: Dr. Ann Hawkins

- Documented 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century written records
- Co-developed the Reymund letters of The Hawkins-Kimball collection

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 Shire archeological project: Directors: Willeke Wendrich and Rachel Moy  
Nov 2018-Dec 2019 (Trench Supervisor)
- 2017 Denver county and Jefferson county coroner's office: Supervisor Christine  
Pink Oct 2016- May 2017 (Volunteer)
- 2016 Field School at Badia Pozzevri (University of Pisa): Directors: Gino  
Fornaciari and Valentina Giuffra June 23- July 25 (Co-coordinator)
- 2016 Field School in Paleoanthropology Tanzania led by Charles Musiba May 30 -  
June 20
- 2015 Field School at Badia Pozzevri (Ohio State University): Accredited field  
school in Bioarchaeology Directors: Gino Fornaciari and Clark S. Larsen June  
22- July 31
- 2014 Texas Tech University Study Abroad: Anthropology in Cyprus in Human  
Skeletal Biology and Forensic Techniques led by Robert R. Paine. June 2 –  
July 3
- 2014 Sanisera Archaeological Institute: Field School in Biological Anthropology  
and Archaeology; Menorca, Spain, Director: Fernando Conteras May 12 –  
May 31
- 2013-2015 Texas Tech University Digital Humanities Lab: Documenting Written  
Records and Analysis; including: Scanning, Transcribing, Tagging,  
Annotating, and Metadata Editing.

## ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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2020

Musiba, Charles M., Mecksadeck M. Mwambungu, Joshua Mwankunda, Anatoly N. Zaitsev, Anton I. Savchenok, Audax Z. Mabulla, Cassian C. Magori, Kersten Bergstrom, Alex Pelissero, and **Sewasew Assefa**. "Balancing Research, Education, Conservation and Sustainable Use of the 3.6 Million Years Old Hominin Footprint Site G and S at Laetoli in northern Tanzania." In *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY*, vol. 171, pp. 194-194. 111 RIVER ST, HOBOKEN 07030-5774, NJ USA: WILEY, 2020.

Balancing Research, Education, Conservation and Sustainable Use of the 3.6 Million Years Old Hominin Footprint Site G and S at Laetoli in northern Tanzania. Podium Session: **American Association of Physical Anthropologists** (2020).

2019

Vaiglova, P., G. Hartman, **S. Assefa**, E. Rehman, “Isotopic investigation of meat provisioning in Late Roman Jerusalem during time of political and religious transformation,” **Annual Meeting of the American School of Oriental Research**, 20-23 November, San Diego, CA

Introduction to Archaeology. PowerPoint presentation: Wild Horse elementary (Presented Oct 8, 2019) St. Louis, Mo.

2018

Assefa, Sewasew Haileselassie. Borderlands Between Egypt and Nubia: A Bioarchaeological Analysis of the Effect of Conflict on Health. MA Thesis. University of Colorado at Denver, 2018.

2017

Borderlands between Egypt and Nubia: Effects of Conflict on Health. Poster Presentation: **University of Colorado-Boulder Anthropology Conference (Presented September 30)** at University of Colorado, Boulder in Boulder, Colorado.

Borderlands between Egypt and Nubia: Effects of Conflict on Health. Poster Presentation: **Research and Creative Activities Symposium (Presented April 28)** at University of Colorado, Denver in Denver, Colorado.

Experimental Study of Sheep (*Ovis aries*) Bone Weathering Under UV-B Light. Poster Presentation: **American Association of Physical Anthropologists (Presented April 22)** at New Orleans, Louisiana.

2015

Abnormal Healing of a Femoral Fracture and its Functionality in a Cypriot Geriatrician. Poster Presentation: **TTU Lambda Alpha Symposium (Presented April 9)** at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. **Poster Awarded.**

Abnormal Healing of a Femoral Fracture and its Functionality in a Cypriot Geriatrician. Poster Presentation: **TTU Undergraduate Research Conference (Presented April 2)** at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Abnormal healing of a Femoral Fracture and its Functionality in a Cypriot Geriatrician. Poster Presentation: 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of **American Association of Physical Anthropologists (Presented March 27)** Washington University St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri. **Funded.**

2014

Abnormal Healing of a Femoral Spiral Fracture and its Functionality in a Cypriot Geriatrician. Podium Presentation: **Texas Association of Biological Anthropologists Conference (Presented November 15)** at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Perspectives on Work and Workflow in Digital Spaces. A panel Presentation: **Digital Frontiers (Presented September 18)** at Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas.

Ancient Civilizations of the Nile Valley and the Contribution Possible from Further Excavation and Ethnographic Research in Cultures in East Africa. Podium Presentation **Lambda Alpha Symposium (Presented May 1)** at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas

The Evolving Historiography of Ancient Nile Valley Civilizations and the Struggle for Racial Equality. Podium Presentation **Black Graduate Students Association (Presented April 11)** at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. **Awarded.**

### **Honors and Awards**

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| 2015 | Best Undergraduate poster presentation at TTU Lambda Alpha Symposium (\$100)   |
| 2014 | Travel funding for conference presentation at the 84 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Association of American Physical Anthropologists CALUE (\$900) |
| 2013 | Undergraduate researcher scholarship CALUE for Digital Humanities (Funded \$1080)  |

### **LANGUAGES**

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**English:** Fluent speaker and listener, advanced reading and writing  
**Amharic:** Native speaker, advanced reading and writing

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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**Applications:** Microsoft Office Suite (Advanced), NextEngine (Advanced), Photomodeler scanner (Advanced), Agisoft (Intermediate), ArcGIS (Intermediate), QGIS (Beginner), JMP (Intermediate), SPSS (Intermediate)

## **COURSES TAKEN**

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### **Fall 2019**

Social theory  
Pathways to Domestication  
Theoretical Approaches in  
Archaeology  
Biomolecular archaeology: Are  
you what you eat?

Infectious Diseases: History,  
Pathology, and Prevention

### **Spring 2020**

Osteology  
History of Africa since 1800  
Disease Ecology  
Problems in Applied Data Analysis

### **Fall 2020**

Social Landscapes in Global View  
Independent study  
Human Biology  
African History, Before 1800

### **Spring 2021**

Intro to GIS for Anthropologists  
New Advances archaeology  
Independent study

### **Fall 2021 (Registered)**

Human anatomy and Development  
Research Methods in Cultural Ant.  
Independent study

## **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP**

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### **Summer 2020**

The Pandemic: Science and Society – Dr. Krista Milich (Enrollment:

### **Fall 2020**

Archaeology of Ancient Egypt – Dr. Helina Woldekiros (Enrollment:

### **Spring 2021**

Humans and Animals – Prof. Fiona Marshall (Enrollment:

## **INVITED LECTURES**

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“Archaeological perspectives on the Historical Origins of Axum” – African History Summer Seminar, Week 7, Department of History and African and African studies – May-August 2020

Axum, AFAS 321 History of African Civilization to 1800, October 5, 2020

## **DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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Friday Archaeology-Co-Student coordinator (2020-2021)

Anti-Racism initiative: Decolonizing the Syllabus

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

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AAPA/AABA- American Association of Biological Anthropologists

SAFA – Society of Africanist Archaeologists

Black in Biological Anthropology (Member)

William Leo Hansberry Society (Founding Member)