

Teagan Wolter
Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- 2015-present University of Chicago, Ph.D. student in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.
Relevant Coursework: Archaeological Data Sets, Nomads Networks and Complexity, Overview of Archaeometry, Archaeology and the Built Environment, Ancient Landscapes (GIS), Theory and Method in Archaeology
Dissertation Title: The Political Economy of the Oxus: Craft Organization at Togolok 1
- 2015 University of Chicago, M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies.
Relevant Coursework: Economic Organization of Ancient Complex Societies
- 2012 University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A. in Anthropology and in German; Certificate in Archaeology. Graduated with distinction.
Relevant Coursework: Principles of Archaeology, Archaeology and the Prehistoric World, Field Course in Archaeology, Ancient Technology and Invention

Languages

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| German | Proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking (high pass on UChicago Graduate Student Reading Exam) |
| Turkish | Working knowledge |
| French | Reading knowledge (high pass on UChicago Graduate Student Reading Exam) |
| Russian | Working knowledge |
| Uzbek | Working knowledge |

Honors

Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors Organization
Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society
Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society
Delta Phi Alpha German Honors Society

Field Experience

- 2018 Field lab supervisor for the Project to the Ancient Murghab and the Archaeological Map of the Murghab Delta. Oversaw the processing and documentation of artifacts found in surveys undertaken by PAM and excavations conducted under AMMD. Ensured artifacts were cleaned, categorized, and photographed properly. Aided in excavations.
- 2016 Survey coordinator and object registrar for the Kotayk Survey Project. Assisted with survey in the field. Ensured sufficient collection and documentation materials were with the survey team. Created database of objects found on survey and in excavation. Assisted in the creation of the digital elevation models of identified fortresses.
- 2016 Survey coordinator and object registrar for the Vayots Dzor Fortress Landscapes Project. Assisted with survey in the field. Ensured sufficient collection and documentation materials were with the survey team. Assisted in creation of master list of recorded locations. Created database of objects found in the field.
- 2015 Assistant registrar for the Neubauer Expedition to Zincirli Höyük. Assisted the registrar in the identification, preliminary analysis, registration, organization and storage of artifacts recovered from excavation. Took over all registrar duties during last week of project, as head registrar had to return early.
- 2015 Surveyor for Nakhchivan Archaeological Project Survey. Assisted the survey director in collection of ceramics and documentation of visible architecture. Drew diagnostic sherds found as part of the survey.
- 2013 Square supervisor for the Neubauer Expedition to Zincirli Höyük. Excavated courtyard of a Neo-Assyrian domestic building. Documented excavation and oversaw mapping done by square assistants. Labeled photos and maps in OCHRE database. Transferred data from in-field tablets to computer system.
- 2012 Square assistant for the Neubauer Expedition to Zincirli Höyük. Excavated rooms of a Neo-Assyrian complex under Dr. David Schloen of the University of Chicago. Helped square supervisor with mapping and documentation in field notebooks. Sorted ceramic finds. Assisted zooarchaeologist in sifting soil samples in order to find remains of microfauna.

2009 Field school. Excavated Classic Mayan house mounds under Dr. Jason Yaeger of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Learned basics of excavation, field documentation, and artifact processing.

Other Relevant Work Experience

2013-Present Persepolis Fortification Archive Project. Photographed tablets for PTM images and scanned tablets for high resolution imaging (Oct. 2013-May 2014). Work with OCHRE database to create normalization of PFA texts from the transliteration and ensure words are linked to the proper glossary entry. Make sure notes on texts appear correctly in database (May 2014-present).

2020 Instructor of Record for Introduction to the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East 1: Mesopotamia. Created my own syllabus and curriculum for the introductory course for Mesopotamian archaeology. Taught mixed class of undergraduate and graduate students during the 2020 Winter Quarter at the University of Chicago.

2016 Research Assistant for Modeling the Antiquities Trade in Iraq and Syria. Headed the data entry for artifacts found at Tell Bi'a into OCHRE database and assisted with the entry of artifacts for Dura Europos, which were used in the creation of a model to estimate the possible value of archaeological materials to the Islamic State and other insurgent groups in Iraq and Syria.

Awards and Grants

2016 Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award

2015 Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarship

2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Summer Intensive Intermediate Turkish.

2014-2015 Tuition Waiver (University of Chicago)

2013-2016, 2018 Helen Rich Travel Grant (University of Chicago) for excavation at Zincirli Höyük (2013, 2015) and Surezha (2014), survey in Nakhchivan (2015), Vayots Dzor, and Kotayk (2016), and work at Togolok 1 (2018)

Lectures

2020 “Uncovering a Lost Civilization: Archaeology and the Bronze Age of Central Asia.” Public lecture through the Barrington Area Public Library on the BMAC. July 30, 2020.

2020 “Preliminary Thoughts on Khanates, Qalas, and Urban Forms in Central Asia and their Possible Application to the BMAC.” Presentation for the Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop of the University of Chicago. March 4, 2020

2019 “The Neolithic Revolution: Precursors, Process, and Aftermath.” Invited lecture for the undergraduate course Introduction to the Middle East. April 17, 2019