

Madeline Stone Snyder
Anthropology Ph.D. Student
Curriculum Vitae

Department of Anthropology
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Environmental Anthropology University of Texas at San Antonio Advisor: Dr. M. Kathryn Brown	<i>in pursuit</i>
M.A. in Environmental Anthropology University of Texas at San Antonio Advisor: Dr. M. Kathryn Brown	2025
B.A. in Anthropology, <i>summa cum laude</i> University of Massachusetts Boston	2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Maya Commoner Archaeology, Household Archaeology, Settlement Pattern Analysis, Ritual Economy, Political Economy, Social Memory, LiDAR, GIS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professional Appointments

2025-Present	Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio Introduction to Anthropology, Fall 2025 - 65 students, hybrid modality, 16-week semester Introduction to Anthropology, Spring 2026 - 65 students, hybrid modality, 16-week semester - 75 students, hybrid modality, 16-week semester
2023	Instructor of Record, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio Introduction to Archaeology, Fall 2023 - 85 students, hybrid modality, 16-week semester

Assistantship Positions

2020-2025	Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio Introduction to Biological Anthropology, Spring 2025 - 75 students, hybrid modality, 16-week semester Introduction to Biological Anthropology, Fall 2024 - 75 students, hybrid modality, 16-week semester Death and Dying, Spring 2024 - 65 students, face-to-face modality, 16-week semester Digital Archaeology, Spring 2023 - 20 students, face-to-face modality, 16-week semester Great Discoveries in Archaeology, Fall 2022 - 75 students, face-to-face modality, 16-week semester
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	Introduction to Archaeology, Fall 2021
	- 85 students, hybrid modality, 16-week semester
	Great Discoveries in Archaeology, Spring 2021
	- 65 students, online modality, 16-week semester
	Language, Thought, and Culture, Fall 2020
	- 120 students, online modality, 16-week semester
2018	Course Mentor, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Boston
	The Rise and Fall of the Maya, Fall 2018
	- 40 students, face-to-face modality, 16-week semester
2014	Supplemental Instruction Leader, Department of Mathematics, Northern Essex Community College, Massachusetts
	Calculus I, Summer 2014
	- 50 students, face-to-face modality, 6-week semester

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Field Experience

2022-2025	Operation Director, Mopan Valley Preclassic Project Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize
2019	Junior Staff, Programme for Belize Archaeological Project Mulch'en Witz and Las Abejas, Belize
2018	Field School Student, Programme for Belize Archaeological Project Tzak Naab, Belize

Lab Experience

2022	Research Assistant, Mesoamerican Lab, University of Texas at San Antonio
2018	Volunteer Lab Technician, Fiske Center for Archaeological Research, University of Massachusetts Boston

RESEARCH GRANTS

External

<i>Submitted</i>	Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research, American Philosophical Society, \$5,000
<i>Submitted</i>	PaleoWest Foundation Graduate Scholarship, PaleoWest Foundation, \$2,000
2020	COVID Microgrants, The Black Trowel Collective, \$150

Internal

2025	Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$700
2024	Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$875
2024	International Education Fund, Education Abroad, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$1,000
2024	Student Membership Award, Archaeology Division, American Anthropological Association, \$129
2023	Student Membership Scholarship, Southwest Texas Archaeological Society, Archaeological Institute of America, San Antonio, TX, \$60
2023	Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$1,200
2022	Student Membership Scholarship, Southwest Texas Archaeological Society, Archaeological Institute of America, San Antonio, TX, \$60

2022	International Education Fund, Education Abroad, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$250
2022	Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$1,200
2021	Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Anthropology: Writing Program, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$750
2021	Graduate School Research Award, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$4,500

INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2025	Graduate Student Professional Development Award, The Graduate School, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$750
2024	Richard E. W. Adams Endowed Scholarship, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$1,500
2024	Graduate Student Professional Development Award, The Graduate School, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$750
2023	COLFA Experiential Learning Scholarship, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$500
2022	COLFA Experiential Learning Scholarship, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$500
2020	Anthropology Department Teaching Fellowship, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$40,000
2020	Flawn Scholarship, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$1,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024	Jane Findling Award, University Life Awards, The University of Texas at San Antonio
2023	Senator of the Month, Student Government Association, The University of Texas at San Antonio, October
2023	First Place (Doctorate) in the Oral Presentation category, 2023 COLFA Research Conference and Showcase, University of Texas at San Antonio, \$300
2019	Outstanding Senior in Anthropology, Graduation Certificate of Merit, University of Massachusetts Boston
2019	Recognition in the Anthropology Major, Graduation Certificate of Merit, University of Massachusetts Boston

PUBLICATIONS

2025	Brown, M. Kathryn, Horowitz, Rachel A., and Madeline Stone Snyder , Recent Investigations at the Site of Las Ruinas de Arenal. Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology 1:169-180.
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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

2026	Madeline Stone Snyder and Carolyn Friewald, Construction of Memory: Household Ancestor Veneration at Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 30 th
2025	Madeline Stone Snyder , (Re)Building the Self: A Household Construction History from Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica, San Antonio, Texas, October 30 th
2025	Madeline Stone Snyder , Refining a Late Classic Household Chronology: New Insights from Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, April 26 th

- 2024 M. Kathryn Brown, Rachel Horowitz, **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Rebecca Morris, and David Burns, Recent Investigations at the Site of Las Ruinas de Arenal. Coauthor, Belizean Archaeological Symposium, Institute of Archaeology, Belize, June 28th
- 2024 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, The Negotiation of Status: New Insights into a Late Classic Household at Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 21st
- 2023 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Place and Privilege: Recent Research from a Late Classic Household at Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica, San Antonio, Texas, November 18th
- 2023 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Ties to the Ancestors: Examining a Late Classic Maya Household at Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, April 1st
- 2023 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Ties to the Ancestors: Examining a Late Classic Maya Household at Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. College of Liberal and Fine Arts 23rd Annual Spring Research Conference, University of Texas at San Antonio, March 21st
- 2022 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Investigating Ancient Maya Agricultural Practices and Household Economy: A View from the Mopan River Valley, Belize. College of Liberal and Fine Arts 22nd Annual Spring Research Conference, University of Texas at San Antonio, March 24th

Posters Presented

- 2024 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, K.T. Hanson, and Jeni Brett, The Stories We Tell (Ourselves): Narration, Translation, and Knowledge Creation Across the Subdisciplines. Poster Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida, November 21st

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- 2026 The Joyful Journey: Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Professional Development Series, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning
- 2025 Mental Health First Aid Training, National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- 2024 Dialogue Across Difference, Center for Dialogue and Deliberation, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2024 CV Professionalization Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2024 Poster Presentations Professionalization Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2021 Roadrunner Assistantship Academy, Academic Innovation University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2021 “All About CVs” Professionalization Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2020 “Publishing in Anthropology” Professionalization Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at San Antonio

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee Service

- 2025-Present Graduate Student Representative, Academic, Student, and Faculty Affairs Task Force, UTSA and UT Health San Antonio Integration, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2024-2025 College of Liberal and Fine Arts Representative, Ph.D. Advisory Committee, University of Texas at San Antonio

2024-2025 Teaching Assistant Representative, Teaching and Learning with GenAI Faculty Guidelines Committee, Academic Innovation, University of Texas at San Antonio

Presentations and Public Talks

2024 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Metanarratives as Methodology in Archaeological Fieldwork. Anthropology Lunch Talk, University of Texas at San Antonio, March 27th

2024 Student Panelist, UT System Conference: Innovating Teaching & Learning in the Era of Generative AI, University of Texas at San Antonio, March 8th

2023 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Negotiating Space and Status: Household Archaeology at Las Ruinas de Arenal, Belize. Three Minute Thesis, Graduate School, University of Texas at San Antonio, October 18th

2022 Student Presenter, Bold Moments Showcase, University of Texas at San Antonio, October 20th

2021 **Madeline Stone Snyder**, Investigating Ancient Maya Agricultural Practices and Household Economy: A View from the Mopan River Valley, Belize. Anthropology Lunch Talk, University of Texas at San Antonio, November 24th

Other

2025 Organizer and Moderator, Anthropology Graduate Student Association Research Symposium, Anthropology Department, University of Texas at San Antonio, November 6th

2025 Volunteer, South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica Organization Committee, 13th Annual South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica, University of Texas at San Antonio, October 30th – November 1st

2024 Judge, Experiential Learning Fair, Honors College, University of Texas at San Antonio, November 13th

2024 Organizer and Moderator, Graduate Student Panel, Student Government Association, University of Texas at San Antonio, March 21st

2022 Judge, Experiential Learning Fair, Honors College, University of Texas at San Antonio, April 11th – 18th

2021 Invited Gallery Guide, The UTSA Fall Signature Event featuring the “Nature, Power, and Maya Royals” exhibit, San Antonio Museum of Art, November 10th

2021 Panel Moderator, Graduate Research Symposium, Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honors Society (Gamma of Texas), University of Texas at San Antonio, November 3rd

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2021-Present Executive Committee, Anthropology Graduate Student Association, University of Texas at San Antonio

2024-2025 Speaker of the Senate, 49th Student Government Association, University of Texas at San Antonio

2023-2025 Graduate Senator, Student Government Association, University of Texas at San Antonio

2023-2024 Vice Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, 48th Student Government Association, University of Texas at San Antonio

2018-2019 Vice President, Anthropology Club, University of Massachusetts Boston

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

2025 Consulting Scientist, First Lego League Competition, Skype a Scientist, October-December

2025 Volunteer, International Archaeology Day, Southwest Texas Archaeological Society, Archaeological Institute of America, San Antonio, Texas, October 18th

2025 Volunteer, Archaeology Day, Mopan Valley Preclassic Project/Mopan Valley Archaeology Project, San Jose Succotz, Belize, July 20th

2025 Presenter, Archaeology on Tap, San Antonio, Texas, February 20th

2024 Volunteer, Archaeology Day, Mopan Valley Preclassic Project/Mopan Valley Archaeology Project, San Jose Succotz, Belize, July 21st

2023 Volunteer, International Archaeology Day, Southwest Texas Archaeological Society, Archaeological Institute of America, San Antonio, Texas, October 21st

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2022-Present Student Member, Society for American Archaeology

2022-Present Graduate Student Member, Archaeological Institute of America

2019-Present Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society

2024-2025 Student Member, American Anthropological Association

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Advanced Biological Anthropology

Andean Archaeology and Ethnography

Anthro in the Anthropocene

Archaeological Research Techniques

Archaeology of Household and Residence

Ecological Anthropology

Footsteps of the Early Maya Explorers

Geographical Information Systems

History, Method, and Theory in Archaeology

Lab Methods in Anthropology

Landscapes and Settlement

Maya Civilizations

Professional Skills Development in Anthropology

Spatial Techniques in Anthropology

Theory in Cultural Anthropology