# **Zack Batist**

**Education** 

In progress Ph.D – Information Studies

University of Toronto, Toronto Supervisor: Dr. Costis Dallas

2012 – 2014 M.A. – Anthropology

McMaster University, Hamilton

Thesis: Obsidian Circulation Networks in Southwest Asia and Anatolia (12,000 - 5700 B.P.): A

Comparative Approach Supervisor: Dr. Tristan Carter

2009 – 2012 B.A. – Directed Interdisciplinary Studies, High Honours

Carleton University, Ottawa

Thesis: Feasting In Bronze Age Greece: A Network Analysis Approach

Supervisor: Dr. Shawn Graham, Department of History

2007 – 2009 D.E.C. – Social Sciences

Dawson College, Montreal

## **Research & Teaching Interests**

• Construction, maintenance and interoperability of archaeological data

- Theoretical implications of semantic web technologies
- Regional and multi-site archaeological analysis, especially with regards to network analysis, geo-spatial analysis, and other computational methods
- Procurement and utilization of raw materials, as a vector for understanding long-distance interaction and exchange throughout prehistory
- Chemical characterization and sourcing of obsidian artefacts
- Representation of archaeology in science fiction and fantasy
- Human = technology interaction

#### **Publications**

**Zack Batist**. DObsiSS: The Database of Obsidian Sourcing Studies. ZENODO.

http://dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.55848

2014 Kyle P. Freund & **Zack Batist**. Sardinian Obsidian Circulation and Early Maritime Navigation in the

Neolithic as Shown through Social Network Analysis. *Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology* 

9(3):364-380.

2009 Martin Loignon, Weimin Miao, Lianggao Hu, Amélie Bouchard, Tarek A. Bismar, P. James Scrivens,

Koren Mann, Mark Basik, Pierre Fiset, **Zachary Batist** and Gerald Batist. Frequent Nrf2 depletion due to Cul3 overexpression in breast cancer is associated with sensitivity to carcinogens, oxidative

stress and chemotherapy. *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics* 8(8):2432-2440.

## Research Experience

2016 Database Manager

Stélida Naxos Archaeological Project, McMaster University

Supervisor: Dr. Tristan Carter

2015 July Fieldworker

Kissonerga-Skalia, Cyprus

Directed by Dr. Lindy Crewe, University of Manchester

2015 June Fieldworker

Ais Yiorkis, Cyprus

Directed by Dr. Alan Simmons, University of Nevada at Las Vegas

2011 June Fieldschool Participant

Tel Dor, Israel

Directed by Dr. Sarah Stroup, University of Washington

2009 Research Assistant

Redpath Museum, McGill University

Supervisor: Dr. Mitch Irwin

2007 – 2009 Research Assistant

Molecular Pharmacology Laboratory, Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research

Supervisor: Dr. Wilson Miller

Teaching Experience

2016 Winter Teaching Assistant, McMaster University

Archaeology and Popular Culture (ANTH 2PC3)

2015 Fall Teaching Assistant, McMaster University

World Archaeology (ANTH 2WA3E)

2015 Winter Teaching Assistant, McMaster University

Introduction to Anthropology: Identity, Race and Power (ANTH 1AB3E)

2014 Fall Teaching Assistant, McMaster University

World Archaeology (ANTH 2WA3)

2014 Winter Teaching Assistant, McMaster University

World Archaeology (ANTH 2WA3)

2013 Fall Teaching Assistant, McMaster University

Introduction to Anthropology: Sex, Food and Death (ANTH 1AA3)

2012 Fall Teaching Assistant, McMaster University

Introduction to Anthropology: Identity, Race and Power (ANTH 1AB3)

## Other Academic Work & Professional Experienced

2012 – 2016 Webmaster

Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology

2013 – 2014 Faculty Representative – Social Sciences

Graduate Students Association, McMaster University

2010 Web Design

Segal Cancer Centre, Jewish General Hospital

2008 – 2009 Distribution Manager

The Plant: Dawson College's Student Press

#### **Conferences & Workshops**

**Presenter** 

2015 January The Database of Obsidian Sourcing Studies (DObsiSS): Using Git for Collaborative Management

of Archaeological Data

Annual Meeting 2015 – New Orleans, LA The Archaeological Institute of America

2014 March An Examination of Obsidian Circulation Patterns in Terms of Relational and Geographical Distance in

Southwest Asia and Anatolia from the Epi-Palaeolithic to Chalcolithic Periods (14000 – 5700 B.P.)

Archaeological Sciences and the Ancient Mediterranean Environment

The Archaeological Centre, University of Toronto

2014 January Using Network Analysis to Examine Relative Resource Procurement Strategies in Anatolia and

Southwest Asia from the Epipaleolithic to Chalcolithic Periods (14,000 – 5700 BP)

Annual Meeting 2014 – Chicago, IL The Archaeological Institute of America

2013 November Tracking the Circulation of Sardinian Obsidian using Network Analysis: Lithic Procurement,

Cultural Interaction, and Early Maritime Navigation in the Neolithic

Networks of maritime connectivity in the ancient Mediterranean: Structure, continuity, and change

over the longue durée

The Archaeology Centre, University of Toronto

2013 September Using network analysis to examine obsidian assemblage variability in Anatolia and Southwest Asia

from the Epi-Palaeolithic to Chalcolithic periods (14000 – 5700 BP)

The Future of Historical Network Research Conference Historical Network Research, University of Hamburg 2013 March Using Network Analysis to Investigate Regional Interaction in Southwest Asia and Anatolia from the Epi-Palaeolithic to the Chalcolithic Periods First Graduate Student Social Science Speaker Series Graduate Student Association, McMaster University 2012 March Eat, Drink and Be Networked: Feasting and Bronze Age Networks Invited Panelist – Colloquium on Digital History and the Transnational History of Nursing Department of History, Carleton University **Participant** 2015 November OpenCon 2015 The Right to Research Coalition & The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) The Connected Past: Network Analysis for Archaeologists and Historians 2013 September The Connected Past, University of Southampton 2013 September Twelfth Mathematics of Networks meeting Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute & The Southampton Initiative in Mathematical Modelling, University of Southampton 2011 October THAT Camp: The Humanities and Technology Camp Ryerson University Organizer 2014 March The 2nd Annual Social Science Multidisciplinary Colloquium Graduate Students Association, McMaster University **Honours & Awards** 2015 September McMaster University Travel Scholarship for OpenCon 2015 McMaster University Library **GSA** Travel Assistance Grant 2015 July School of Graduate Studies, McMaster University Edith M. Wightman Travel Scholarship 2015 April School of Graduate Studies, McMaster University Graduate Student Travel Award 2015 January Archaeological Institute of America McMaster University Travel Scholarship for OpenCon 2014 [Declined] 2014 October McMaster University Library Robert P. Wolff Thesis Prize 2014 August Society for Philosophy & Culture, McMaster University Graduate Student Travel Award 2013 December Archaeological Institute of America 2013 September **GSA** Travel Assistance Grant School of Graduate Studies, McMaster University Edith M. Wightman Travel Scholarship 2013 April School of Graduate Studies, McMaster University 2012 June Dean's Honour List Carleton University 2012 June Michael Kelway Oliver Scholarship Carleton University 2011 November Full Tuition Scholarship [Declined] Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria Concordia University Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Award 2007 April Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair 2007 April Concordia University Faculty of Arts and Sciences Award Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair Gold Medal 2007 April

Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair

Certificate of Excellence - Canadian History Award Provincial Association of Social Science Teachers

2006 June

- Languages
  Bilingual English and French
- Hebrew (reading, writing and verbal comprehension)
- Ancient Greek (reading and writing)

# **Other Unique Skillsets**

- Web design
- Database management
- Geographic information systems
   Statistical computing & network analysis