

# Aaron R. Comstock

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## EDUCATION

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- PhD** Anthropology (2017)  
Dissertation: *Climate Change, Migration, and the Emergence of Village Life on the Mississippian Periphery: A Middle Ohio Valley Case Study.*  
Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.
- MA** Anthropology (2011)  
Thesis: *Measuring Variation in End Scraper Morphology at Nobles Pond, a Gainey Phase Paleoindian Site in Northeast Ohio.*  
Kent State University. Kent, Ohio.
- BA** Anthropology (2008)  
Thesis: *Regional Specialization in the Middle Woodland Period: Variation in Lithic Strategies Exhibited by Ohio Hopewell Households.*  
State University of New York (SUNY) College at Geneseo. Geneseo, New York.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Director, IUE Archaeology Research Center	Indiana University East Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography	2020- Present
Lecturer	Ohio State University Newark	2018 - 2020
Postdoctoral Researcher	Ohio State University Department of Anthropology	2017 - 2019
Geospatial Data Specialist	Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology	2017
Graduate Teaching Associate	Ohio State University Department of Anthropology	2011-2017
Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant	Kent State University Department of Anthropology	2009-2011
Field Archaeologist	Gray and Pape Inc.	2008-2009

## SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

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<i>National Endowment for the Humanities – Humanities Connections Planning Grant: “Experiential Humanities at Indiana University East: An interdisciplinary participatory model for humanities education”</i> – <b>\$34,980</b>	2023
Indiana University East Horizon Service Award (Nominated)	2023
Atmospheric Science Librarians International 2022 ASLI’s CHOICE award for a history monograph related to atmospheric science (for: <i>Following the Mississippian Spread: Climate Change and Migration in the Eastern US (CA. AD 1000-1600)</i> )	2022
Indiana University Digital Gardener Faculty Fellowship	2022
<i>IU Women’s Philanthropy Leadership Council Grant</i> (With Christina Emery, Marcus Schulenburg, and Logan York) – “Past, Present, and Future Stewardship of Native Village Space: Integrating Indigenous Voices to Preserve our Cultural Landscapes” - <b>\$17,511</b>	2021
<i>IU Emergency Equity Fund for Research Award</i> – Fostering Student Engagement in Archaeology at IUE - <b>\$2,490</b>	2021
Ohio State University – Newark, Teaching Excellence Award (Nominated)	2019
<i>Ohio Archaeological Council Essenpreis Grant</i> (with Deanna Grimstead and Robert Cook) - "An Evaluation of Maize Niche Construction in the Ohio Valley, Ohio, USA for the Development of Garden Hunting Patches" - <b>\$1,100</b>	2017
Ohio State University Department of Anthropology Outstanding Dissertation Award	2017
Ohio State University Graduate Teaching Award (Nominated)	2016- 2017
<i>National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant</i> (Grant #: 1545138) - Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: Long Term Processes of Cultural Interaction and Change - <b>\$25,207</b>	2015
<i>American Philosophical Society Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research</i> - Becoming Villagers: A Late Woodland/Fort Ancient Case Study in Southwest Ohio - <b>\$4,700</b>	2015
<i>Ohio State University Department of Anthropology Larsen Award</i> - <b>\$1,900</b>	2015
<i>Ohio State University Department of Anthropology Larsen Award</i> - <b>\$2,000</b>	2014

## PENDING AND NOT FUNDED GRANTS

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Register of Professional Archaeologists Equipment Grant - \$766 (not funded)	2021
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## **STUDENTS ADVISED**

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Russell, Katie – Indiana University East (Honors Program) 2021-2023  
Thesis title: Creating Greece.

Inman, Jamie – Indiana University East (SUMRS Program) 2022-present  
Project Title: Piecing Together Past Lives: Using Pottery Refit Analysis to Disentangle Prehistoric Households in Southwest Ohio.

Baker, Sydney– Ohio State University (BA) 2017-2020  
Thesis Title: Shifting Subsistence Patterns as a Result of Environmental Changes along the Little and Great Miami Rivers of Ohio (Research Thesis, BA).  
Current Position: Executive Assistant, Mark Twain House and Museum, Hartford, CT

## **STUDENTS PROJECTS AND AWARDS**

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Jamie Inman – Poster Presentation at IUE Student Research Day (2022).  
*Decolonizing Archaeology through Repatriation*. Won first place in poster competition.

Katie Russell, Ryan Tincher, and Nick Mustin – Poster Presentation at IUE Student Research Day (2022). *Testing Turner’s Thermal Features: Results from an Experimental Project at the Archaeology Research Center*. Won second place in poster competition.

Sandy Zimmerman – Poster Presentation at IUE Student Research Day (2021)  
*Magical and Ritual Beliefs as Justification for Murder, Enslavement, or Wrongful Death*.  
Won second place in poster competition.

## **EXTERNAL STUDENT COMMITTEES**

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### Active Committees:

Schulenburg, Marcus (PhD candidate, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Raab, Bailey (MA Student, Northern Illinois University)

### Past Committees:

Dooley, Stephanie (MA Student, University of Louisville)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### Edited Volumes

Cook, Robert A. and **Aaron R. Comstock** (editors, peer-reviewed volume)

2022 Following the Mississippian Spread: Climate Change and Migration in the Eastern US (ca. AD 1000-1600). Springer Press. [Volume Link](#).

Cook, Robert A. and **Aaron R. Comstock** (editors, peer-reviewed volume)

n.d. The Neolithic Transition in the New World: Ritual Integration and Hybridity at the Guard Site, an Early Farming Community in the Midwest U.S. In contract with the University Press of Florida.

### Peer Reviewed Articles

Cook, Robert, Marcus Schulenburg, **Aaron Comstock** and Kyra Pazan  
n.d. Examining Architecture and Probing the Plaza: Preliminary Report of 2014-2015 Field Investigations at the Guard Site (12D29). Paper in press in: *Indiana Archaeology Journal*.

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
2022 Modeling Diachronic Changes in Site Location Preferences Related to an Agricultural Transition: A Middle Ohio Valley Case Study. *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* 47(2):153-180.

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
2021 Contextualizing Mississippian Migration in Early Fort Ancient Villages: Preliminary Results from Recent Excavations at the Turpin Site (33Ha19). *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* 46(1):53-82.

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
2018 Climate Change and Migration along a Mississippian Periphery: A Fort Ancient Example. *American Antiquity* 83(1):91-109.

Cook, Robert and **Aaron Comstock**  
2015 Focusing on the Old Wood Problem: A Response to Hart and Nolan. *American Antiquity* 80(3):613-614.

Cook, Robert, **Aaron Comstock**, Kristie Martin, and Jarrod Burks  
2015 Early Village Life in Southeast Indiana: Recent Field Investigations at the Guard Site (12D29). *Southeastern Archaeology* 34(2):95-115.

Cook, Robert and **Aaron Comstock**  
2014 Evaluating the "Old Wood" Problem in a Temperate Climate: A Fort Ancient Case Study. *American Antiquity* 79(4):763-775.

Cook, Robert and **Aaron Comstock**  
2014 Toward More Continuous Artifact Analyses: Defining Key Dimensions of Fort Ancient Triangular Projectile Points. *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* 39(3):222-250.

Seeman, Mark, Thomas J. Loebel, **Aaron Comstock**, and Gary Summers  
2013 Working with Wilmsen: Paleoindian End Scraper Design and Use and Nobles Pond. *American Antiquity* 78(3):407.

### Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

Cook, Robert A., Marcus A. Schulenburg, and **Aaron R. Comstock**  
n.d. On the Identification of Villages: Temporal and Formal Considerations between Early Nucleated Villages in the Miami Valleys and Neighboring Mississippian Regions. In *Arcuate Communities of the Eastern Woodlands*, edited by M. Menz, A. Hollingshead, and H. Messer. University of Alabama Press. In Press.

**Comstock, Aaron R.**, Robert A. Cook, John H. Blitz, and Mary L. Simon  
2022 Climate Change and Migration Among Early Agriculturalists: From Global to Mississippian Perspectives. In *Following the Mississippian Spread: Climate Change and Migration in the Eastern US (ca. AD 1000-1600)*, pp. 1-34. Edited by Robert A. Cook and Aaron R. Comstock. Springer Press.

Cook, Robert A. and **Aaron R. Comstock**  
2022 Moving In and Moving On: Climate Change and Mississippian Migration in the Middle Ohio Valley. In *Following the Mississippian Spread: Climate Change and Migration in the Eastern US (ca. AD 1000-1600)*, pp. 197-226. Edited by Robert A. Cook and Aaron R. Comstock. Springer Press.

Pacheco, Paul and **Aaron Comstock**  
Regional Specialization in the Middle Woodland Period: Variation in Lithic Strategies Exhibited by Ohio Hopewell Households. In Press in *The Rise and Fall of a Hopewellian Polity in Licking County, Ohio: Studies in Ohio Archaeology in Honor of Olaf Prufer*.

### **Papers in Preparation**

**Comstock, Aaron**, Sydney Baker, and Robert Cook  
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) Hunting Strategies by Early Agriculturalists in the Context of Climate, Diet, and Culture Change: A Fort Ancient Case from the Little Miami River Valley in Southwest Ohio, USA. Paper Submitted to the *Journal of Environmental Archaeology*.

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
Early Maize in the Middle Ohio Valley: Recent Dates from the Turpin Site. Paper Submitted to *American Antiquity*.

**Comstock, Aaron**, Katie Russell, and Ryan Tincher  
Experimental Replication of Thermal Features from the Turner Earthworks. *Manuscript in prep for the Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology*.

**Comstock, Aaron**, Robert Cook, and Jarrod Burks  
A Multi-phase Method for Examining Site Structure at Complex Archaeological Sites: A Fort Ancient Example. *Manuscript in prep for American Antiquity*. (80% complete).

**Comstock, Aaron**, Robert Cook, and Marcus Schulenburg  
Hidden in Plain Sight: Mississippi Plain Pottery at early Fort Ancient sites in the Middle Ohio Valley. *Manuscript in prep for American Antiquity*. (30% complete).

Anthony, Alex, Marcus Schulenburg, Robert Cook, and **Aaron Comstock**  
Digging in the Archives: Using Land Ownership Documents to Analyze the Guard Site, an Early Fort Ancient Village. *Manuscript in prep for Journal of Historical Geography*. (30% complete).

Orsborn, Rachel, **Aaron Comstock**, Deanna N. Grimstead, and Jules Angel  
Environment and ecology of Late Fort Ancient freshwater mollusk subsistence practices,  
Proctorville, Ohio, U.S.A. *Manuscript in prep for Journal of Ohio Archaeology*. (20%  
complete)

**Comstock, Aaron**, Robert Cook, Paul Sciulli, and Jules Angel  
Dog sacrifice as household commemoration: An example from the Turpin site in  
Southwest Ohio. *Manuscript in prep for the Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology*.  
(20% complete).

## **Reports**

Marcus Schulenberg, Robert Cook, and **Aaron Comstock**  
2020 *Assessment of Site Preservation and Mitigation of Post-contact and Recent Disturbances  
at the Guard Site (12D29): The 2020 Field Season*. Report submitted to the Indiana  
Department of Natural Resources.

Cook, Robert, **Aaron Comstock**, and Marcus Schulenberg  
2018 *Exploring the Plaza of an Early Fort Ancient Village: Results of 2016 and 2017  
Excavations at the Guard Site (12D29), Dearborn County, Indiana*. Report submitted to  
the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Kenneth Steinman, Kelly Yotebieng, Samantha Schoeppner, **Aaron Comstock**, Lauren Phelps,  
Deanna Wilkinson  
2017 How Can Ohio Best Meet the needs of Crime Victims? Report submitted to the Ohio  
Attorney General's Office.

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
2016 Results of 2014-2015 Field Investigations at the Turpin Site (33HA19). Report submitted  
to Anderson Township, Ohio.

Cook, Robert, Marcus Schulenburg, and **Aaron Comstock**  
2016 Assessing Household Architecture in an Early Fort Ancient Village. Results of the 2014  
Field Season at the Guard Site (12D29), Dearborn County, Indiana. Report Submitted to  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Padgett Brian D., Clark S. Larsen, and **Aaron R. Comstock**  
2015 Cremated Human Remains from the McQueen Shell Ring, St. Catherines Island, Georgia  
(9Li1648). Unpublished report on file at the Nels Nelson North American Archaeology  
Laboratory, American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), New York.

**Comstock, Aaron**  
2013 Chipped Stone Artifacts. In *Early Village Life in Southeast Indiana Summary of the 2012  
OSU Excavations and Preliminary Artifact and Ecofact Analyses at the Guard Site,  
(12D29), Dearborn County, Indiana*. Edited by Robert A. Cook and Kristie R. Martin.  
Report Submitted to Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Whitman, Linda, Timothy Matney, and **Aaron Comstock**  
2011 Springfield Bog. Phase II Site Report Submitted to Summit County (Ohio) Metro Parks.

### **Published Abstracts**

Grote, Todd, Comstock, Aaron, Bird, Broxton W., Cook, Robert And Cross, Benjamin  
2022 Late Holocene Paleoenvironmental Change, Migration and the Emergence of the Fort  
Ancient Culture in the Middle Ohio River Valley [Paper abstract] Geological Society of  
America.

Padgett Brian D., Clark S. Larsen, David H. Thomas, Matthew Sanger, and **Aaron R.  
Comstock.**

2016 Bioarchaeology of Cremated Human Remains from the McQueen Shell Ring (9Li1648)  
on St. Catherines Island, Georgia. [Poster abstract] *American Journal of Physical  
Anthropology* 159 (S62): 246.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Organized Symposia**

Migration and Climate Change: The Spread of Mississippian Culture, ca. AD 1050-1400.  
2019 Society for American Archaeology Meeting (Albuquerque, New Mexico).

Ethnogenesis and Village Origins: Becoming Fort Ancient at the Guard Site, AD 1050-1300.  
2018 Midwest Archaeology Conference (South Bend, Indiana).

#### **Podium Presentations**

**Aaron Comstock**, Robert Cook, and Sydney Baker  
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) Hunting Strategies by Fort Ancient Agriculturalists  
in the Context of Climate, Diet, and Culture Change: A Case from the Little Miami River Valley  
in Southwest Ohio. Paper to be presented at the 2022 Midwest Archaeology Conference (La  
Crosse, Wisconsin).

Susan Kooiman and **Aaron Comstock**  
Environmental and Culinary Relationships in the Northern Great Lakes. Paper presented at the  
2021 Society for American Archaeology Meeting (Virtual Conference).

Susan Kooiman and **Aaron Comstock**  
Environmental and Culinary Relationships in the Northern Great Lakes. Paper to be presented at  
the 2020 Society for American Archaeology Meeting (Austin, Texas – Conference cancelled).

Cook, Robert and **Aaron Comstock**  
Migration and Ethnic Hybridity: Examining the Middle Ohio Valley Mississippian Periphery.  
Paper presented at the 2019 Society for American Archaeology Meeting (Albuquerque, New  
Mexico).

Cook, Robert, **Aaron Comstock**, Marcus Schulenburg, and Jarrod Burks  
Introducing the Guard Site: Context, Layout, and Key Research Questions at One of the First  
Fort Ancient Villages. Paper presented at the 2018 Midwest Archaeological Conference (South  
Bend, Indiana).

**Comstock, Aaron**, Robert Cook, and Marcus Schulenburg  
Chronological Complexity of the Guard Site: Combining AMS, OSL, and Fluoride Dating. Paper  
presented at the 2018 Midwest Archaeological Conference (South Bend, Indiana).

Schulenburg, Marcus, Robert Cook, and **Aaron Comstock**  
Pottery Morphology, Design, and Compositional Analysis at the Guard Site. Paper presented at  
the 2018 Midwest Archaeological Conference (South Bend, Indiana).

Hinkelman, Sarah, **Aaron Comstock**, and Robert Cook  
Lithic Tools and Production Debris at the Guard Site. Paper presented at the 2018 Midwest  
Archaeological Conference (South Bend, Indiana).

**Comstock, Aaron**, Robert Cook, and Marcus Schulenburg  
Fort Ancient Beginnings: The Guard Site in Regional Context. Paper presented at the 2018  
Midwest Archaeological Conference (South Bend, Indiana).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
Fort Ancient Beginnings: Examining the emergence of village life in the lower Miami Valleys.  
Paper presented at the 2017 Society for American Archaeology Meeting (Vancouver, British  
Columbia).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
Early Fort Ancient Development: Findings from the Turpin Site, Southwest Ohio. Paper  
presented at the 2016 Southeastern Archaeological Conference (Athens, Georgia).

Robert Cook, **Aaron Comstock**, and Jarrod Burks  
*Fort Ancient Beginnings: Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Turpin Site, Southwest  
Ohio*. Paper presented at the 2015 Southeastern Archaeological Conference (Nashville,  
Tennessee).

**Comstock, Aaron**, Robert Cook, and Jarrod Burks  
*Early Village Life in Southwest Ohio: Recent Excavations at the Turpin Site*. Paper presented at  
the 2015 Midwest Archaeological Conference (Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
*Updates from Recent Excavations at Turpin, the Newtown Type Site*. Paper presented at the Ohio  
Archaeological Council Fall meeting (Columbus, Ohio).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook  
*Site Location and the Transition to Maize Agriculture: A Middle Ohio Valley Example*. Paper  
presented at the Ohio State University Department of Anthropology 2014 Year in Anthropology



Conference (Columbus, Ohio).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook

*A Preliminary Reinvestigation of Turpin, the Newtown Type Site.* Paper presented at the 2014 Midwest Archaeological Conference annual meeting (Champaign, Illinois).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook

*Site Location and the Transition to Maize Agriculture: A Middle Ohio Valley Example.* Paper presented at the 2014 Society for American Archaeology meeting (Austin, Texas).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Stuart Nealis

*Exploring the Grey Literature on the "Good and Grey" Cultures: Reassessing the Late Woodland Period of the Middle Ohio River Valley.* Paper presented at the 2013 Midwest Archaeological Conference (Columbus, Ohio).

Seeman, Mark and **Aaron Comstock**

*A Morphological Analysis of End Scrapers at Nobles Pond (33ST357), A Gainey Phase Paleoindian Site in Northeast Ohio.* Paper presented at the 2012 Society for American Archaeology meeting (Memphis, Tennessee).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Robert Cook

*Key Dimensions of Fort Ancient Triangular Projectile Points: A Miami Valley Case Study.* Paper presented at 2012 the Midwestern Archaeological Conference (East Lansing, Michigan).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Paul Pacheco

*Regional Specialization in the Middle Woodland Period: Variation in Lithic Strategies Exhibited by Ohio Hopewell Households.* Paper presented at the Eastern States Archaeology Federation Fall 2008 Meeting (Lockport, New York).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Paul Pacheco

*Variation in Lithic Strategies Exhibited by Ohio Hopewell Households.* Paper presented at the 2008 Geneseo Recognizing Excellence, Achievement, and Talent Day Research Conference.

### **Poster Presentations**

**Aaron Comstock**, Katie Russell, and Ryan Tincher

Testing the "Pits and Tunnels" from the Turner Site: Preliminary Lessons from Experimental Replication of Enigmatic Thermal Features. Poster presented at the 2022 Midwest Archaeology Conference (La Crosse, Wisconsin).

Benjamin Cross, **Aaron Comstock**, and Todd Grote

Exploring Long-term Socioenvironmental Relationships in the Middle Ohio Valley Through Soils. Poster presented at the 2022 Midwest Archaeology Conference (La Crosse, Wisconsin).

Grote, Todd; **Comstock, Aaron**; Bird, Broxton W.; Cook, Robert; Cross, Benjamin  
Late Holocene Paleoenvironmental Change, Migration and the Emergence of the Fort Ancient  
Culture in the Middle Ohio River Valley. Paper presented at the 2022 Geological Society of  
America Joint North-Central/Southeastern Section (Cincinnati, Ohio).

York, Logan, Marcus Schulenburg, Evan Rouse, **Aaron Comstock**  
Testing Eastern Woodlands Metallurgy: Reconstructing a conducive history. Poster presented at  
the 2022 Society for American Archaeology Meetings (Chicago, Illinois).

**Comstock, Aaron**, Christina Emery, Logan York, and Marcus Schulenburg  
Developing a Multivocal, Sustainable Land Stewardship Plan for Archaeological Sites: A case  
study from the Archaeological Research Institute, Lawrenceburg, IN. Poster presented at the  
2022 Society for American Archaeology Meetings (Chicago, Illinois).

Grote, Todd, Broxton W. Bird, **Aaron Comstock**, and Benjamin Cross  
Late Prehistoric (1000-1500 CE) Mid-continental Hydroclimate Variability and the Emergence  
of The Fort Ancient Culture in the Middle Ohio River Valley. Poster presented at the 2021  
Midwest Archaeological Conference (Lansing, Michigan).

**Aaron Comstock** and Benjamin Cross  
Using Micromorphology to Clarify Structure Use and Decommissioning at an Early Fort Ancient  
Village in Southwest Ohio. Poster to be presented at the 2020 Society for American Archaeology  
Meetings (Austin, Texas – Conference cancelled).

Laura Crawford and **Aaron Comstock**  
Mississippian Fuel: the Contextual Diversity of Firewood Taxa at Turpin. Poster presented at the  
2018 Midwest Archaeology Conference (South Bend, Indiana).

**Aaron Comstock** and Robert Cook  
Hidden in Plain Sight: Mississippi Plain Pottery as an indicator of movement on the  
Mississippian periphery. Poster presented at the 2018 Society for American Archaeology  
Conference (Washington, D.C.).

Robert Cook and **Aaron Comstock**  
Climate, Corn, and Culture Change: the shift to Mississippian village life on the northeastern  
periphery. Poster presented at the 2017 Midwest Archaeological Conference (Indianapolis,  
Indiana).

Weiland, Andrew W., **Aaron Comstock**, M. Chase Gordon, and Robert Cook  
Examining Late Woodland and Early Fort Ancient plant use: preliminary archaeobotanical  
analysis of the Turpin site (33HA19). Poster presented at the 2016 Southeastern Archaeological  
Conference (Athens, Georgia).

Brian D. Padgett, Clark S. Larsen, David H. Thomas, Matthew Sanger, and **Aaron Comstock**  
*Bioarchaeology of Cremated Human Remains from the McQueen Shell Ring (9Li1648) on St.  
Catherines Island, Georgia*. Poster presented at the 2016 Year in Anthropology Conference  
(Columbus, Ohio).

Brian D. Padgett, Clark S. Larsen, David H. Thomas, Matthew Sanger, and **Aaron Comstock**  
*Bioarchaeology of Cremated Human Remains from the McQueen Shell Ring (9Li1648) on St. Catherines Island, Georgia*. Poster presented at the 2016 American Association of Physical Anthropologists meeting (Atlanta, Georgia).

Cook, Robert, **Aaron Comstock**, and Kristie Martin  
*Very Early and with Wall Trench Architecture and an Unusual Marker Post: Preliminary Analysis of the Guard Site Architectural Patterns and Reuse*. Poster presented at the 2013 Midwest Archaeological Conference (Columbus, Ohio).

**Comstock, Aaron**

*Organization of Lithic Technology: Preliminary Analysis of Chipped Stone Artifacts from the Guard Site*. Poster presented at the 2013 Midwest Archaeological Conference (Columbus, Ohio).

**Comstock, Aaron** and Paul Pacheco

*Variation in Lithic Strategies Exhibited by Ohio Hopewell Households*. Poster presented at the Ohio Archaeological Council Fall 2007 Meeting (Newark, Ohio).

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## TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor**, Indiana University East (2020-present)

Courses taught as sole instructor of record:

- Forensic Anthropology (Spring 2023)
- Fieldwork in Archaeology (Archaeological Field School) (Summer 2022-2023)
- Buried Cities and Lost Tribes of the New World (Spring 2022)
- Life in the Stone Age (Fall 2021)
- Mapping Our World (Fall 2021)
- Archaeology Field and Laboratory Methods (Summer 2021)
- Human Origins and Prehistory (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
- Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2020, Summer 2021, Summer 2022, Spring 2022)
- Biological Anthropology (Spring 2021)

**Lecturer**, Ohio State University (2017-2020)

Courses taught as sole instructor of record:

- Introduction to Physical Anthropology – Online (Summer 2020)
- Introduction to Physical Anthropology (Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Archaeology (Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)
- Mesoamerican Archaeology (Spring 2019)
- Introduction to Archaeology - Online (Fall 2017)
- Archaeological Field School - Off campus (Summer 2017)

**Graduate Teaching Associate, Ohio State University (2012-2017)**

Courses taught as sole instructor of record:

- Crisis: An Anthropological Perspective of Global Issues seminar (Fall 2016-Spring 2017)
- Introduction to Archaeology - Online (Spring 2016, Summer 2016)
- Introduction to Archaeology (Fall 2015)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Online) (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
- Cultural Conflict in Developing Nations seminar (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)
- World Prehistory: An Anthropological Perspective (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

Courses taught as teaching assistant:

- Archaeological Field School (Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Summer 2017)

**Instructor, Columbus State Community College (2014-2018)**

Courses taught as sole instructor of record:

- Peoples and Cultures: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2016, Spring 2018)
- World Prehistory: An Anthropological Perspective (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
- Introduction to Biological Anthropology (Fall 2014; Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kent State University (2009 – 2011)**

- Introduction to Archaeology (Fall 2009 - Spring 2010)
- Archaeological Laboratory Analysis (Spring 2010)

**Teaching Assistant, SUNY Geneseo (2006-2008)**

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

**Mentoring**

- Anthropology Graduate Teaching Mentorship Program - Ohio State University (2011-2017)
- Undergraduate Anthropology Mentorship Program (UAMP) Mentor – Ohio State University (2011-2017)

**PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS**

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IU Digital Gardener Faculty Fellowship

- Making Videos for Academic Purposes in Adobe Premiere Rush (9/23/2022).
- Integrating Digital Literacy into Curricula workshop (9/9/2022).
- Digital Survival Skills e-badge program (Michelle Bartley-Taylor, Center of Excellence for Women & Technology). 9/2/2022.

Teaching for Student Success Course (2021)

- Training workshop (Deborah Miller IUE)

Transgender and Nonbinary Safezone Training (2021)

- Training workshop (Deborah Miller IUE)

Facilitation Interaction in Online Courses Workshop (2020)

- Workshop (IUE CFD)

Student Campus Engagement Workshop (2020)

- Workshop (Carrie Reisner, IUE)

Course Peer Review Training Workshop (2020)

- Workshop (Robin Morgan, IUSE)

Quality Matters: Applying the Standards at IU workshop (2020)

- One day seminar on applying QM standards at Indiana University.

Getting started with 3D modeling using Tinkercad, Indiana University IT Training (2020)

- 3D Modeling seminar (Jeannette Lehr, IU)

Ohio State University Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning

- Drake Institute Teaching Support Program, online teaching pedagogy seminar (2020)

Soil Micromorphology in Archaeology

- One-week intensive course taught by Dr. Richard Macphail. University College London (2018)

## **INVITED LECTURES**

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- Archaeology Institute of America, Kentucky Chapter – Lecture Series (2023)
- Archaeological Research Institute (ARI) – Public Lecture Series (2021)
- Archaeological Research Institute (ARI) – Graduate School Forum for ARI interns (2020)
- Robert Harness Memorial Lecture Series – Hopewell Culture National Historical Park (2019)
- Ohio State University Department of Anthropology Speaker Series (Spring 2018)

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH**

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### Supervisory Experience:

#### *Survey*

- Phase I survey of floodplain below the Turpin site (33HA19). 2022.
- Phase I and II survey of the Turpin site (33HA19), a multicomponent Late Woodland and Fort Ancient settlement in Hamilton County, Ohio. Principle Investigator. 2014-2015.
- Phase I and II investigations of Springfield Bog Metro Park, Summit County, Ohio. 2011.

#### *Excavation*

- Phase III excavation of prehistoric contexts at the Turpin site (33HA19), a multicomponent Late Woodland and Fort Ancient settlement in Hamilton County, Ohio. Principle Investigator. 2022.
- Phase III excavation of prehistoric contexts at the Turpin site (33HA19), a multicomponent Late Woodland and Fort Ancient settlement in Hamilton County, Ohio. Principle Investigator. 2021

- Phase III excavation of prehistoric contexts at the Guard site (12D29), a Fort Ancient village site in Dearborn County, Indiana. Principle Investigator. 2021.
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- Phase III excavation of prehistoric contexts at the Guard site (12D29), a Fort Ancient village site in Dearborn County, Indiana. Principle Investigator. 2019.
- Phase III excavation of prehistoric contexts at the Guard site (12D29), a Fort Ancient village site in Dearborn County, Indiana. Field Director. 2018.
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- Phase III excavation of prehistoric contexts at the Turpin site (33HA19), a multicomponent Late Woodland and Fort Ancient settlement in Hamilton County, Ohio. Principle Investigator. 2015.
- Phase III excavation of prehistoric contexts at the Guard site (12D29), a Fort Ancient village site in Dearborn County, Indiana. Field Director. 2014.
- Phase III excavations of prehistoric contexts at Brown's Bottom and Lady's Run, Hopewell habitations sites near Chillicothe, Ohio. Crew Chief. 2007-2008.

#### *Laboratory Analysis*

- Laboratory Director, IUE Archaeology Research Center
- Laboratory Supervisor, Ohio Valley Archaeology Laboratory, Ohio State University. Supervised undergraduate analysis of prehistoric lithic, ceramic, and faunal artifacts. Wrote summary reports of fieldwork to submit to Indiana DNR and Ohio SHPO. Wrote grants to support laboratory and student research. Conducted university and community outreach. 2017-2020.
- Laboratory Supervisor, Ohio State University. Conducted laboratory analysis of Phase I, II, and III assemblages from investigations at the Turpin site. 2014-2017.
- Laboratory Supervisor, Kent State University. Supervised undergraduate analysis of historic and prehistoric artifacts. 2010-2011.

#### Nonsupervisory Experience:

##### *Survey*

- Total station survey and Phase I investigations at the Guard site (12D29), Dearborn County, Indiana. 2020.
- Phase I investigations throughout Midwest and Mid-Atlantic. Gray and Pape, Inc. 2008-2009.

##### *Excavation*

- Volunteer excavation at the Guard site (12D29), Dearborn County, Indiana. 2019.
- Phase II and III investigations throughout Midwest and Mid-Atlantic. Gray and Pape, Inc. 2008-2009.
- Excavation/Reconstruction Intern, Dayton Society of Natural History/SunWatch Archaeological Park, 2008.

### *Laboratory Analysis*

- Laboratory Researcher, Ohio State University. Conducted morphometric analysis of Fort Ancient triangular projectile points as part of the Fort Ancient Regional Movement NSF project. Ohio State University. 2011-2012.
- Laboratory Researcher, SUNY Geneseo. Conducted Lithic analysis of stone tools and debitage from Hopewell sites in Ohio. 2007-2008.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- Chair, IUE Nominating Committee (2022-present)
- Chair, IUE HSS Curriculum Committee (2022-present)
- Chair, Research and Preservation Committee, Archaeological Research Institute (2021-Present)
- Board Member, Archaeological Research Institute, Lawrenceburg, Indiana (2021-present)
- Member IUE HSS Curriculum Committee (2021 - present)
- Member, IUE Nominating Committee (2021 - present)
- Faculty Co-advisor for the IUE Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography Club (2021 - present)
- Faculty Co-advisor for the IUE Animals and Earth Club (2021 - present)
- Peer Reviewer for *American Antiquity* and the *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* (2017-present)
- Midwest Archaeology Conference – Student Paper Award Committee (2018)
- Ohio Science Olympiads – Archaeology content developer (2018)
- Graduate Student Representative for Department of Anthropology Faculty Search Committee, Ohio State University (2016/2017)
- Graduate Student Representative for Department of Anthropology Awards Committee (2016/2017)
- Graduate Teaching Panel Member for new Graduate Teachers (2012-2017)
- Assistant Organizer of the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Columbus, Ohio (2013)
- Co-organizer/Moderator of the Midwest Archaeological Conference Student Panel (2013)
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- Graduate Student Anthropology Association Member, Ohio State University (2011-2017)
- Anthropology Club Academic Affairs Committee Rep. - SUNY Geneseo (2007-2008)
- Judge - Ohio State University Fall Undergraduate Student Poster Forum (2014)
- Judge at the Western Reserve Science Day (2013)
- Judge at the Ohio State Science Day, The Ohio Academy of Science (2012)

### **AFFILIATIONS**

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- **Member:** Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA), Society for American Archaeology (SAA), Midwestern Archaeological Conference (MAC), Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC), Ohio Archaeological Council (OAC)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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### Programs:

- Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop; IBM SPSS; ImageJ; DraftSight (CAD); ESRI ArcGIS 9.x., 10.x (with Spatial Analyst, Spatial Statistics, and 3D Analyst extensions); PCI Geomatica 10.x; Microsoft Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Word; SAS; Sigma Plot 10.x.; SPSS.

### Online Course Management Systems:

- Blackboard; Desire2Learn; Canvas

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