

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., Anthropology	University of Arizona	2019
M.A., Anthropology	University of Arizona	2011
B.A., <i>summa cum laude</i> , Archaeology	Boston University	2009

Dissertation: *Households, Ritual, and the Origins of Social Complexity: Excavations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala*

Appointments

2020-2021	Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology	UCLA
2019-2020	Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology	University of Pittsburgh
Jan.-May 2019	Adjunct Instructor, Anthropology	University of Arizona
Jan.-May 2019	Adjunct Instructor, Anthropology	Pima Community College

External Fellowships and Grants

2021-2022	Smithsonian Institution Postdoctoral Fellowship (postponed due to pandemic)	
2021	King Grant for Precolumbian Archaeology (\$15,000), Society for American Archaeology	
2020-2021	American Council of Learned Societies Emerging Voices Fellowship	
2016-2017	Junior Fellowship, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library & Collection	
2015	Dissertation Improvement Award BCS-1518794 (\$25,200), National Science Foundation	
2009-2013	Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education	

Internal Honors, Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2018	Haury Dissertation Fellowship, Anthropology (\$7500)	University of Arizona
2018	Dozier Award, best student paper, Anthropology (\$500)	University of Arizona
2009-2018	School of Anthropology scholarships (\$8813)	University of Arizona
2017	Science and Arts Communication Fellow, UAMA	University of Arizona
2010-2017	GPSC Travel Grants (\$3386)	University of Arizona
2015	GPSC Research and Projects grant (\$2000)	University of Arizona
2015	Mentored Research Experiences for Success (\$2000)	University of Arizona
2013	SBSRI Dissertation Research Grant (\$1500)	University of Arizona
2013	Tinker Summer Field Research Grant (\$655)	University of Arizona
2009	Phi Beta Kappa	Boston University
2009	UROP Conference Participation Travel Grant (\$400)	Boston University
2007-2009	Junior Writing Fellowship	Boston University
2008	Latin American Studies Research Grant (\$500)	Boston University
2008	Humanities Foundation Robert E. Yellin Award (\$1000)	Boston University

Field and Laboratory Experience

Jul. 2010 - Present	Ceibal-Petexbatún Archaeological Project, Guatemala Researcher; directed field operations 2013-2015 Project directed by Takeshi Inomata and Daniela Triadan, University of Arizona
Jun. 2018	Hollembaek's Hill Archaeological Research Project, Alaska Volunteer

- Project directed by François Lanoë and Joshua Reuther, University of Alaska
Museum of the North
- Nov. 2009 **La Playa Burial Rescue Project, Sonora, Mexico**
Volunteer
- Project directed by James Watson, Arizona State Museum
- Jan. - May 2008 **San Bartolo Regional Archaeological Project, Guatemala**
Student
- Project directed by William Saturno, Boston University
- Feb. - Apr. 2007 **Xibun Archaeological Research Project, Belize**
Student
- Field school directed by Patricia McAnany, Boston University

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- MacLellan, Jessica, Melissa Burham, and María Belén Méndez Bauer
2020. Community Engagement around the Maya Archaeological Site of Ceibal, Guatemala. *Heritage* 3(3):637-648.
- Sharpe, Ashley E., T. Inomata, D. Triadan, M. Burham, **J. MacLellan**, J. Munson, and F. Pinzón
2020. The Maya Preclassic to Classic Transition Observed Through Faunal Trends from Ceibal, Guatemala. *PLoS ONE* 15(4): e0230892. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0230892>
- MacLellan, Jessica
2019. Preclassic Maya Caches in Residential Contexts: Variation and Transformation in Deposition Practices at Ceibal. *Antiquity* 93(371):1249-1265.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2019. Preclassic Maya Houses and Rituals: Excavations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal. *Latin American Antiquity* 30(2):415-421.
- Aoyama, Kazuo, T. Inomata, D. Triadan, F. Pinzón, J.M. Palomo, **J. MacLellan**, and A. Sharpe
2017. Early Maya Ritual Practices and Craft Production: Late Middle Preclassic Ritual Deposits Containing Obsidian Artifacts at Ceibal, Guatemala. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 42(5):408-422.
- Triadan, Daniela, V. Castillo, T. Inomata, J.M. Palomo, M.B. Méndez, M. Cortave, **J. MacLellan**, M. Burham, and E. Ponciano
2017. Power and Social Relations in a Middle Preclassic Community: Elite Residential Complexes at Ceibal. *Ancient Mesoamerica* 28(1):233-264.
- Inomata, Takeshi, D. Triadan, **J. MacLellan**, M. Burham, K. Aoyama, J.M. Palomo, H. Yonenobu, F. Pinzón, and H. Nasu
2017. High Precision Radiocarbon Dating of Political Collapse and Dynastic Origins at the Maya Site of Ceibal, Guatemala. *PNAS* 114(6):1293-1298.
- Inomata, Takeshi, **Jessica MacLellan**, and Melissa Burham
2015. The Construction of Public and Domestic Spheres in the Preclassic Maya Lowlands. *American Anthropologist* 117(3):519-534.
- Inomata, Takeshi, **J. MacLellan**, D. Triadan, J. Munson, M. Burham, K. Aoyama, H. Nasu, F. Pinzón, and H. Yonenobu
2015. The Development of Sedentary Communities in the Maya Lowlands: Co-Existing Mobile Groups and Public Ceremonies at Ceibal, Guatemala. *PNAS* 112(14):4268-4273.

Publications: Book Chapters, Conference Proceedings, Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles

- MacLellan, Jessica, Takeshi Inomata, and Daniela Triadan
Under review. Settling Down at Ceibal and Cuello: Variation in the Transition to Sedentism Across the Maya Lowlands. In *The Preclassic Maya: The Making of a Lowland Civilization*, edited by F. Estrada-Belli and A. Runggaldier. Routledge.
- Burham, Melissa, T. Inomata, D. Triadan, and **J. MacLellan**

2020. Ritual Practice, Urbanization, and Sociopolitical Organization at Preclassic Ceibal, Guatemala. In *Approaches to Monumental Landscapes of the Ancient Maya*, edited by B.A. Houk, B. Arroyo, and T.G. Powis, pp. 61-84. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2017. Trowels and Tribulations: Lessons Learned During Five Years of Fieldwork in Guatemala. "Notes from the Field" section. *Arizona Anthropologist* 27:62-68.
- MacLellan, Jessica, M.A. Cordero, and E. Mejía
2016. Vida diaria y ritual al principio de la civilización maya: Investigaciones en el Grupo Karinel, Ceibal. In *XXIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2015*, Vol. 1, edited by B. Arroyo, pp. 251-261. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2015. Ceibal. In *Encyclopedia of the Ancient Maya*, edited by Walter R. T. Witschey, pp. 67-68. Rowman & Littlefield.
- Pinzón, Flory, **J. MacLellan**, M. Burham, T. Inomata, D. Triadan, and D. Bazy
2015. Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, una vista general de nueve años de investigaciones. In *XXVIII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2014*, Vol. 1, edited by B. Arroyo, pp. 199-208. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.
- Burham, Melissa, and **Jessica MacLellan**
2014. Thinking Outside the Plaza: Ritual Practices in Preclassic Maya Residential Groups at Ceibal, Guatemala. *Antiquity* 88(340): <https://www.antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/burham340>
- MacLellan, Jessica
2014. Espacios y Rituales Domésticos del Periodo Preclásico en Ceibal. In *XXVII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2013*, Vol. 2, edited by B. Arroyo, pp. 725-732. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.
- MacLellan, Jessica, and Melissa Burham
2013. Práctica Ceremonial y Doméstica en la Periferia de Ceibal. In *XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2012*, Vol. 2, edited by B. Arroyo and L. Méndez Salinas, pp. 961-976. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.

Publications: Writing for a Non-Specialist Audience

- MacLellan, Jessica, and Ari Caramanica
2017. Red With Envy: A Feminist Anthropology of Republican Policy. *Ms. Magazine* blog: <http://msmagazine.com/blog/2017/05/15/red-envy-feminist-anthropology-republican-policy/>
- MacLellan, Jessica
2014. Ancient Maya Trash is an Archaeologist's Treasure. *Day of Archaeology*: https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archiveDS/archiveDownload?t=arch-3016-1/dissemination/pdf/2014/doa_post17017.pdf

Courses Taught: Instructor of Record

- Spring 2021 ANTHRO 119 Special Topics in Archaeology: Public Spaces, Past and Present, UCLA
Spring 2020 ANTH 0582 Introduction to Archaeology, U. of Pittsburgh.
Spring 2020 ANTH 1543/2533 Ancient States in the New World (undergraduate/graduate), U. of Pittsburgh.
Fall 2019 ANTH 0536 Mesoamerica Before Cortez, U. of Pittsburgh.
Fall 2019 ANTH 1750 Undergraduate Seminar: Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (writing-intensive), U. of Pittsburgh.
Spring 2019 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya, U. of Arizona.

- Spring 2019 ANT/ARC 101 Human Origins and Prehistory, Pima Community College.
 Summer 2016 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya (online), U. of Arizona.
 Summer 2015 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya (online), U. of Arizona.
 Summer 2014 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya (online), U. of Arizona.

Courses Taught: Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2017 ANTH/AIS 346 Clovis to Coronado: Ancient Peoples of the Southwest, U. of Arizona.
 Supervisor: Barbara Mills.
 Fall 2014 ANTH 160A1 Patterns in Prehistory, U. of Arizona. Supervisor: Daniela Triadan.
 Fall 2013 ANTH 261 The Human Species, U. of Arizona. Supervisor: Elizabeth Eadie.

Undergraduate Mentoring

- 2019 Amadeus Toledo-Seitz, McNair Scholar, U. of Arizona. Co-mentor: Robert Schon.

Organized Symposia

- 2019 Preclassic Maya Social Transformations Along the Usumacinta: Views from Ceibal and Aguada Fénix. Co-Chair: Melissa Burham. 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Albuquerque, NM.
 2015 Household Rituals in the Ancient Americas – from Patio Groups to Pueblos. Co-Chair: Samantha Fladd. 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. San Francisco, CA.

Invited Presentations

MacLellan, Jessica

2020. Domestic Rituals in Unstable Times: The Protoclassic and Early Classic at the Karinel Group, Ceibal. Paper to be presented at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Conference canceled; paper given in informal online symposium.

MacLellan, Jessica

2018. Household Ritual and Social Complexity in the Preclassic Maya Lowlands. School of Anthropology Dozier Lecture. Tucson, AZ.

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2018. Household Ritual and the Development of Complex Societies in Formative Mesoamerica: Comparing the Maya Lowlands and Central Mexico. Paper presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, DC.

MacLellan, Jessica

2017. Household Ritual and the Origins of Social Complexity in the Maya Lowlands: Recent Investigations at Ceibal, Guatemala. Lecture in the Boston University Archaeology Seminar Series, Boston, MA.

MacLellan, Jessica, and Takeshi Inomata

2016. Households, Ritual, and the Origins of Social Complexity in the Maya Lowlands: A View from the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL.

MacLellan, Jessica, Takeshi Inomata, Daniela Triadan, and Melissa Burham

2014. The Foundation of a Very Early Maya Ceremonial Center: Investigations at Ceibal, Guatemala, Since the Harvard Seibal Project. Paper presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Austin, TX.

MacLellan, Jessica, Raúl Ortiz, and Flory Pinzón

2011. In Search of an Early E-Group: Excavations in Ceibal's Central Plaza. Paper presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Sacramento, CA.

Other Presentations

MacLellan, Jessica

2019. Regional Variation in Preclassic Maya Household Ritual and Social Organization. Paper presented in Preclassic Maya Social Transformations Along the Usumacinta: Views from Ceibal and Aguada Fénix, organized symposium (Chairs: M. Burham and **J. MacLellan**), 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Albuquerque, NM.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2018. Preclassic Maya Caches in Residential Contexts: Variation and Transformation in Deposition Practices at Ceibal, Guatemala. First meeting of the Southwest Mesoamericanists Group. Tempe, AZ.
- MacLellan, Jessica, and Daniela Triadan
2017. Child Burials and Figurines at a Terminal Classic Maya Household, Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2016. Households, Ritual, and the Origins of Social Complexity: Excavations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala. Dumbarton Oaks Fellows Research Report, Washington, DC.
- MacLellan, Jessica, and Melissa Burham
2016. Setting the Stage for Kingship: Domestic and Public Rituals at Preclassic Ceibal. Paper presented at the Maya Meetings. University of Texas at Austin.
- MacLellan, Jessica, Marta Alejandra Cordero, and Evelyn Mejía
2015. Vida diaria y ritual al principio de la civilización maya: Investigaciones en el Grupo Karinel, Ceibal (Daily life and ritual at the beginning of Maya civilization: Investigations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal). Paper presented at the XXIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2015. Preclassic Maya Households and Ritual at the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented in Household Rituals in the Ancient Americas – from Patio Groups to Pueblos, organized symposium (Chairs: **J. MacLellan** and S. Fladd), 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. San Francisco, CA.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2013. Espacios y Rituales Domésticos del Periodo Preclásico en Ceibal (Preclassic Domestic Spaces and Rituals at Ceibal). Paper presented at the XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2013. Early Households and Domestic Rituals at Ceibal. Paper presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Honolulu, HI.
- MacLellan, Jessica
2013. Early Households and Domestic Rituals at Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented at the 9th Annual Tinker Symposium on Graduate Research in Latin America. Tucson, AZ.
- MacLellan, Jessica, and Melissa Burham
2012. Práctica Ceremonial y Doméstica en la Periferia de Ceibal (Ceremonial and Household Practice on the Periphery of Ceibal). Paper presented at the XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City.
- MacLellan, Jessica, and William A. Saturno
2009. Change and Continuity in the Preclassic Architecture of the Las Pinturas Group, San Bartolo, Petén, Guatemala. Poster presented at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Atlanta, GA.

Remote Classroom Guest Lectures/Discussions

- Spring 2021 Maya Religion and Ritual, ANTH B235 Comparative Colonialism in Latin America (Scotti Norman), Bryn Mawr C.

- Spring 2021 Origins of Maya Civilization, ANTH 2200 Archaeology of Human History (Samantha Fladd), U. of Colorado Boulder.
- Spring 2021 Ancient Maya, ANT 110 Buried Cities and Lost Tribes (Danielle Phelps), Pima Community C.
- Fall 2020 Future of Maya Archaeology, ANTH 26330 Making the Maya World (Sarah Newman), U. of Chicago
- Fall 2020 Early Domestic Ritual and Social Complexity, ANTHRO 219 Great Debates in Mesoamerican Archaeology (Richard Lesure), UCLA
- Fall 2020 Ethics in Guatemalan Archaeology, ANTH 302 Principles of Archaeology (Nicole Mathwich), San Diego State U.
- Fall 2020 Archaeology at Ceibal, ANTH 3523 North American Archaeology (D. Shane Miller), Mississippi State U.
- Fall 2020 Archaeology, SOCI 121 Intro to Anthropology (Megan Sheehan), C. of St. Benedict & St. John's U.

Professional Reports

- 2015 Excavaciones en el Grupo Karinel (Plataforma 47-Base): Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2015*. F. Pinzón, ed. Report submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2014 Excavaciones en el Grupo Karinel (Plataforma 47-Base): Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2014*. F. Pinzón, ed. Report submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2013 Excavaciones en el Grupo Residencial de la Plataforma 47-Base: Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2013*. J.M. Palomo, ed. Report submitted to Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2012 Excavaciones en el Grupo Residencial de la Plataforma 47-Base: Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2012*. V. Castillo and T. Inomata, eds. Report submitted to Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2011 “Excavaciones detrás de la Corte Este: Operación 201D” and “Excavación en un grupo al norte de la Plaza Central: Operación 206A.” In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2011*. V. Castillo and T. Inomata, eds. Report submitted to Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2008 Red-Lipped Jars at Wits Cah Ak'al. In *Salt and Pottery Production at Wits Cah Ak'al & Further Excavations of Group A at Hershey: 2007 Field Season of the Xibun Archaeological Research Project*. P. McAnany and S. Murata, eds. Report submitted to Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.

Related Employment

- Aug. 2017-May 2018 Research Assistant, Middle Usumacinta Archaeological Project, U. of Arizona
- Aug. 2014-Dec. 2014 Research Assistant, Ceibal-Petexbatún Archaeological Project, U. of Arizona
- May 2007-May 2009 Outreach and Education Assistant, Archaeological Institute of America
- Sept. 2007-May 2009 Writing Tutor, CAS Writing Center, Boston University

Volunteer Service

- 2017-Present Fundraising Committee Member, Society for American Archaeology
- 2020-Present Skype a Scientist volunteer
- 2020 Peer reviewer, *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*
- 2020 Judge, Archaeological Institute of America “Build Your Own Monument” contest
- 2016-2019 Editorial Assistant, open access journal *Arqueología Iberoamericana*
- 2017 Family Day Presenter, University of Arizona Museum of Art
- 2010-2017 GPSC Travel Grant Judge, University of Arizona

2015-2016 Organizer, Las Pozas Archaeological Education Project, Guatemala
2014 Guest Lecturer on Maya Archaeology, BASIS Tucson North charter school

Professional Memberships

Society for American Archaeology (SAA)
American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Language Skills

Highly proficient in Spanish (speaking, listening, reading, and writing)