

## Curriculum Vitae

### Jessica MacLellan, Ph.D.

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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	ACLS Emerging Voices 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)
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	<b>Ceibal-Petexbatún Archaeological Project, Guatemala</b> Researcher; directed field operations 2013-2015 Project directed by Takeshi Inomata and Daniela Triadan, University of Arizona
Jun. 2018	<b>Hollembaek's Hill Archaeological Research Project, Alaska</b> Volunteer Project directed by François Lanoë and Joshua Reuther, University of Alaska Museum of the North
Nov. 2009	<b>La Playa Burial Rescue Project, Sonora, Mexico</b>

- 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

2016. 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://www.dayofarchaeology.com/author/jessmac/>

### **Courses Taught: Instructor of Record**

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. 84<sup>th</sup> 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. 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. San Francisco, CA.

**Invited Presentations**

- MacLellan, Jessica  
2021. Domestic Rituals in Unstable Times: The Protoclassic and Early Classic at the Karinel Group, Ceibal. Paper to be presented at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA.
- MacLellan, Jessica  
2018. Household Ritual and Social Complexity in the Preclassic Maya Lowlands. School of Anthropology Dozier Lecture. Tucson, AZ.
- MacLellan, Jessica  
2018. Household Ritual and the Development of Complex Societies in Formative Mesoamerica: Comparing the Maya Lowlands and Central Mexico. Paper presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> 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 81<sup>st</sup> 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 79<sup>th</sup> 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 76<sup>th</sup> 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**), 84<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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), 80<sup>th</sup> 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 78<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Atlanta, GA.

### 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

- Fall 2020 Guest lecturer, ANTH 3523 North American Archaeology, Mississippi State University
- Fall 2020 Guest lecturer, SOCI 121 Intro to Anthropology, College of St. Benedict & St. John's U.
- 2020 Peer reviewer, *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*
- 2020 Skype a Scientist volunteer
- 2020 Judge, Archaeological Institute of America “Build Your Own Monument” contest
- 2017-Present Fundraising Committee Member, Society for American Archaeology
- 2016-2019 Editorial Assistant, open access journal *Arqueología Iberoamericana*
- 2017 Family Day Presenter, University of Arizona Museum of Art
- 2016 Archaeology Education Clearinghouse, National Council for the Social Studies Conference, Washington, DC
- 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)