

BRENDON P. ASHER

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Kansas
Anthropology, Archaeology

Fall 2009 – Present

Master of Arts, University of Kansas
Anthropology, Archaeology

August 2009

GPA in Anthropology: 4.0/4.0

Thesis: *Kitkahahki Chipped Stone Technologies: A Comparative Study*

Advisor: Dr. Jack Hofman, Committee: Dr. Mary Adair and Dr. Donna Roper

Bachelor of General Sciences, University of Kansas
Anthropology, Archaeology

May 2006

GPA in Major: 3.77 /4.0 (departmental honors)

Honors Thesis: *Lithic Debitage from the Norton Bison Bonebed: Pattern Recognition and Prehistoric Behavior*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Great Plains archaeology; early Peopling of the Americas; Hunter-Gatherers; lithic technology; Paleoindian lifestyles; prehistoric food procurement practices; lithic analysis; archaeology method and theory; bison ecology and subsistence patterns; faunal analysis; Pawnee archaeology; Late Pleistocene faunal extinctions, Protohistoric trade and impact on traditional technologies

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

University of Kansas

January 2012 – May 2012

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Teaching Discussion sections for Anthropology 100 Introduction to Anthropology with Dr. Sandra Gray

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2009 – May 2010

- Teaching Discussion sections for Anthropology 110/310 Introduction to Archaeology with Dr. Jack Hofman.

Odyssey Geoarchaeology Program

August 2005 – August 2009

Technical Research Assistant

- Conducted archaeological excavation and electronically mapped archaeological materials that were excavated. Cataloged and processed archaeological materials that were recovered.
- Assisted in instructing volunteers in proper excavation techniques and recording/documenting processes.

Archaeology Research Center, University of Kansas

August 2008 – May 2009

Graduate Research Assistant

- Analysis and recording of archaeological collections from the Pawnee Indian Village (14RP1), Republic County, Kansas.

Graduate Student Hourly Position

February 2008 – May 2008

- Identification and documentation of materials recovered during the Archaeological excavations conducted by Carlyle Smith in 1949 at the Pawnee Indian Village (14RP1), Republic County, Kansas.

FIELD AND LAB EXPERIENCE

Augustana College Archaeology Laboratory

March – April 2011

Participated as an Archaeological Consultant documenting and recording private artifact collections as part of a state-wide effort to model the distribution of Minnesota's earliest archaeological sites

Doniphan County Rural Water District #6

June 2010

Archaeological Survey

Conducted archaeological pedestrian survey and limited subsurface testing for proposed water district in Doniphan County, Kansas under the leadership of Archaeological Consultant Dr. Donna Roper

Kansas Geological Survey

August 2005 – August 2009

Research Support Specialist, Odyssey Geoarchaeology Program

- Conducted archaeological excavation and survey.
- Electronically mapped sites that were excavated.
- Cataloged and processed archaeological materials recovered during excavations.
- Prepared and maintained excavation and survey equipment.

University of Kansas Archaeology Fieldschool GTA

June – August 2008

Lectures, surveys, surface collecting, mapping and excavation

- Assisted in teaching students archaeological excavation techniques.
- Taught students how to use survey equipment.
- Demonstrated how to record artifacts at three separate sites in Western Kansas and Ohio.

Washburn University Archaeology Fieldschool TA

June – July 2005

Survey, surface collection, electronic mapping, and excavation

- Assisted in excavation and documentation of historical site.
- Instructed how to set up EDM/Total Station, grids, context sheet recording and processing of excavated materials.

Achill Archaeological Field School; Achill Island, Ireland

May – June 2004

Lectures, Seminars and field work in archeology

- Obtained valuable experience in archaeological excavation, building and landscape survey, architectural survey, EDM/Total Station, theodolite and level operation, planning, context sheet recording, section drawing, finds processing and cataloging.

Kansas Archaeology Training Program Field School

June – July 2001

Lectures, Seminars and field work in archaeology in Atchison and Doniphan Counties, Kansas

ARCHAEOLOGY CONTRACTS

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

May 2010 – Present

Archaeological consultant with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to discover, explore, and evaluate late Pleistocene faunal localities in western Kansas, eastern Colorado, and western Nebraska. Also includes serving as Crew Chief and Mapping Specialist for excavations at the Snowmass Mammoth Locality, Colorado.

Kansas State Historical Society

November – June 2010

Independent contractor with the Kansas State Historical Society to analyze, record, and report artifacts from the Kansa village of Fool Chief (14SH305).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 *Clovis, Folsom, and Allen Projectile Point Distributions in Kansas: Prehistoric Land Use or Collection Bias?* Poster presented at the 69th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2011 *The Snowmass Mammoth and Mastodon Site: “The Discovery of the Century.”* Paper presented at Maur Hill-Mount Academy all school assembly, Atchison, Kansas.
- 2010 *Overview of Preliminary Fieldwork at Ziegler Reservoir, Snowmass Village, Colorado.* Paper presented at the Rotary Club International lecture series, Atchison, Kansas Chapter.
- 2010 *Historic Pawnee Chipped Stone Technology.* Paper presented at the 75th Annual Society for American Archaeology Conference, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2010 *Small Stones and Bison Bones: Analysis of the Chipped Stone Assemblage from the Norton Site (14SC6).* Paper presented at the 32nd Annual Flint Hills Conference, Perryton, Texas.
- 2009 *Assessment of Chipped Stone from 14RP1.* Paper presented at the 31st Annual Flint Hills Conference, Topeka, Kansas.
- 2009 *14RP1 Chipped Stone Analysis and Preliminary Results.* Paper presented at the University of Kansas Explorations in Archaeology Series, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 2009 *Kitkahahki Chipped Stone Technologies: Circa A.D. 1800.* Poster presented at the 67th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Norman, Oklahoma.
- 2008 *Review of the Faunal Remains From the Late Paleoindian-aged Gardiner Site (14CK320), Clark County, Kansas.* Paper presented at the 30th Annual Flint Hills Conference, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 2008 *Chipped Stone at the End of Time.* Paper presented at the 66th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 2006 *Hard Comparisons: Paleoindian to Archaic Artifacts.* Presented artifacts from the University of Kansas Anthropological Research Collections at the 64th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Topeka, Kansas.
- 2006 *Lithic Debitage from the Norton Bison Bonebed: Pattern Recognition and Prehistoric Behavior.* Undergraduate thesis presented at the University of Kansas Explorations in Archaeology Series, Lawrence, Kansas.

PUBLICATIONS

Jack L. Hofman and Brendon P. Asher (*In press*). Clovis Activity in the Central Plains Uplands. *Current Research in the Pleistocene*. Vol. 28, 2011.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2011 Brendon P. Asher and Mark Volmut
Artifact Analysis and Descriptive Report of the Kansa Village of Fool Chief (14SH305), Shawnee County, Kansas. Submitted to the Kansas State Historical Society.
- 2011 Brendon P. Asher and Steven R. Holen
Summary of Current and Past Research at the Jetmore Mammoth Locality (14HO1), Hodgeman County, Kansas. Denver Museum of Nature and Science Technical Report 2011-01. Submitted to the Kansas State Historical Society.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Carlyle S. Smith Award**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kansas, (Spring, 2009)
- Carroll D. Clark Research Award**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kansas (Fall 2007; Fall 2008; Spring 2010)
- Benevolent Order of Elks Scholarship**, Atchison, Kansas (Fall, 2002)

ACTIVITIES

University of Kansas Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Committee Member
Fall 2005 – Fall 2009

University of Kansas Graduate Students in Anthropology Organization
Undergraduate Representative, Fall 2005 – Fall 2009

University of Kansas Undergraduate Anthropology Club
President, Fall 2005, Spring 2006; Treasurer, Fall 2004, Spring 2005; Member, Fall 2003, Spring 2004

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Society for American Archaeology
Plains Anthropological Society
Professional Archaeologists of Kansas