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University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Education

- 2022 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of New Mexico
Dissertation: The Role of Coastal Resource Stability in the Transition to Agriculture, Soconusco, Mexico (chair: Dr. Emily Lena Jones)
- 2017 M.S. Anthropology, University of New Mexico
- 2015 B.A. Archaeology, Boston University

Research Foci

Zooarchaeology, stable isotope analysis, human behavioral ecology, niche construction

Grants

- 2020 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Role of Coastal Resource Stability in the Transition to Agriculture, Soconusco, Mexico. PIs: Dr. Emily Lena Jones and Asia Alsgaard. \$28,086.
- 2019 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Moore Travel Grant. \$500.
- 2019-2016 University of New Mexico, Graduate and Professional Student Association. Student Research Grant. \$500-\$468.
- 2016 University of New Mexico, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Professional Development Grant. \$110.

Fellowships

- 2019-2021 Latin American and Iberian Institute, Ph.D. Fellowship, University of New Mexico.
- 2015-2017 Binford Fellowship, University of New Mexico.

Publications

Alsgaard, Asia and Emily Lena Jones (In Press) *Animales Salvaje y Domésticos: The Environmental Consequences of Spanish Colonization in the Maya Region*. Eds. Jacob L. Fischer and Emily Lena Jones. In *Questioning Rebound: People and Environmental Change in the Protohistoric and Early Historic Americas*. University of Utah Press.

Jones, Emily Lena, Scott Kirk, Caitlin S. Ainsworth, Asia Alsgaard, Jana Valesca Meyer, and Cyler Conrad (2021) *The Community at the Crossroads: Mammalian Exploitation and Connectivity at Tijeras Pueblo (LA 581)*. *Kiva*: 1-11.
<http://doi.org/10.1080/00231940.2021.1963576>.

Alsgaard, Asia (2020) *A Meta-analysis Approach to Understanding Maya Fish Use on the Yucatán Peninsula*. *Journal of Ethnobiology* 40(4): 499-518. <https://doi.org/10.2993/0278-0771-40.4.499>.

Kennett, Douglas J., Keith M. Prufer, Brendan J. Culleton, Richard J. George, Mark Robinson, Willa R. Trask, Gina M. Buckley, Emily Moes, Emily J. Kate, Thomas K. Harper, Lexi O'Donnell, Erin E. Ray, Ethan C. Hill, Asia Alsgaard, Christopher Merriman, Clayton Meredith, Heather J. H. Edgar, Jaime A. Awe, and Said M. Gutierrez (2020) *Early Isotopic Evidence for Maize as a Stable Grain in the Americas*. *Science Advances* 6(23): eaba3245.
<http://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.aba3245>.

Prufer, Keith M. Asia V. Alsgaard, Timothy Dennehy, and Douglas Kennett (2017) *The Paleoindian Chronology of Tzib Te Yux Rockshelter in the Rio Blanco Valley of Southern Belize*. In *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology*, pp.321-326. Vol. 14. Institute of Archaeology, NICH, Belize.

Prufer, Keith M., Clayton R. Meredith, Asia Alsgaard, Timothy Dennehy, and Douglas Kennett (2017) *The Paleoindian Chronology of Tzib Te Yux Rockshelter in the Rio Blanco Valley of Southern Belize*. In *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology*, pp. 321-326. Vol. 14. Institute of Archaeology, NICH, Belize.

Archaeological Reports: Chapter Contributions

Alsgaard, Asia and Robin Cordero (2021) *Analysis of Faunal Remains from LA 47821 and LA 127051, Grant County, New Mexico*. In *Excavations at the Lake Roberts Site (LA 47821) and the Hooker Site (LA 127051), Grant County, New Mexico*, edited by Thatcher A. Rogers and Alexander Kurota, pp.17-1-1728. OCA/UNM Report No. 185-1097. Office of Contract Archaeology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Alsgaard, Asia (2021) *Finding the Wind Jewel: Excavations in the Southern Structure of E14, Las Cuevas, Belize 2019*. Edited by Holley Moyes and Erin Ray. *Report of the Las Cuevas Archaeological Reconnaissance Project: The 2018 Field Season*. Prepared for the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.

Alsgaard, Asia (2019) *Chapter 4: Household Level Excavation: New Investigations at H09 and F10, Las Cuevas, Belize 2018*. Edited by Holley Moyes and Erin Ray 2019. *Report of the Las Cuevas Archaeological Reconnaissance Project: The 2018 Field Season*. Prepared for the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.

Edited by Keith Prufer and Amy Thompson (2017) *Bladen Paleoindian and Archaic Archaeological Project and Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Report of the 2017 Field Season*. Prepared for the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize, the Alphawood Foundation, and the National Science Foundation.

Edited by Keith Prufer and Amy Thompson (2016) *Bladen Paleoindian and Archaic Archaeological Project and Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Report of the 2016 Field Season*. Prepared for the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize, the Alphawood Foundation, and the National Science Foundation.

Edited by Keith Prufer and Amy Thompson (2015) *Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Report of the 2015 Field Season*. Prepared for the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize, the Alphawood Foundation, and the National Science Foundation.

Saturno, William, Boris Beltrán, Elisa Mencos, Paulo Medina, Asia Alsgaard, Timothy Foarde, and Adam Vitale (2014) *Excavaciones en el Cojunto Los Arboles, Operación Xul 12F19*. In *Informe 2014. Proyecto Arqueológico Regional San Bartolo-Xultun*.

Scholarly Presentation

Sessions organized at professional meetings

Erin Ray and Asia Alsgaard (2019) *Advances in Interdisciplinary Isotopic Research*. Symposium organized at the 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 10th-14th April.

Presentations and Posters

Woodhead, Genevieve and Asia Alsgaard (2022) *Helping Hands and Hands-On Learning*. Paper presented at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois 30th March-3rd April 2022.

Alsgaard, Asia (2021) *Aquatic Resource Niche Construction in the Soconusco Region, Mexico*. Paper presented at the 43rd (Virtual) Conference of the Society of Ethnobiology 12th-14th May, 2022.

Alsgaard, Asia, Erin Ray, Emma Elliott Smith, Seth Newsome, and Keith Prufer (2019) *Subsistence Change during the Transition to Agriculture in Southern Belize: What Amino Acid Specific Stable Isotope Analyses Can Tell Us*. Paper presented at the 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 10th-14th April.

Prufer, Keith M., Mark Robinson, Asia Alsgaard, and Douglas Kennett (2019) *Rethinking the Age of Lowe and Regional Links to Lower Central and South America during the Late Paleoindian Period*. Paper presented at the Annual Belize Archaeology Symposium, San Ignacio Belize, 26th-28th June.

Alsgaard, Asia, Carolyn Freiwald, Stephanie Orsini, Douglas Kennett, and Keith Prufer (2018) *Quantifying the Exploitation of Faunal Remains by Preceramic Societies in Southern*

Belize. Poster presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Washington, D.C., 11th-15th April.

Alsgaard, Asia (2017) The Difficulties of Identifying Trade in the Zooarchaeological Record: A Study from the Northern Maya Lowlands. Poster presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Vancouver, Canada 29th March-2nd April.

Alsgaard, Asia (2017) The Difficulties of Identifying Trade in the Zooarchaeological Record: A Study from the Northern Maya Lowlands. Poster presented at the 82nd Annual Shared Knowledge Conference at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 8th April.

Alsgaard, Asia (2016) The Utilization of Fish Resources in the Yucatán Peninsula. Poster presented at the 7th Annual South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica, Tyler, Texas, 4th-6th November.

Alsgaard, Asia (2015) A Difference in Local Involvement: Comparing Scotland and Guatemala. Presented at the AIA and APA Joint Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, 8th-11th January.

Alsgaard, Asia (2015) The Role of Offerings in Interpreting Architecture: Evaluating Human Remains at Xultún, Petén, Guatemala. Presented at the 80th Annual SAA Meeting in San Francisco, California, 15th-19th April.

Teaching

Fall 2021 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Method and Theory 1211 Lecture 001, Instructor: Asia Alsgaard

Spring 2021 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Method and Theory 1211 Lab section 003/005, Instructor: Asia Alsgaard

Fall 2020 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Method and Theory 1211 Lab section 003/004, Instructor: Asia Alsgaard

Spring 2020 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Method and Theory 1211 Lab section 003/005, Instructor: Asia Alsgaard

Fall 2019 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant, Archaeological Method and Theory 1211 Lab section 002/004, Instructor: Asia Alsgaard

Spring 2019 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Anthropology 101, Instructor: Dr. Keith Prufer

Fall 2018 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Archaeological Method and Theory, Instructor: Scott Kirk

- Fall 2018 University of New Mexico, Department of Biology, Teaching Assistant, Anatomy and Physiology I lab section, Instructor: Dr. Dorothy Scholl
- Spring 2018 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Online Course, Stone Age Europe, Instructor: Dr. Emily Lena Jones
- Fall 2017 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Anthropology 101, Instructor: Dr. Jocelyn DeHaas
- Spring 2017 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Anthropology 101, Dr. Les Field
- Fall 2016 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Online Course, Anthropology 101, Instructor: Dr. Keith Prufer
- Spring 2016 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Anthropology 101, Instructor: Caroline Gabe
- Fall 2015 University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Assistant, Anthropology 101, Dr. Tanya Mueller

Other Work Experience

- 2021 Office of Contract Archaeology, On-call, report writing and faunal analysis. Supervisor: Alex Kurota.
- 2019 Zooarchaeology Lab Faunal Analyst, Assisted in the identification of zooarchaeological remains from the archaeological site of Tijeras, New Mexico. Supervisor: Dr. Emily Lena Jones
- 2018-2019 Environmental Archaeology Lab, Assisted in radiocarbon preparation, stable isotope preparation of carbon and nitrogen from osteological material, and zooarchaeological analysis. Supervisor: Dr. Keith Prufer
- 2018 STEM Collaborative Center, Graduate Assistant, Assisted in the preparation of trips related to the STEM collaborative center at UNM; responsible for transportation to remote locations, maintaining the field camp, and obtaining and maintaining necessary equipment; assisted in promoting STEM fields. Supervisor: Dr. Tim Schroder

Professional Recognition and Honors

- 2022 Keynote address, University of New Mexico, Anthropology Department

Professional Service

- 2017-2018 President, Anthropology Graduate Student Union

- 2016-2017 Vice-President, Anthropology Graduate Student Union
- 2018 “Initial Analysis of Animal Remains from Preceramic Rockshelters in Southern Belize.” Guest Lecture at Central New Mexico Community College. 12th March.
- 2017 Statement of Research for public science book, “Empirical World” (in press) by Geoffrey Notkins

Archaeological Excavation Experience

Bladen Paleoindian and Archaic Archaeological Project, Mayahak Cab Pek and Saki Tzul, Toledo District, Belize (May-June 2019, May-June 2017, June-August 2016) PI: Dr. Keith Prufer, University of New Mexico

Las Cuevas Archaeological Reconnaissance, Las Cuevas, Cayo District, Belize (July 2019, May-July 2018) PI: Dr. Holly Moyes, University of California, Merced

Belize River Valley Archaeological Project, Barton Ramie, Cayo District, Belize (June 2019) PI: John Walden, University of Pennsylvania

Uxbenká Archaeological Project, Tzibte Yux and Uxbenká, Toledo District, Belize (June-Aug 2015) PI: Dr. Keith Prufer, University of New Mexico

Ness of Brodgar, Orkney Islands, Scotland (June 2014) PI: Dr. Nick Card

Alexandria Archaeology, Alexandria, Virginia (June-July 2014) PI: Dr. Garrett R. Fesler

San Bartolo-Xultún Proyecto Arqueologico, Xultún, Petén forest, Guatemala (Jan-May 2014) PIs: Dr. William Saturno and Dr. Patricia Castillo

Fairfield Archaeology, Fairfield plantation, Gloucester, Virginia (June-Aug 2013, June-July 2012) PIs: Dr. David Brown and Thane Harpole