

Matthew C. Greer, PhD, RPA
Curriculum Vitae
August 2024

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Anthropology, Syracuse University, August 2022
M.A. Anthropology, University of Southern Mississippi, December 2014
B.A. History, University of Mary Washington, May 2009
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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Historical Archaeology	Ceramic Analysis
African Diaspora Archaeology	Archaeological Science
Archaeological Theory	Field Methods
Black Studies	Archival Research
Materiality / New Materialism	Landscape Studies
Race / Racialization	Food Studies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024-Present Assistant Professor of Anthropology, School of Anthropology, Sociology, and Political Science, Southern Illinois University
2024 Research Associate, Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Bristol
2022-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, Archaeometry Laboratory, University of Missouri Research Reactor
2020-2022 Predoctoral Fellow, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies, University of Virginia
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PUBLICATIONS

Referred Journal Articles

- 2024 Why Teacups?: Assessing Enslaved People's Use of Teawares in Antebellum Virginia. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology*. 28(3):642-666.
2024 Humanist Missteps: A Black Studies Critique of Posthumanist Archaeologies. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*. 34(1):1-14.
2022 Buying Local: A Multi-Method Approach to Determining the Provenance of Locally-Made Lead-Glazed Earthenwares. *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences*. 14(7):1-15. (Matthew C. Greer and Brandi L. MacDonald)
2021 Cobalt, Lead, and Borax: Preliminary LA-ICP-MS and SEM-EDS Analysis of Late-18th-to Mid-19th-Century British Refined Earthenware Glazes. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*. 37(June):1-11. (Matthew C. Greer, Brandi L. MacDonald, and David Stalla)

- 2020 Which Town Did it Come From?: Sourcing Locally-Made Ceramics in the Middle Atlantic. *North American Archaeologist*. 41(4):135-167. (**Matthew C. Greer** and Brandi L. MacDonald)
- 2016 Contextualizing Dogs, a Dog Burial, and Enslaved Life on a Virginia Plantation. *Journal of African Diaspora Archaeology and Heritage* 5(3):223-244.

Non-Referrred Journal Articles

- 2024 Reply: Citational Politics and the Future of Posthumanist Archaeologies. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*. 34(1):24-26.
- 2022 New Project on the Archaeology of Class and Whiteness in the Shenandoah Valley. *Virginia Archaeologist*. 38(1):20.
- 2021 Willa Cather and Enslaved Life in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. *Willa Cather Review*. 62(2):10-12.
- 2014 Bundles, Passes, and Stolen Watches: Interpreting the Role of Material Culture in Escape. *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South* 21(1):87-96.
- 2013 Carrying the Tools for Freedom: Negotiating the Environments of Mississippi in Slavery and Escape. *Journal of Mississippi History* LXXV(3):121-132.
- 2012 Within View of the Mansion – Comparing and Contrasting Two Early Nineteenth-Century Slave Households at James Madison’s Montpelier. *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology* 28:69-80. (Matthew Reeves and **Matthew Greer**)

Conference Proceedings

- 2022 Archaeological Materials and Museum Collections. *2021 ALHFAM Conference Proceedings*: 200-202.

Manuscripts Submitted for Review

- In Review More Complicated than Meal, Meat, and Molasses: Historicizing Enslaved Rations in Southern United States. *Slavery and Abolition*

Manuscripts in Preparation

- In Prep. Archaeological Science and Historical Archaeology: Reviewing 50 Years of Geochemical Analyses on 16th- to 20th-Century Materials. *Historical Archaeology* (**Matthew C. Greer**, Whitney A. Goodwin, Brandi L. MacDonald, and Jay Stephens)

Technical Reports

- 2022 2018 Archaeological Mitigation for Proposed Fiber Optic Line, Belle Grove Plantation. Belle Grove, Inc.
- 2016 Appendix B: Site Strata. In *The Southwest Yard: Uncovering Transitional Landscapes at James Madison’s Montpelier*. The Montpelier Foundation. (**Matthew Greer** and Christine Heacock)
- 2016 Archaeological Investigations of Two Possible 19th Century Enslaved Quarters at Belle Grove Plantation, Frederick County, Virginia: 44FK520 and 44FK521. Belle Grove, Inc.
- 2013 Archaeological and Bioarchaeological Investigations of the French Colonial Cemetery at the Moran Site (22HR511), Harrison County, Mississippi. Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. (Marie Elaine Danforth, Danielle N. Cook, J. Lynn Funkhouser,

- Matthew Greer**, Heather Guzik, Amanda R. Harvey, Barbara T. Hester, Harold W. Webster, and Ronald Wise Jr.)
- 2010 Archaeological Investigation of The Rackliffe House and Grounds, Site 18WO230, On the Approximately Three Acre Property of the Rackliffe House Trust, in the Vicinity of the Assateague National Seashore and Assateague Island State Park, Worcester County, Maryland. Rackliffe House Trust. (Aaron Levinthal, Ryun Papson, and **Matthew Greer**)
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AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2015 University of Southern Mississippi Nominee, Social Science Division, Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Master's Thesis Award 2016
- 2014 University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Student Research Symposium, Department Award Winner, Department of Anthropology and Sociology
- 2014 Irmgard H. Wolfe Award for Best Graduate Paper in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2013 William F. Coker Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Gulf South History and Humanities Conference
- 2013 Irmgard H. Wolfe Award for Best Graduate Paper in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi
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GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants, Fellowships, and Internships

- 2022 SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, "Historical Archaeology of Race and Class in the Antebellum South," Award 2204085 (\$143,000)
- 2020 2020-2022 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies, University of Virginia (\$48,000)
- 2020 Grants-in-Aid of Research, Sigma Xi, grant G2019100194732789 (\$1,000)
- 2019 Pre-Doctoral Internship, University of Missouri Research Reactor Archaeometry Laboratory (\$14,400)

Internal Grants and Fellowships

- 2021 Roscoe Martin Graduate Award, Syracuse University (\$1,200)
- 2020 Roscoe Martin Graduate Award, Syracuse University (\$1,200)
- 2018 Roscoe Martin Graduate Award, Syracuse University (\$750)
- 2017 Maxwell Dean's Summer Fellowship, Syracuse University (\$4,820)
- 2017 Roscoe Martin Graduate Award, Syracuse University (\$730)
- 2016 Maxwell Dean's Summer Fellowship, Syracuse University (\$4,020)
- 2015 2015-2016 External Fellowship, Department of African American Studies, Syracuse University (\$23,830)
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INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

- 2024 Slavery, Consumption, and Everyday Politics in Antebellum Virginia. Department of Anthropology, University of Cincinnati (26 March)

- 2024 Slavery, Consumption, and Everyday Politics in Antebellum Virginia. School of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology, Southern Illinois University (18 January)
 - 2022 How Did They Use That Saucer?: Archaeological Science, Historic Documents, and Assumptions About Enslaved People's Use of Tea Wares. DAACS Conversation Series (25 February)
 - 2021 Cities, Towns, and Country Stores: Enslaved Consumers and the Politics of Shopping in the Shenandoah Valley. President's Career Enrichment Program, Laurel Ridge Community College (17 November)
 - 2019 Cather and Enslaved Life in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Plenary Session, International Willa Cather Seminar (17 June)
 - 2018 Slavery and Ceramics at Belle Grove Plantation: Archaeological Research of the Enslaved. Human Services Student Organization / Diversity and Inclusion Council, Laurel Ridge Community College (8 November)
 - 2018 Buying Crocks and Making History: Enslaved Consumers and the Development of the Shenandoah Valley. Plenary Session, Public Education Forum, Council of Virginia Archaeologists (12 October)
 - 2018 The Archaeology of Enslaved Life in the Shenandoah Valley. Department of Art History and Archaeology, Hood College (2 April)
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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference Symposia Organized

- 2024 Critical Archaeologies of Whiteness. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2023 Deepening Archaeology's Engagement with Black Studies. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (**Matthew C. Greer** and Suzanne Spencer-Wood)
- 2022 Belle Grove Plantation: Researching Plantation Life in the Shenandoah Valley. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference (**Matthew C. Greer** and Erica G. Moses)
- 2020 Plantation Archaeology as Slow Archeology. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2019 Plantation Archaeology as Slow Archeology. Theoretical Archaeology Group, North America (Theresa Singleton and **Matthew C. Greer**)
- 2018 Archaeologies of Free and Enslaved Communities in the Shenandoah Valley. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference

Conference Papers, Posters, and Panels

- Forth. Across the Great Divide: The Relationship Between CRM and Academia in the Modern World. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology (Mark Wagner, Ryan Campbell, **Matthew C. Greer**, and Chris Stantis)
- Forth. Below the Glaze: Absorbed Organic Residue Analysis of 18th- and 19th-Century Refined Earthenwares. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology (**Matthew C. Greer** and Lucy J.E. Cramp)
- 2024 Black Studies and the Ontological Politics of Knowledge Production in African Diaspora Archaeology. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology

- 2024 The Baldwin's Gap Site: The Archaeology of Race and Class at a Multi-Generational Farmstead. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference (**Matthew C. Greer** and Erica G. Moses)
- 2024 Magnetometry Survey of a 19th-Century Plantation Landscape (Poster). Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference (Erica G. Moses, Zachary McKeeby, and **Matthew C. Greer**)
- 2024 Performing Whiteness: Race, Class, and Ceramics in the Shenandoah Valley. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2023 Whiteness in Relation: Black Studies and the Racializing Assemblages of the Antebellum South. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology
- 2023 Relatively White: A Comparative Study of Whiteness in Antebellum Virginia. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
- 2023 That Sherd with the Fingerprints: Altering Public Perceptions of Ceramics and Slavery in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2022 What Town Did They Buy That From? Mapping Enslaved People's Consumption Practices in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
- 2021 Panelist—Uncovering Best Practices in Archaeological Collections. Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums Annual Conference
- 2021 Hunger: The Ontological Politics of Food in the Plantation South. Theoretical Archaeology Group, North America
- 2021 Cobalt, Lead, and Borax: Preliminary Elemental Analysis of Late-18th to Mid-19th-Century British Refined Earthenware Glazes. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference. (**Matthew C. Greer** and Brandi L. MacDonald)
- 2021 Racializing Surveillance and the (Re)Production of Blackness in Plantation Landscapes. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2020 Making Time for Tea(wares): Slow Archaeology, Enslaved Life, and the Poetics of Consumption. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2019 Making Time for Tea(wares): Slavery, Economies, and the Poetics of Consumption. Theoretical Archaeology Group, North America
- 2019 Crocks, Cabins, and Slavery: The Intermingling of African and German Diasporas in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
- 2019 Making Food, Making Middens, and Making Communities: Exploring the Effects of Cooking and Trash Disposal on a Virginia Plantation. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology (**Matthew C. Greer** and Scott Oliver)
- 2018 Black Virginians and Locally Made Ceramics in the Shenandoah Valley. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology
- 2018 Global Commodities and Internal Economies: Enslaved Consumers in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
- 2018 Poaching Pots and Making Places: Slavery and Ceramic Consumption in the Shenandoah Valley. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2018 Can You See Me Now?: Exploring Lines Of Sight On A Virginia Plantation. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology (Erica G. Moses and **Matthew C. Greer**)
- 2017 Panopticism and the Practical Politics of Slavery in the Shenandoah Valley. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference

- 2017 Starting Over After Being Taken Away: Enslaved Women, Forced Relocation, and Sexual Relationships in Antebellum Virginia. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2016 Transfer-Prints, Gilded Buttons, and Social Relationships: Costly Consumer Goods and Social Interactions within an Enslaved Community. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
- 2016 Many Remedies to Choose From: Social Relationships and Healing in an Enslaved Community. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2015 Interactions Across the Landscape: Interpreting Social Relationships within Montpelier's Black Community. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2014 Kin or Coins: Assessing Enslaved Social Relations in the Virginia Piedmont. University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Student Research Symposium
- 2014 Freedom in the Flesh: Assessing the Effect of Freedom on African American Health in Natchez, Mississippi. Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Archaeological Association
- 2013 Bundles, Passes, and Stolen Watches: Interpreting the Role of Material Culture in Escape. Gulf South History and Humanities Conference
- 2013 Nipping at the Heels of Slavery: Identifying Enslaved Resistance Through Contextualizing the "Dog Burial" at James Madison's Montpelier. University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Student Research Symposium
- 2013 Social Status and Inter-Household Interactions Amongst a 19th Century Enslaved Community. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
- 2012 Bondsman's Best Friend? – Analyzing the Cultural Significance of the "Dog Burial" at James Madison's Montpelier. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference
- 2012 Inter-Quarter Community Relations at James Madison's Montpelier. Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
- 2012 The South Kitchen Revisited: Using Ceramic Crossmend Data to Reinterpret Stratigraphy. Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology
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CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2021 Cities, Towns, and Country Stores: Enslaved Consumers and the Politics of Shopping in the Shenandoah Valley. Archaeology Brown Bag Workshop, University of Virginia (12 November)
- 2018 Panelist – Teaching Power: Dealing with Power Dynamics in the Classroom. TA Program Workshop, Syracuse University (9 February)
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southern Illinois University

- ANTH 202: America's Cultural Diversity (Fall 2024)

University of Southern Mississippi

- ANT 101: The Human Experience (Spring 2014)
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

2015–Present Belle Grove Quarters Project, Project Director
2019–2020 University of Missouri Research Reactor, Graduate Intern
2018–2020 Syracuse University, Research Assistant
2014–2015 The Montpelier Foundation, Crew Chief
2014–2015 Syracuse University, Field Technician
2014 University of South Alabama Center for Archaeological Studies, Field Technician
2013 Panamerican Consultants, Inc., Field Technician
2013–2014 University of Southern Mississippi, Laboratory Manager
2011–2012 The Montpelier Foundation, Crew Chief
2010–2011 Advantage Environmental Consultants, Crew Chief / Lab Manager
2009–2011 Louis Berger Group, Field Technician
2009 Cultural Site Resource Management, Field Technician
2008 University of Mary Washington Center for Historic Preservation, Field School
Participant and Field Technician

SERVICE

Professional Service

2024–Present President-Elect, Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
2024–Present Member, Health and Safety Committee, Council of Virginia Archaeologists
2021–Present Member, Public Education Committee, Council of Virginia Archaeologists
2023–2024 Co-Chair for Programing, Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
2018–2019 Co-Chair, Organizing Committee, Theoretical Archaeology Group North America
2019 Meeting

Campus Service

2016–2017 Treasurer, Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University
2013–2014 Treasurer, Anthropology Society, University of Southern Mississippi

MA Thesis Committees

2023 Linda Seminario (Committee Member): *“Provisioned, Produced, Procured,” and Purchased?: A Study of Enslaved African Economic Involvement in the Shenandoah Valley.* University of Massachusetts, Boston

Peer Reviewer

ACME: An International Journal of Critical Geographies
American Antiquity
Historical Archaeology
Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports

Workshops Organized

2024 Archaeological Science for Historical Archaeologists. University of Missouri Research Reactor, Columbia, MO. (5-8 August)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Committees and Boards

- 2022–Present Member, Board of Directors, Belle Grove Plantation
- 2020–Present Member, Education Committee, Belle Grove Plantation
- 2020–Present Consulting Archaeologist, Belle Grove Virtual Project

Museum Exhibits Curated

- 2022 Unearthing Enslaved Lives at Belle Grove. Permanent exhibit at Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown, Virginia. (**Matthew C. Greer** and Kristen Laise)

Public Lectures

- 2024 Archaeology at Belle Grove Plantation: 2015-2024. Cedar Creek and Belle Grove Descendant Community Group Project (3 June)
- 2022 Tea and Coffee in Antebellum Virginia. The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley (20 April)
- 2022 Social Histories of Tea, Coffee, and Drinking Chocolate in the Shenandoah Valley. Belle Grove Plantation. (18 September)
- 2022 Archaeology at Belle Grove Plantation. The Historic Strasburg ParaVation. (21 May)
- 2021 How Remote Sensing Helps Public Archaeology. Belle Grove Plantation (11 August)
- 2021 Enslaved Foodways in the Valley. Shenandoah Valley Black Heritage Center (22 June) (Kate Bajorek, **Matthew Greer**, Scott Oliver, Linda Seminario)
- 2021 Panelist – A Grinding Curse: Race and Slavery in the Shenandoah Valley. George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, Shepherd University (19 May)
- 2021 Archaeological Excavations at Belle Grove Plantation. Lunch and Learn, Montpelier Archaeology Department (10 March)
- 2021 Putting Together the Pieces: How Small Ceramic Fragments Reveal Much about the Life of the Enslaved at Belle Grove. Belle Grove Plantation (9 February)
- 2020 Panelist – African American Archaeology and Landscapes. Petersburg National Battlefield (25 October)
- 2020 Updates on the Scientific Analysis in the Archaeological Research at the Belle Grove Enslaved Quarter Site. Belle Grove Plantation (25 June)
- 2019 Enslaved Shenandoahans and Locally-Made Ceramics. Inalienable Rights: Free and Enslaved Blacks Crafting a Life in the Shenandoah Valley, Belle Grove Plantation (9 November)
- 2019 Digging Up Soul Food: Choice, Survival, and Food in the Shenandoah Valley. Honoring Shenandoah Valley’s Soul Food History and Chefs (3 August) (**Matthew Greer** and Scott Oliver)
- 2019 Archaeology at Belle Grove Plantation. Educational Workshop Series, Shenandoah County Parks and Recreation (27 June)
- 2018 Archaeological Investigation of the Slave Quarter Site at Belle Grove. Inalienable Rights: Free and Enslaved Blacks Crafting a Life in the Shenandoah Valley, Belle Grove Plantation (10 November)
- 2017 Archaeology at Belle Grove. Front Royal Rockhounds Association (22 July)

Media Coverage

- 2022 How Archaeology Tells the Story of Enslaved Lives at Belle Grove. *savingplaces.org* (11 August)
- 2022 Belle Grove Plantation Open for 2022 – New Exhibit ‘Unearthing Enslaved Lives at Belle Grove’ Now on View. *Royal Examiner* (23 March)
- 2019 Belle Grove Begins 2019 Archaeological Season. *The Northern Virginia Daily* (16 June)
- 2019 Archaeologists Return to Belle Grove Plantation for Final Season. *WVDM* (14 June)
- 2018 Details unearthed of lives in bondage at Belle Grove. *The Winchester Star* (7 August)
- 2018 Archaeologists Continue to Dig Up History at Belle Grove Plantation. *WVDM* (7 June)
- 2018 Belle Grove Continues Archaeological Investigations at Slave Quarter Sites. *The Northern Virginia Daily* (6 June)
- 2017 Untold History of Slaves Unearthed at Belle Grove Plantation. *The Winchester Star* (3 July)
- 2017 Slaves at Belle Grove: Archaeologists Offer Talks on Their Discoveries. *The Northern Virginia Daily* (28 June)
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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2021–Present Society for Archaeological Sciences
- 2020–Present Council of Virginia Archaeologists
- 2019–Present Register of Professional Archaeologists
- 2014–Present Lambda Alpha Honor Society
- 2012–Present Society for Historic Archaeology
- 2012–Present Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference