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Ph.D. Candidate

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2014+ Ph.D. Anthropology, in progress, University of Georgia
Dissertation (in progress): *"Re-evaluating timeframes for Indigenous and European interaction in southern Ontario, AD 1550-1650"*
- 2012 B.A. Anthropology (Honors), *Summa Cum Laude*, Russian and East European Studies Certificate, University of Pittsburgh
Honors Thesis: *"Considering Gendered Domains: Gender, Space, and Archaeological Interpretation in Central New York State"*

Research Interests

Northeastern Woodlands; Iroquoian Archaeology; Economic Anthropology; Colonialism; Intersocietal Interaction and Exchange; Radiocarbon; Chronology; World Systems; Household Archaeology

Fellowships

- Spring 2021 Friends of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies Dissertation Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania; 1-Semester Fellowship, **\$12,500**
- 2019 Fred Plog Memorial Fellowship, Society for American Archaeology, **\$1,000**
- 2016 *Honorable Mention*, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Grants and Awards

- 2019 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, Archaeology Program, Division of Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences, NSF# 1954093 **\$30,194**
- 2019 Norman Herz Small Grant for Student Research, Center for Archaeological Sciences and Center for Applied Isotope Studies, University of Georgia, **\$500**
- 2018 Brian Daniel Gumbert Archaeological Graduate Research Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, **\$1,000**
- 2018 Dean's Award, The Graduate School, University of Georgia, **\$2,970**
- 2018 Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant, The Graduate School, University of Georgia, **\$2,400**
- 2018 Norman Herz Small Grant for Student Research, Center for Archaeological Sciences and Center for Applied Isotope Studies, University of Georgia, **\$500**
- 2017 Norman Herz Small Grant for Student Research, Center for Archaeological Sciences and Center for Applied Isotope Studies, University of Georgia, **\$500**
- 2016 Robert E. Rhoades Pre-Dissertation Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, **\$700**
- 2016 Graduate Research Award, The Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia, **\$1,000**
- 2014-2016 Graduate School Assistantship, The Graduate School, University of Georgia, 2-year Research Assistantship

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* = open access)

- 2021* Birch, Jennifer, Sturt Manning, Samantha Sanft, and **Megan Anne Conger**. Refined Radiocarbon Chronologies for Northern Iroquoian Site Sequences: Implications for Coalescence, Conflict, and the Reception of European Goods. *American Antiquity* 86(1):61-89. DOI:10.1017/aaq.2020.73
- 2020* Manning, Sturt, Jennifer Birch, **Megan Anne Conger**, and Samantha Sanft. Resolving Time Among Non-Stratified Short Duration Contexts on a Radiocarbon Plateau: Possibilities and Challenges from the AD 1480-1630 Example and Northeastern North America. *Radiocarbon* 62(2):1785-1807. DOI:10.1017/RDC2020.51
- 2020 Holland-Lulewicz, Jacob, **Megan Anne Conger**, Jennifer Birch, Stephen Kowalewski, and Travis Jones. An Institutional Approach for Archaeology. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 58:1-15. DOI: 10.1016/j.jaa.2020a101163.
- 2019* Manning, Sturt, Jennifer Birch, **Megan Anne Conger**, Michael Dee, Carol Griggs, & Carla Hadden. Contact-Era Chronology Building in Iroquoia: Age Estimates for Arendarhonon Sites and Implications for Identifying Champlain's Cahiagué. *American Antiquity* 84(4):694-707. DOI:10.1017/aaq.2019.60
- 2019 **Megan Anne Conger** and Jennifer Birch. Archaeological reconnaissance through multi-method geophysical and geochemical survey at two Iroquoian village sites, southern Ontario, Canada. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 26. DOI: 0.1016/j.jasrep.2019.101888
- 2018* Manning, Sturt, Jennifer Birch, **Megan Anne Conger**, Michael Dee, Carol Griggs, Carla Hadden, Alan Hogg, Christopher Bronk Ramsey, Samantha Sanft, Peter Steier, & Eva Wild. "Radiocarbon Re-Dating of Contact Era Iroquoian History in Northeastern North America". *Science Advances* 4(12). DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.aav0280

Non Peer-Reviewed Publications (* = open access)

- 2020* Birch, Jennifer, Sturt Manning, **Megan Anne Conger**, and Samantha Sanft. Introduction: Why are We Dating Iroquoia? Building Chronologies to Write Enhanced Archaeological Histories. *The SAA Archaeological Record* 20(4):38-39.
- 2020* **Megan Anne Conger**. Brass, Beads, Bayesian Statistics: Integrating Relative and Absolute Chronologies in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Iroquoia. *The SAA Archaeological Record* 20(4):51-56.
- 2020* **Megan Anne Conger**, Jonathan Micon, Jennifer Birch, and Louis Lesage. Constructing Huron-Wendat Histories Through Oral History and Scientific Advances. *The SAA Archaeological Record* 20(4):57-61.

Reports on File

- 2017 **Conger, Megan Anne** and Jennifer Birch. *Report on Geophysical and Geochemical Investigations of the Hamilton-Lougheed Site (BbHa-10)*. Report on file with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, Toronto.
- 2015 Watson, Adam, Samantha Fladd, **Megan Anne Conger**, Sara Morrow, Katelyn Bishop, Brittany Bankston and Lucy Gill. *Return to Roberts: Damage Assessment and Data Recovery at 29SJ2384, Roberts Great House July-August 2014*. Report on file with National Park Service, Chaco Culture National Historical Park.
- 2014 Watson, Adam, Abigail Holeman, Samantha Fladd, Katelyn Bishop, **Megan Anne Conger**, Sara Morrow *Damage Assessment and Data Recovery at 29SJ 2384, Roberts' Great House, July-August 2013*. Report on file with National Park Service, Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Conference Papers (+ = In an invited/organized session; ^ = Session organizer)

- 2021 **Megan Anne Conger**. *Relational Thinking in World-Systems Context: Trade as Relationship Building in Sixteenth and Seventeenth-Century Northeastern North America*. Paper presented at Society for Historical Archaeology 2021 Virtual Conference.
- 2020+ **Megan Anne Conger**. *Trade as Relationship Building in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Northeastern North America*. Paper presented at the 2020 Ontario Archaeological Society Symposium, Digital Conference.
- 2019 **Megan Anne Conger**. *Comparing the use of Glass Bead Chronologies and Radiocarbon Chronologies in dating contact-era sites in southern Ontario, Canada*. Paper presented at the Radiocarbon & Archaeology 9th International Symposium, Athens, Georgia.

- 2019 Sturt Manning, Jennifer Birch, Samantha Sanft and **Megan Anne Conger**. *Dating Iroquoia: Methodological strategies for building archaeological chronologies in the contact-era Northeastern Woodlands*. Paper presented at the Radiocarbon & Archaeology 9th International Symposium, Athens, Georgia.
- 2019+^ **Megan Anne Conger**. *Telling localized Indigenous histories of trade through AMS dating and Bayesian modeling in southern Ontario, Canada*. Paper presented at the 84th Society for American Archaeology Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2018 Jennifer Birch, Sturt Manning, Samantha Sanft and **Megan Anne Conger**. *High-Precision Radiocarbon Chronology of Iroquoian Occupations in New York and Ontario: Preliminary Results and Implications*. Paper presented at the 2018 New York State Archaeological Association Conference, Syracuse, New York.
- 2016 **Megan Anne Conger**. *Geophysical Prospection and Soil Chemistry at Hamilton-Lougheed (BbHa-10), A Seventeenth-Century Tionontate (Petun) Village*. Paper presented at the 2016 Ontario Archaeological Society Symposium, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- 2016 **Megan Anne Conger**. *Transformations in Native and European Exchange Networks in Northern Iroquoia*. Paper presented at 81st Society for American Archaeology Conference. Orlando, Florida
- 2015 **Megan Anne Conger** and Adam Watson. *Ornaments, Pigments, and Household Production: Spatial Patterning and Residue Analysis of Ground Stone Artifacts from Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon, New Mexico (A.D. 800-1200)*. Paper presented at 80th Society for American Archaeology Conference. San Francisco, California
- 2014+ **Megan Anne Conger** and Adam Watson. *Species Diversity, Standardization, and the Spatial Organization of Production at Pueblo Bonito: A Case Study from Chaco Canyon*. Paper presented at 79th Society for American Archaeology Conference, Austin, Texas
- 2014 Adam Watson, Adam Lemoine, Matthew Gleason, Steven Kordell, Torbjorn Bergstrom, Christopher Brown, and **Megan Anne Conger**. *Using Multi-Scale Curvature Representations to Study Anisotropy on Measured Surface Topographies*. Paper presented at 4th International Conference on Surface Metrology. Berlin, Germany
- 2013 **Megan Anne Conger** and Kathleen M.S. Allen. *Considering Gendered Domains: Gender, Space, and Archaeological Interpretation in Central New York State*. Paper presented at 97th New York State Archaeological Association Conference. Watertown, New York

Conference Posters

- 2018 **Megan Anne Conger** and Jennifer Birch. *Inferring Iroquoian Architectural Variability from Magnetic Gradiometry*. Poster presented at the 83rd Society for American Archaeology Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2016 Kimberly Swisher, Turner Hunt, Nathan Hale, Judge Jones, **Megan Anne Conger**, Jennifer Birch and Stefan Brannan. *Changes in Activities During the Middle Occupational Phase at Singer-Moye, ca. AD 1300-1400*. Poster presented at 73rd Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Athens, Georgia
- 2015 Adam Watson, Samantha Fladd, Katelyn Bishop, Sara Morrow, **Megan Anne Conger**, Brittany Bankston, Lucy Gill, Abigail Holeman. *In the Footsteps of Frank H. H. Roberts: Continued Explorations at Roberts Great House, Chaco Canyon, New Mexico*. Poster presented at 80th Society for American Archaeology Conference. San Francisco, California
- 2014 Adam Watson, Abigail Holeman, Katelyn Bishop, Samantha Fladd, Rechanda Lee, Sara Morrow, and **Megan Anne Conger**. *New Explorations at Roberts' Great House, Chaco Canyon, New Mexico*. Poster presented at 79th Society for American Archaeology Conference. Austin, Texas

Teaching

- 2019 *Teaching Assistant*, ANTH 3900 Professional Development, University of Georgia
- 2019 *Teaching Assistant*, ANTH1102E Introduction to Anthropology (Online Course), University of Georgia
- 2019 *Teaching Assistant*, ANTH 4230 Archaeological Theory, University of Georgia
- 2016-2020 *Teaching Assistant*, ANTH 1102 Introduction to Anthropology, University of Georgia (5 total semesters)
- 2018 *Teaching Assistant*, ANTH 3410E Contemporary Native America (Online Course), University of Georgia

- 2017 *Teaching Assistant*, ANTH 3210 The Archaeology of Warfare, University of Georgia
 2016 *Teaching Assistant*, Singer-Moye Archaeological Settlement History (SMASH) Field School, University of Georgia
 2010-2011 *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to the Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

Archaeological Fieldwork and Lab Experience

- 2019+ *Graduate Research Assistant*, AMS Radiocarbon Pretreatment Lab, Center for Applied Isotope Studies, University of Georgia
 2017-2020 *Research Assistant*, "Dating Iroquoia" Project (NSF#1727802), University of Georgia/Cornell University
 2017-2019 *Continuing Curation Technician*, Laboratory of Archaeology, University of Georgia
 2016 *Lab Director*, Singer-Moye Archaeological Settlement History (SMASH) Field School, University of Georgia
 2016 *Crew Chief*, Geophysical Testing at Hamilton-Lougheed Site, University of Georgia
 2014-2015 *Research Assistant*, Spang Site Lab Analysis, University of Georgia
 2014-2015 *Field Technician*, White Springs Archaeological Project, Cornell University
 2014 *Crew Chief*, Roberts Great House Project, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, University of Virginia/National Park Service
 2014 *Research Intern*, Cultural Resources Office, American Museum of Natural History
 2013-2014 *Research Intern*, Division of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History
 2013 *Field Technician*, Roberts Great House Project, Chaco Culture National Historical Park, University of Virginia/National Park Service
 2012 *Lab and Field Technician*, Targan Nuur Archaeological Project, University of Pittsburgh/National Museum of Mongolia
 2011-2012 *Lab Technician*, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of Pittsburgh
 2010 *Student*, Kincaid Mounds Field School, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Service to Discipline

- 2019 *Volunteer Coordinator*, Gender, the Body, and Fieldwork Across Disciplines 1st Annual Symposium, Athens, GA
 2018-2019 *Volunteer Coordinator*, Radiocarbon & Archaeology 9th International Symposium, Athens, GA
 2018 *Member*, Public Outreach Committee, Ontario Archaeological Society
 2014+ *Mentor*, Undergraduate Mentoring Program, University of Georgia
 2013-2014 *Mentor*, Science Research Mentoring Program, American Museum of Natural History

Public Outreach

- 2020 **Dating Iroquoia Video**, https://youtu.be/oJ92Fmn_wf0 (English), <https://youtu.be/OpC40duIAPQ> (French), animated video presenting results of radiocarbon dating project. Aimed at educated non-specialist audience. Produced in consultation with Huron-Wendat Nation Bureau du Nionwentsio
 2019 **STEMZone**, Midden excavation and artifact identification activity booth during a home football game, Athens, GA
 2019 **World Anthropology Day**, Fieldwork photo contest, Athens, GA
 2018 **Laboratory of Archaeology Open House**, Faunal and botanical artifact identification activity during an open house at new laboratory facilities, Athens, GA.
 2018 **World Anthropology Day**, Anthropology selfie photo booth activity, Athens, GA
 2017+ **Dating Iroquoia Blog**, <https://datingiroquoia.wordpress.com>, Periodic updates about project progress and methods, 1,750 all-time visitors from 48 countries as of 12/29/2020
 2017+ **Dating Iroquoia Instagram page**, @DatingIroquoia, periodic updates and jokes about project progress and methods, 308 followers as of 12/29/2020

Professional Affiliations

- 2020+ Society for Historical Archaeology
 2016+ Ontario Archaeological Society

2014+ Society for American Archaeology

Relevant Skills

- Archaeological Excavation
- Pedestrian Survey
- Site Condition Assessment
- Crew Leadership
- Project Management
- Curation & Collections Management
- Advanced archaeological lab analysis (Faunal and Historic trade goods)
- Basic archaeological lab analysis (other archaeological materials)
- AMS radiocarbon sample preparation and chemical pretreatment
- NextGen Desktop 3D Scanner
- Trimble GPS
- Bartington Magnetic Susceptibility System
- Bartington Magnetic Field Gradiometer
- Soil Phosphate Analysis
- ArcGIS
- Adobe Illustrator
- Oxcal (Bayesian Chronological Modeling)