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EDUCATION

August 2014-

May 2024

University of Arizona, Tucson

PhD, Anthropology

(Traditionalism and Cooperation as Foundations for the Construction and Maintenance of Social Institutions at Early Bronze Age Mochlos, East Crete, Greece: A Ceramic Case Study)

MA, Anthropology with a concentration in Mediterranean Archaeology

(The Role of Feasting in the Development of Complexity in Minoan Society)

December 2013

University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG)

BA, Classical Studies with a concentration in Classical Archaeology and English

BA, Special Programs Archaeology with a minor in Geographic Information Systems

2006

Vandalia Christian High School, Pleasant Garden, North Carolina

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026-27

Visiting Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University, Department of Anthropology

2025-26

Instructor of Record for *Introduction to Archaeology* (SOA 2010, 2 Sections, Fall and Spring), High Point University, Sociology and Anthropology Department

Fall 2024

Instructor of Record for *Introduction to Archaeology* (ANT 112, 2 Sections), Wake Forest University, Department of Anthropology

Spring – Fall 2024

Researcher, Curry Collections Repatriation Project, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Archaeology Program and Anthropology Department

Fall 2023

Instructor of Record for *Lost Tribes and Sunken Lands* (ATY 208, Asynchronous Online) and *Latin American Art and Archaeology* (ATY 334, In Person), University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Anthropology Department

- Spring 2022 Grader and Teaching Assistant for *Humanity, A How-To Guide* (ANTH 150C- Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Montgomery), University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
- Fall 2021 Discussion Lecturer for two sections of *Animal Minds* (ANTH 170C2- Instructor: Dr. Evan MacLean), University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
- Spring 2021 Instructor of Record for *World Archaeology* (ANTH 160A1-002, Live Online), University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
- Fall 2017 Discussion Lecturer for two sections of *Patterns in Prehistory* (ANTH 160A1- Instructor: Dr. Daniela Triadan), University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
- Spring 2017 Discussion Lecturer for two sections of *Patterns in Prehistory* (ANTH 160A1- Instructor: Dr. Emma Blake), University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
- Fall 2016 Discussion Lecturer for two sections of *Patterns in Prehistory* (ANTH 160A1- Instructor: Dr. David Killick), University of Arizona, School of Anthropology
- Spring 2016 Grader for *Art History and Cinema* (CLAS 329- Instructor: Dr. David Soren), University of Arizona, Classics Department
- Fall 2015 Grader for *Classical Mythology* (ANTH 160D2- Instructor: Dr. Robert Schon), University of Arizona, School of Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS

Kaiser, Luke F. et al.

2030 *Mochlos VII: the Early Minoan Town and Cemetery: Volumes A and B*. In preparation. Philadelphia: INSTAP Press.

Morrison, Jerolyn and Luke F. Kaiser

2029 *Mochlos IVB: The House of the Metal Merchant and Other LMIB Houses – Pottery*. In preparation. Philadelphia: INSTAP Press.

Doudalis, Giorgos and Luke F. Kaiser

2029 *Pottery Statistics and Methodology in Mochlos IVB: The House of the Metal Merchant and Other LMIB Houses – Pottery*. In preparation. Philadelphia: INSTAP Press.

Doudalis, Giorgos and Luke F. Kaiser

2028 *Mochlos VB: the Ceremonial Complex-Pottery*. In preparation. Philadelphia: INSTAP Press.

Soles, Jeffrey

2027 *Mochlos VA: the Ceremonial Complex – Architecture and Small Finds*. In press. Philadelphia: INSTAP Press. Contributor.

Brogan, Thomas M. and Luke F. Kaiser

2022 “New Beginnings: Occupation at Mochlos in the Early Minoan I Period,” in *Kleronomia: Legacy and Inheritance: Studies on the Aegean Bronze Age in Honor of Jeffrey S. Soles*. Philadelphia: INSTAP Press, 33-42.

Soles, Jeffrey

2022 *Mochlos IVA: the House of the Metal Merchant and Other LMIB Houses- Architecture and Small Finds*. Philadelphia: INSTAP Press. Contributor.

Kaiser, Luke

2021 “Plugging Away During the Pandemic: Studies on Prepalatial Mochlos,” *KENTRO: The Newsletter for the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete* 23: 15-18.

Brogan, Thomas M., Luke Kaiser, and Eleni Nodarou

2018 “The times they are A-changin’: pottery production and technological change at Mochlos in the earlier Prepalatial period”, I. Caloi & C. Langohr (eds), *Technology in Crisis. Technological changes in ceramic production during periods of trouble, Acts of an International Workshop Held at UC Louvain, 18-19th February 2016* (Aegis 16), Louvain-la-Neuve: 75-92.

Kaiser, Luke

2018 “Origin and Practice of Trade at Early Minoan Mochlos: a Report on 2018 Work Supported by the Richard Seager Fellowship,” *KENTRO: The Newsletter for the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete* 21: 19-22.

Leonard, Albert Jr.

2017 *Kataret es-Samra, Jordan: the 1985 Excavation and Survey*. Boston: American Schools of Oriental Research. Proofed with the aid of Luke Kaiser.

Soles, Jeffrey, Giorgos Doudalis, Luke Kaiser, and Jerolyn Morrison

2017 “Memories and Realities in Neopalatial Mochlos,” *KENTRO: The Newsletter for the INSTAP Study Center for East Crete* 20: 11-16.

Kaiser, Luke

2015 “An Island off of an Island: Understanding Bronze Age Society in Mochlos, Crete.” *Notes from the Field, Arizona Anthropologist Vol 24*: 57-61.

Kaiser, Luke

2013 “Observing and Analyzing Coastal Hellenistic Fortifications with Remote Sensing and GIS.” *Explorations, the Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creativity Activities for the State of North Carolina, Volume VIII*: 101-120.

PRESENTATIONS

Kaiser, Luke F.

2027 How Traditionalism Fosters Group Integration and Institution-Building in Complex Societies. Presentation to the UCL Archaeology Graduate Program, London, UK, date TBD.

Salvadori, Guilia, and Luke F. Kaiser

2026 Living in an Older Frame: Temporal Rhythms and Settlement Change at Mochlos LM III was presented at ScapeCon 8th, Catania, Sicily, May 28th.

Kaiser, Luke F.

2024 Mochlos during the Early Bronze Age: A Case Study for Ceramics as Proxies of Group Identity and Integration was presented at the Lam Museum of Anthropology at Wake Forest University, March 21st.

Kaiser, Luke F.

2024 The Construction and Maintenance of Cooperative Institutions at Early Bronze Age Mochlos was presented to the Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens, February 29th.

Kaiser, Luke F.

2022 Life and Death at Mochlos: A Review of Prepalatial Research at Mochlos from 1908 to 2022 was presented at the Friends of INSTAP Zoom Lecture Series, December 21st.

Kaiser, Luke F.

2020 Craft, Cooking, and Quarantine: Preliminary Results from Doctoral Research on the Prepalatial Deposits at Mochlos was presented at the Friends of INSTAP Zoom Lecture Series, October 28th.

Kaiser, Luke F.

2020 Through Thick and Thin: Identifying Multiculturalism through the Evolution of Cooking Wares at Prepalatial Mochlos was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Washington, D.C., January 3rd, during the Connecting Sherds to Big Questions in the Mediterranean Session

Soles, Jeffrey, Giorgos Doudalis, Luke Kaiser, and Jerolyn Morrison

2017 Memories and Realities in Early Neopalatial Mochlos. Paper was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Toronto, Canada, January 7th, during the New Developments in Minoan Archaeology Session.

Kaiser, Luke

2016 The Role of Intercommunity Feasting in the Development of Social and Economic Complexity at Early Bronze Age Mochlos. Paper was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, Florida, April 9th, during the European Bronze Age Session

Kaiser, Luke

2016 Hosting and Toasting as an Arena for Cooperation and Competition. Paper was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, San Francisco, California, January 7th, during the Archaeology of Crete Session

Kaiser, Luke

2015 The Bare Bones of Archaeological Research. Paper was presented at the Notes from the Field Symposium, Tucson, Arizona, April 27th.

Obert, Jesse and Kaiser, Luke

2015 Predictability Modeling in Dorian Crete. Paper was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 11th, during the Archaeological Survey Session.

Kaiser, Luke

2014 Renovating Architectural Theories of Minoan Fortifications. Paper was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Austin, Texas, April 25th, in the

Space, Place, and Architecture in the Mediterranean Bronze Age Session.

Kaiser, Luke

2014 The Reality of Minoan Fortification: Did They or Didn't They? Paper was presented at the 4th Annual UNCG Classics Symposium, March 28th.

Kaiser, Luke

2014 Syria Survey-the Aleppo Region. Poster was presented during Poster Session at the Annual UNCG Undergraduate Research Exposition, March 20th.

Kaiser, Luke

2014 A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Minoan Fortifications. Paper was presented during the Paper Session at the 4th Annual UNCG Undergraduate Research Exposition, March 20th.

Kaiser, Luke

2014 Remodeling Minoan Fortifications. Paper was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Chicago, Illinois, January 4th, during the Undergraduate Paper Session.

Kaiser, Luke

2013 The Functional Purpose of Hellenistic Fortifications. Paper was presented at the 3rd Annual UNCG Classics Symposium, April 5th.

Kaiser, Luke

2013 Remote Sensing, GIS, and the Functional Purpose of Aegean Hellenistic Fortifications. Paper was presented at the Annual UNCG Undergraduate Research Exposition, March 21st.

Kaiser, Luke

2012 Understanding Hellenistic Fortifications through Remote Sensing and GIS. Poster was presented at the 2012 State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium at Duke University, November 17th.

AWARDS

2025-26	Mochlos Publication Fellow for the 2025-26 Academic Year (\$10,000)
2025	Mochlos Publication Fellowship (\$2,500)
2022	University of Arizona Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$10,000)
2021	University of Arizona William and Nancy Sullivan Award (\$1,000)
2020	University of Arizona Haury/Wheat Fund (\$1,070)
2020	University of Arizona Carol Kramer Memorial Scholarship (\$1,200)
2019	University of Arizona Spring Semester Emil W. Haury Education Fund for Archaeology (\$830)
2018	The Institute for Aegean Prehistory Richard Seager Doctoral Fellowship (\$4,000)
2017	University of Arizona Fall Semester Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Fund (\$800)
2017	University of Arizona Spring Semester William Shirley Fulton Scholarship Fund (\$900)
2016	University of Arizona Fall Semester Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Fund (\$750)

2016	University of Arizona Spring Semester William Shirley Fulton Scholarship Fund (\$600)
2016	University of Arizona Spring Semester Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Fund (\$600)
2016	AIA Graduate Student Travel Award
2015	Hellenic Cultural Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievements and Commitment to Hellenic Studies (\$950)
2015	University of Arizona Fall Semester Emil W. Haury Education Fund for Archaeology (\$650)
2015	University of Arizona Spring Semester Traditions, Transitions, and Treasures Award (\$700)
2015	AIA Graduate Student Travel Award
2014	Hellenic Cultural Foundation of Tucson Scholarship (\$200)
2014	University of Arizona Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate Tuition Scholarship (\$27,700)
2014	Emil W. Haury Education Fund for Archaeology (\$15,000)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

June 2026 –	Assistant Director, Mochlos Archaeological Project (PI- Dr. Jeffrey Soles)
June 2025 –	Assistant Director, UNCG Mochlos Field School (PI- Dr. Georgios Doudalis)
	Ground Stone Tool Specialist, Mochlos Archaeological Project
June 2023 – pres.	Registrar, Mochlos Archaeological Project (PI- Dr. Jeffrey Soles)
June – Aug 2023	Doctoral Dissertation Research (PI- Luke Kaiser)
June – Aug 2022	Doctoral Dissertation Research (PI- Luke Kaiser)
Aug – Sept 2021	Doctoral Dissertation Research (PI- Luke Kaiser)
October 2020	Choiromandres Archaeometric Survey (PI- Dr. Tony Brown, Dr. Leonidas Vokotopoulos)
March – Oct 2020	Doctoral Dissertation Research (PI- Luke Kaiser)
Feb – May 2019	Doctoral Dissertation Research (PI- Luke Kaiser)
Aug – Oct 2019	Doctoral Dissertation Research (PI- Luke Kaiser)
March – May 2018	Doctoral Dissertation Research (PI- Luke Kaiser)
May – June 2017	Undergraduate Research Supervisor
June 2015 – pres.	Team Coordinator, Research Fellow, Pottery Specialist (PI- Dr. Jeffrey Soles)
June – Aug 2014	<i>Predictability Modeling in Dorian Crete</i> (PI-Luke Kaiser and Jesse Obert) Independent Research
June – Aug 2014	Pottery Statistics Supervisor, Mochlos Study Season, East Crete, Greece (PI- Dr. Jeffrey Soles)
June – July 2013	<i>Minoan Defensive Systems</i> (PI- Luke Kaiser, Mentor- Dr. Jeffrey Soles) Undergraduate Research funded by the Office of Undergraduate Research at UNCG
June – Aug 2012	Trench Assistant (PI- Dr Jeffrey Soles), Mochlos Excavation Project, East Crete, Greece
May 2012	<i>Hellenistic Coastal Fortifications</i> (PI- Luke Kaiser, Mentor- Dr. Jeffrey Soles) Undergraduate Research funded by the Office of Undergraduate

Research at UNCG

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2024- Registry of Professional Archaeologists
Aug 2018- Off the Path Tours, LLC.
Guide and Collaborator
February 2015 XRF Workshop, University of Arizona and the Bruker Corporation
Feb 2013-Jan 2014 UNCG History Department, GIS Analyst
Jan 2013-Jan 2014 UNCG Office of Disability, Note Taker
Jan 2007-Jan 2009 Orientation Staff, UNCG Freshman Orientation Leader and Performance Chair

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

2023- Mochlos Grievance Officer
2017-18 President and Co-Editor of the *Arizona Anthropologist*, the Graduate Journal of the University of Arizona Anthropology Department
2016 Board Member of the Anthropology Graduate Students at the University of Arizona (AGUA) Organization
2016 Archaeology Edition Special Editor for the *Arizona Anthropologist* graduate student journal at the University of Arizona
2015- Staff Editor for the *Arizona Anthropologist* graduate student journal at the University of Arizona
2015 Organized the Notes from the Field Symposium at the University of Arizona
2015-2017 Lab Assistant in the University of Arizona Laboratory for Traditional Technologies
2014-2019 Society Contact and Webmaster for the Archaeological Institute of America Tucson Society
2014 Event Coordinator for the *Arizona Anthropologist* graduate student journal at the University of Arizona

LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency: Ancient and Modern Greek, Latin, and Spanish
Basic speaking knowledge: Modern Greek, Spanish