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Education:

In Progress PhD in Ancient Mediterranean Studies - University of Missouri

Columbia, MO – *Anticipated Graduation: May 2030*

Supervisor: Dr. Marcello Mogetta

MA in Ancient Mediterranean Studies - University of Missouri

Columbia, MO – August 2025

Thesis: *Searching For the Oldest Vineyards of Chianti: Landscape Analysis at Cetamura*

Committee: Dr. Marcello Mogetta, Dr. Wesley Stoner, Dr. Didi El-Behaedi, Dr. Emma Buckingham

MA in Geography - University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY - Dec 2018

Thesis: *Comparing Ancient Road Networks Mapped Using Archaeological and GIS Methods*

Committee: Dr. Paddington Hodza, Dr. Jeff Hamerlinck, Dr. Todd Surovell, Dr. C. McKenzie Lewis

BA in History Minor in Classical Civilization - University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY - May 2014

Positions and Relevant Employment:

Photogrammetry Supervisor – Gabii Archaeological Project

Rome, Lazio, Italy | June 2024 – Present

Cartographer – Cetamura del Chianti Archaeological Project

Gaiole in Chianti, Tuscany, Italy | March 2018 – Present

Geospatial Developer – Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center, University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY, USA | September 2021 – May 2023

Senior Web Designer/Developer – University of Wyoming Institutional Marketing

Laramie, WY, USA | April 2020 – September 2021

Academic Professional Lecturer – University of Wyoming Dept. of Geology & Geophysics

Laramie, WY, USA | January 2020 – June 2020

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Physical Geography Spring 2020

Online Portal Administrator – University of Wyoming Education Abroad

Laramie, WY, USA | February 2019 – April 2020

Digital Mapping Specialist / Instructor – Villa del Vergigno Archaeological Field School
Montelupo Fiorentino, Tuscany, Italy | June 2013 – March 2020

Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Wyoming Dept. of Geography
Laramie, WY, USA | August 2014 – July 2016, Jan 2018 – May 2018

Courses as Teaching Assistant:

Intro to Geographic Information Systems Fall 2014

Intro to Geographic Information Science and Technology Spring 2015, 2016, Fall 2015

Introduction to Physical Geography Summer 2016, Spring 2018

Introduction to Human Geography Spring 2018

Terrain Analysis Spring 2018

Research and Teaching Interests:

Classical Archaeology (especially of Rome and Italy), Landscape Archaeology, Ancient Topography, GIS, 3D Visualization, Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry, Early Roman Expansion, Free & Open-Source Software, Historical Geography, Physical Geography, Human-Environment Interaction, Environment and Archaeology, Ancient Infrastructure, Ancient Roads, Cartography, Drone Data Collection

Publications:

- 2026 *Forthcoming:* Butler, Kurtis A. “Ancient Vineyards of Chianti: Landscape Analysis at Cetamura” in *Etruscan Landscapes: Power, Society, and Territorial Dynamics in a Changing Italy (cent. 4th BC-1st AD)*. Alexis Daveloose, Valentina Limina, and Davide Morelli (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2022 Hodza, Paddington and Kurtis A. Butler. *Juxtaposing GIS and archaeologically mapped ancient road routes*. *Geographies*, 2(1), 48-67; <https://doi.org/10.3390/geographies2010005>
- 2018 Butler, Kurtis A. and Richard Vercoe. “Map of Chiloé” in *Chiloé - the Ethnobiology of an Island Culture*. eds. Anton Daughters and Ana Pitchon. Springer International Publishing.

Presentations:

- 2026 *Poster: A DEM for Seven Hills: Reconstructing Republican Rome’s Topography* at the 127th Annual Meeting of the **Archaeological Institute of America**, San Francisco, California
- 2025 *Ancient Vineyards of Chianti: Landscape Analysis at Cetamura* at the International Conference on **Etruscan Landscapes: Power, Society, and Territorial Dynamics in a Changing Italy (cent. 4th BC-1st AD)**, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- 2025 *Transporting Tufo: Spatial and Energetic Analyses for Largo Argentina Building Materials* at the 126th Annual Meeting of the **Archaeological Institute of America**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- 2023 *Guest Lecture: From Drawings to Drones: 50 Years of Mapping at Cetamura.*
Sponsored by the Student Archaeology Club in the Classics Department at **Florida State University**, Tallahassee, Florida.
- 2023 *Following an Augustan Veteran Home to Cetamura: Geovisualizing the Importance of Regional Roads in Roman Chianti* 124th Annual Meeting of the **Archaeological Institute of America**, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2020 *Comparing Ancient Road Routes Mapped Using Archaeological and GIS Methods*
121st Annual Meeting of the **Archaeological Institute of America**, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 *Recent Excavations and Mapping Technology at the Villa del Vergigno, Tuscany* co-presented with William Ramundt at the: **Classical Association of the Midwest and South** Annual Meeting, Boulder, Colorado
- 2014 *Marvel Comics and DC Comics: The Generational Divide*
Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society Regional Conference, Laramie, Wyoming

Awards:

- 2025 *Mizzou Legacy Building Fellowship* for PhD at University of Missouri
- 2025 *Charles D. Folse Fellowship* for PhD at University of Missouri
- 2024 *Charles D. Folse Fellowship* for MA at University of Missouri
- 2023 *Charles D. Folse Fellowship* for MA at University of Missouri
- 2023 *Honorarium Cetamura del Chianti Archaeological Project*
- 2022 *Honorarium Paiolo Archaeological Project*