# Education

**University of Georgia** (2012-present)

Ph.D. Candidate

Major Professor: Dr. Victor D. Thompson

Committee Members: Dr. Jennifer Birch and Dr. Stephen Kowalewski

**University of Kentucky** (2008-2012)

B.A., Anthropology, Magna cum Laude (May 2012)

Minor in Folklore and Mythology

Undergraduate Research Thesis: Petroglyphs in Cave 15HT53, Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky: Rock Art and Ritual in Karstic Kentucky

# Publications

Thompson, Victor D., Chester B. DePratter, Jacob Lulewicz, Isabelle Lulewicz, Amanda Roberts Thompson, Justin Cramb, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, and Matthew Colvin.

2018. The Archaeology and Remote Sensing of Santa Elena’s Four Millennia of Occupation. *Remote Sensing.* 10:248-278.

Roberts Thompson, Amanda D., **Brandon T. Ritchison,** Emma Cook, and Victor D. Thompson

In Press. Tobacco Pipes and Plantation Period Activities at the South End site (9CH155) on Ossabaw Island, Georgia. *Early Georgia.*

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2017. Exploring a Bayesian Method for Examining the Regional Ceramic Sequence along the Georgia Coast. *Southeastern Archaeology.*

Speakman, Robert J., Carla S. Hadden, Matthew H. Colvin, Justin Cramb, K.C. Jones, Travis W. Jones, Corbin L. Kling, Isabelle Lulewicz, Katherine G. Napora, Katherine L. Reinberger, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Maria Jose Rivera-Araya, April K. Smith, and Victor D. Thompson

2017. Choosing a Path to the Ancient World in a Modern Market: the Reality of Faculty Jobs in Archaeology. *American Antiquity* 83(1):1-12

Thompson, Victor D., Jacob Lulewicz, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Thomas Pluckhahn, Matthew Colvin, Justin Cramb, Katherine G. Napora.

2017. Plummets, Public Ceremonies, and Interaction Networks during the Woodland Period in Florida. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 48:193-206.

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2016. “Viewing the Future in the Past: Historical Ecology Applications to Environmental Issues” Book Review, *Early Georgia* 44(1&2).

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2016. Leveraging Research and Management: Archaeological Investigations at the South End Site (9CH155), Ossabaw Island, Georgia. Early Georgia 43(1): 155-161

Reitsema, Laurie J., Tad E. Brown, Carla S. Hadden, Russell B. Cutts, Maran E. Little, and **Brandon T. Ritchison**

2015. Provisioning an Urban Economy: Isotopic Perspectives on Landscape Use and Animal Sourcing on the Atlantic Coastal Plain. *Southeastern Archaeology* 34(3): 237-254

Ritchison, Gary and **Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2010. Infanticide by an Eastern Phoebe. *Wilson Journal of Ornithology.* 122(3):620-622.

# Reports

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**, Victor D. Thompson, Amanda Roberts Thompson, Mary E. Porter, and Bryan Tucker.

2018. *Survey and Mitigation of the South End site (9CH155), Ossabaw Island, Georgia.* Report Submitted to Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division.

Thompson, Victor D., Matthew Colvin, Isabelle Lulewiz, Jake Lulewicz, Katherine Napora, **Brandon T. Ritchison**

2016. *Shallow Geophysical Survey of Farmer’ Bottom Site, 9ST62, Chattooga River Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, Stephens County, Georgia*. Report submitted to USDA Forest Service Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests 1755 Cleveland Hwy Gainesville, GA 30501.

# Funding and Awards

\*Denotes Internal Awards

**National Science Foundation DDRI (2016)**………………………………………………………..$25,187

**SAA 2016 Ethics Bowl Team Member, 1st Place**

**University of Georgia Graduate School Travel Grant\* (2016)**………………………………………..$175

**Norman Herz Small Grants for Student Research\* (2015, 2016, 2017)**....…………………………...$1000

**SEAC Student Paper Competition Runner-Up (2015)**

**Society for Georgia Archaeology Student Research Grant (2014, 2015), Honorable Mention**

**Janis Faith Steingruber Student Travel Award\* (2014)**…………………………….………………....$500

# Conference Proceedings

\* Denotes an invited presentation

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**, Isabelle H. Lulewicz, Victor D. Thompson

2017. Investigating the Usefulness of Marsh Perwinkle (Littorina irrorata) for Radiocarbon Dating. Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, 2017.

\*Thompson, Victor D., Thomas Pluckhahn, Matthew H. Colvin, Jacob Lulewicz, and **Brandon T. Ritchison**

2017. Plummets, Ritual Dance, Individuals, and Macroregional Interactions during the Woodland Period in Florida. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, 2017.

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2016. Considering the New Neighbors: Immigration and Settlement Response on the Georgia Coast. Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, 2016

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**, Jacob Lulewicz, and Matthew Colvin

2016. Worlds in Flux: Lived Histories of the Indigenous Southeast. Organized Symposium, Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting, 2016

**\*Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2016. Responding to Regional Collapse: A Late Mississippian Community on the Georgia Coast. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, 2016

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2015. Evaluating Population Movement using State Site File Data: Understanding the Irene Phase Transition on the Georgia Coast. Paper. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, 2015. Student Paper Competition Award Runner-Up.

Davis, Taylor and **Brandon T. Ritchison**

2015. Oconee Hill Cemetery Thomas/Cobb Plot GPR Survey. Poster. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, 2015.

Roberts Thompson, Amanda D., Bryan Tucker, Jennifer Bedell, Megan Teague Tucker, Matthew Golsch, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Matt H. Colvin, Katherine Napora, Rachel Black, Aimee Bouzigard, and Victor D. Thompson

2014. Articulating Management and Research on Ossabaw Island, Georgia. Poster. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference 2014.

Golsch, Matthew, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Matthew H. Colvin, Bryan Tucker, and Victor D. Thompson

2014. Utilizing Complementary Techniques to Understand Formation Processes at the Ossabaw Island Shell Ring (9CH203). Paper. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference 2014.

**\*Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2014. Changing Communities: Mississippi Period Transitions on the Georgia Coast. Paper. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference 2014 as a part of an organized symposium: Georgia on the Eve of Change: Recent Late Prehistoric and Protohistoric Archaeology in the State.

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2014. Investigating Community Organization: Spatial Distributions over 4000 years on Sapelo Island, GA. Poster. Presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting 2014.

Reitsema, Laurie, Tad Brown, Russel B. Cutts, Carla S. Hadden, Maran E. Little, and **Brandon T. Ritchison.**

2013. Stable Isotope Evidence for Early Cattle Procurement and Management Strategies in the American Southeast: The Case of Historic Charleston. Poster. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference 2013.

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2013. Investigating Community Organization: A Preliminary Look at 4000 Years on Sapelo Island, GA. Paper. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference 2013.

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2012. Petroglyphs at Cave Site 15Ht53. Poster. Presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference 2012.

# Teaching Experience

**Instructor:**

**2018**: ANTH 2002, Tombs and Temples

**2017**: ANTH 4200/4240, UGA Colonial and Native Worlds Archaeological Field School, Section II: Sapelo Island, GA

**Guest Lectures:**

Marriage and Kinship, ANTH 1102, Spring 2013

The Neolithic Revolution, ANTH 1102, Fall 2013

The Archaeology of Georgia and the Southeast, ANTH 1102, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2016

**Teaching Assistantships:**

**2016:** ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology, Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Birch

**2014:** ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology, Instructor: Heather Gallivan

**2013:** ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology, Instructor: Dr. Victor Thompson

ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology, Instructor: Dr. Stephen Kowalewski

**2012:** ANTH 3220, Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology, Instructor: Dr. Stephen Kowalewski

# Institutional Service

**University of Georgia Graduate Student Mentor Program (2013-present)**

Graduate Student Mentor

**Technician (2010-2011)**

CATLATL, Undergraduate Prehistoric Technology and Archaeology Organization

Duties: Instructing members on the construction of atlatls and darts. Helped organize events.

**President (2011-2012)**

CATLATL, Undergraduate Prehistoric Technology and Archaeology Organization

Duties: Ran meetings biweekly and organized workshops, educational archaeology trips (e.g. a tour of archaeological resources at Mammoth Cave National Park), and volunteer opportunities (i.e. Club demonstration of atlatls at the Living Archaeology Weekend, 2011)

**Treasurer (2011-2012)**

UMOJA, Undergraduate Anthropology Organization

Duties: Handled club expenses and helped organize events and conduct biweekly meetings

**Public Outreach Experience**

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources CoastFest (2016)**

**Presenter**

A Georgia Department of Natural Resources sponsored event highlighting the valuable and unique coastal environment of Georgia. Since its inception in 1995, CoastFest has received more than 100,000 visitors. UGA exhibited artifacts, the UGA Junior Archaeologist Workbook, as well as Geophysical equipment.

**UGA Junior Archaeologist: An Explorer’s Guide to Georgia’s Past (2016)**

**Co-author**

The workbook, aimed at schoolchildren in Georgia, exposes the public to the basic methods, questions, and discoveries of archaeology in Georgia.

**Schoolyard Participant, Georgia Coastal Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Program, Jul. 2014, 2015**

**Instructor/Demonstrator**

The schoolyard program offers advanced placement high school instructors the opportunity to participate in ongoing research in ecology and archaeology in affiliation with the University of Georgia Marine Institute on Sapelo Island, GA.

**Lower Altamaha Historic Society, Sep. 2014**

**Invited Guest Speaker**

**Title:** Houses and Households: Finding Prehistoric Communities on the Georgia Coast

**Sapelo Island Summer Science Lecture Series, Aug. 2013**

**Invited Guest Speaker**

**Title:** Rings, Mounds, and Middens: Exploring Community Organization on the Prehistoric Georgia Coast

**Living Archaeology Weekend**

Public Archaeology and History Event in the Red River Gorge, KY, catering to school groups and the general public

**Invited Atlatl Demonstrator (2010, 2011)** Instructed school groups and interested members of the public on the use of reproduction atlatls.

# Affiliations/Memberships

**Southeastern Archaeological Conference (2010-present)**

**American Anthropological Association (2010-2011)**

**Society for American Archaeology (2013-present)**