# Education

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

Ph.D. Candidate, Expected Defense: Feb. 2019

Dissertation: 14th Century Reorganization of Irene Period Societies on the Georgia Coast

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

Minor, Folklore and Mythology

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

# Publications (\* Denotes Peer Reviewed)

\*Riehm, Grace E., Robbie Ethridge, Lydia Brambila, Brittany A. Brown, Lauren K. Collins, Danielle N. Effre, Stephen A. Kowalewski, J. Jacob Lulewicz, Morgan J. Lyon, Caitlin M. McDonald, Caitlin F. Plesher, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Colleen N. Smith, Amanda J. Sutton, and Victor D. Thompson

In Press What is Ethnohistory? A Sixty Year Retrospective. *Ethnohistory*.

\*Speakman Robert J., Carla S. Hadden, Matthew H. Colvin, Justin Cramb, K.C. Jones, Travis W. Jones, Isabelle Lulewicz, Katharine G. Napora, Katherine L. Reinberger, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Alexandra R. Edwards, and Victor D. Thompson

In Press  Recent Hiring Trends and Trajectories in Anthropology Faculty Positions. *PLOS ONE*: e0202528

\***Ritchison, Brandon T.**

In Press Investigating 14th Century Immigration and Settlement Response on the Georgia Coast, USA. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

\*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(2):248–278.

\***Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2018 Exploring a Bayesian Method for Examining the Regional Ceramic Sequence along the Georgia Coast. *Southeastern Archaeology* 37(1):12–21.

\*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

2018 Choosing a Path to the Ancient World in a Modern Market: the Reality of Faculty Jobs in Archaeology. *American Antiquity* 83(1):1–12

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

2017 Tobacco Pipes and Plantation Period Activities at the South End site (9CH155) on Ossabaw Island, Georgia. *Early Georgia* 44(1&2):67–92*.*

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

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

**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.

# Book Reviews and Other Publications

Jones, K.C., Travis Jones, Matthew Colvin, Justin Cramb, Katharine Napora, and **Brandon T. Ritchison**

2018 Sad Thursdays: The Student Perspective on Academic Hiring Practices. *The Professor Is In* (blog), March 23, 2018. https://theprofessorisin.com/2018/03/23/sad-thursdays-the-student-perspective-on-academic-hiring-practices-in-anthropological-archaeology/

Speakman, R. Jeff, Matthew Colvin, Justin Cramb, Alice Hunt, K.C. Jones, Travis Jones, Isabelle Lulewicz, Katharine Napora, Katie Reinberger, **Brandon Ritchison**, and Victor Thompson

2016 UGA Junior Archaeologist: An Explorer’s Guide to Georgia’s Past. University of Georgia, Athens.

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2016 “Viewing the Future in the Past: Historical Ecology Applications to Environmental Issues” Book Review, *Early Georgia* 44(1&2):161–163.

# Technical 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, Stockbridge, GA.

Thompson, Victor D., Matthew Colvin, Isabelle Lulewicz, 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.

# Academic Funding (\*Denotes Internal Awards)

2018: \*University of Georgia Graduate School Travel Grant ($350)

2017: \*UGA Center for Archaeological Science Norman Herz Small Grants for Student Research ($500)

2016: National Science Foundation DDRI: Collapse and Reorganization ($25,187)

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

\*UGA Center for Archaeological Science Norman Herz Small Grants for Student Research ($500)

2015: \*UGA Center for Archaeological Science Norman Herz Small Grants for Student Research ($500)

2014: \*UGA Department of Anthropology Janis Faith Steingruber Student Travel Award ($500)

# Awards

2016: SAA Ethics Bowl Team Member, 1st Place

2015: SEAC Student Paper Competition Runner-Up

Society for Georgia Archaeology Student Research Grant, Honorable Mention

2014: Society for Georgia Archaeology Student Research Grant, Honorable Mention

# Conference Presentations (\* Denotes invited presentation)

**Ritchison, Brandon T.**

2018 Immigration and Transformation: Local Community Response to the Abandonment of a Neighboring Region. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, 2018.

Speakman Robert J., Carla S. Hadden, Matthew H. Colvin, Justin Cramb, K.C. Jones, Travis W. Jones, Isabelle Lulewicz, Katharine G. Napora, Katherine L. Reinberger, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Alexandra R. Edwards, and Victor D. Thompson

2018 The Reality of Faculty Jobs in Archaeology. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, 2018.

Speakman Robert J., Carla S. Hadden, Matthew H. Colvin, Justin Cramb, K.C. Jones, Travis W. Jones, Isabelle Lulewicz, Katharine G. Napora, Katherine L. Reinberger, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Alexandra R. Edwards, and Victor D. Thompson

2017 The Reality of Faculty Jobs in Archaeology. Poster presented at the annual meeting of The Plains Anthropological Association, 2017.

**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 of Record:**

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:**

2018: ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology, Instructor: Dr. Jason Gonzalez

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

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

ANTH 4200/4240, Archaeological Field School, Instructor: Dr. Victor Thompson

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

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

ANTH 4200/4240, Archaeological Field School, Instructor: Dr. Victor Thompson

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

**Formal Undergraduate Mentoring:**

2017: Graduate Student Mentor for Adam Kazmi

2015: Graduate Student Mentor for Taylor Woods

2014: Graduate Student Co-Mentor for Katie Dalton, Trevor O’Neal, Adam Coker

2013: Graduate Student Mentor for Taylor Davis

**Archaeological Field Instruction:**

2018: 8 University of Georgia Undergraduates

2017: 27 University of Georgia, Eastern Kentucky University Undergraduates

2016: 27 University of Georgia, University of South Florida Undergraduates

2015: 64 University of Georgia, Florida Gulf Coast University Undergraduates

2014: 21 University of Georgia, Indiana University Graduates/Undergraduates

2013: 11 University of Georgia Undergraduates

# Institutional Service and Public Outreach

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

Graduate Student Mentor

**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**

**Instructor/Demonstrator (2014, 2015)**

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**

**Invited Guest Speaker (Sep. 2014)**

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

**Sapelo Island Summer Science Lecture Series**

**Invited Guest Speaker (Aug. 2013)**

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

**Technician (2010–2011)**

CATLATL, Undergraduate Prehistoric Technology and Archaeology Organization

Duties: Instructing members on the construction and use of atlatls and darts. Organized events.

**President (2011–2012)**

CATLATL, Undergraduate Prehistoric Technology and Archaeology Organization

Duties: Ran meetings biweekly and organized workshops, educational archaeology trips, and volunteer opportunities

**Treasurer (2011–2012)**

University of Kentucky Undergraduate Anthropology Organization

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

**Living Archaeology Weekend**

Public Archaeology and History Event in the Red River Gorge, KY, catering to elementary 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

Society for Georgia Archaeology (2014–Present)

Society for American Archaeology (2013–Present)

Lambda Alpha Honor Society (2012–Present)

Southeastern Archaeological Conference (2010–Present)

American Anthropological Association (2010–2011)