# 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

University of Kentucky (2008–2012)

B.A., Anthropology, Magna cum Laude

Minor, Folklore and Mythology

Honors Thesis: Petroglyphs in Cave 15HT53, Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky

# Research Interests

Archaeological science; Bayesian chronological modeling; Ceramic analysis; Community organization; Demography; Database creation and management; Geographic information systems and applications; Geophysics and remote sensing; Islands, coasts, and wetlands; Migration; Monumentality and the built environment; Regional settlement; Radiocarbon; Socio-political organization; Southeastern archaeology; Spatial analysis

# Publications (\* Denotes Peer Reviewed)

2019 \*Hadden, Carla S., Kathy M. Loftis, Alexander Cherkinsky, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Isabelle H. Lulewicz, and Victor D. Thompson. Radiocarbon in marsh periwinkle (*Littorina irrorata*) shell carbonate and conchiolin: applications for archaeology. *Radiocarbon.* In Review.

2019 \*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. What is Ethnohistory? A Sixty Year Retrospective. *Ethnohistory*. In Press.

2018 \***Ritchison, Brandon T.** Investigating 14th Century Immigration and Settlement Response on the Georgia Coast, USA. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 21:606-618.

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

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. Recent Hiring Trends and Trajectories in Anthropology Faculty Positions. *PLoS ONE* 13(9): e0202528. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0202528

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

2018 \*Thompson, Victor D., Chester B. DePratter, Jacob Lulewicz, Isabelle Lulewicz, Amanda Roberts Thompson, Justin Cramb, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, and Matthew Colvin. The Archaeology and Remote Sensing of Santa Elena’s Four Millennia of Occupation. *Remote Sensing* 10(2):248–278.

2017 \*Roberts Thompson, Amanda D., **Brandon T. Ritchison,** Emma Cook, and Victor D. Thompson. Tobacco Pipes and Plantation Period Activities at the South End site (9CH155) on Ossabaw Island, Georgia. *Early Georgia* 44(1&2):67–92*.*

2017 \*Thompson, Victor D., Thomas Pluckhahn, Matthew Colvin, Justin Cramb, Jacob Lulewicz, Katherine G. Napora, **Brandon Ritchison.** Plummets, Public Ceremonies, and Interaction Networks during the Woodland Period in Florida. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 48(2017):193–206.

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

2015 \*Reitsema, Laurie J., Tad E. Brown, Carla S. Hadden, Russell B. Cutts, Maran E. Little, and **Brandon T. Ritchison.** Provisioning an Urban Economy: Isotopic Perspectives on Landscape Use and Animal Sourcing on the Atlantic Coastal Plain. *Southeastern Archaeology* 34(3): 237–254

2010 \*Ritchison, Gary and **Ritchison, Brandon T.** Infanticide by an Eastern Phoebe. *Wilson Journal of Ornithology* 122(3):620–622.

# Book Reviews and Other Publications

2018 Jones, K.C., Travis Jones, Matthew Colvin, Justin Cramb, Katharine Napora, and **Brandon T. Ritchison.** 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/

2016 **Ritchison, Brandon T.** Review of “Viewing the Future in the Past: Historical Ecology Applications to Environmental Issues” by H. Thomas Foster, II. *Early Georgia* 44(1&2):161–163.

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

# Technical Reports

2018 **Ritchison, Brandon T.**, Victor D. Thompson, Amanda Roberts Thompson, Mary E. Porter, and Bryan Tucker. *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.

2016 Thompson, Victor D., Matthew Colvin, Isabelle Lulewicz, Jake Lulewicz, Katherine Napora, **Brandon T. Ritchison**. *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)

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

2018 **Ritchison, Brandon T.** Evaluating the Role of Immigration in the Savannah/Irene Phase Transition. Paper presented at the 2018 Symposium on the Archaeology of the Southeastern Coastal Plain

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

2017 **Ritchison, Brandon T.**, Isabelle H. Lulewicz, Victor D. Thompson. Investigating the Usefulness of Marsh Perwinkle (Littorina irrorata) for Radiocarbon Dating. Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting

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

2017 \*Thompson, Victor D., Thomas Pluckhahn, Matthew H. Colvin, Jacob Lulewicz, and **Brandon T. Ritchison.** Plummets, Ritual Dance, Individuals, and Macroregional Interactions during the Woodland Period in Florida. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting

2016 \***Ritchison, Brandon T.** 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.** 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.** Reverberations of a Vacuum: Effects of the collapse of a region on its neighbors, as case from the Georgia Coast, USA. Paper presented at the 2016 Symposium on the Archaeology of the Southeastern Coastal Plain

2015 Davis, Taylor and **Brandon T. Ritchison.** Oconee Hill Cemetery Thomas/Cobb Plot GPR Survey. Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference

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

2015 **Ritchison, Brandon T.** Regional Abandonment and Community Organization: Regional and Community Perspectives on the North Georgia Coast. Paper presented at the Spring meeting of the Society for Georgia Archaeology

2014 Golsch, Matthew, **Brandon T. Ritchison**, Matthew H. Colvin, Bryan Tucker, and Victor D. Thompson. 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.** Changing Communities: Mississippi Period Transitions on the Georgia Coast. Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference as a part of an organized symposium: Georgia on the Eve of Change: Recent Late Prehistoric and Protohistoric Archaeology in the State

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

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

2013 Reitsema, Laurie, Tad Brown, Russel B. Cutts, Carla S. Hadden, Maran E. Little, and **Brandon T. Ritchison.** 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.** Investigating Community Organization: A Preliminary Look at 4000 Years on Sapelo Island, GA. Paper presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference

2012 **Ritchison, Brandon T.** Petroglyphs at Cave Site 15HT53. Poster presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference

# Organized Symposia

2016 **Ritchison, Brandon T.**, Jacob Lulewicz, and Matthew Colvin. Worlds in Flux: Lived Histories of the Indigenous Southeast. Organized Symposium, Southeastern Archaeological Conference Annual Meeting

# 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:

2016 The Archaeology of Georgia and the Southeast, ANTH 1102

2014 The Archaeology of Georgia and the Southeast, ANTH 1102

2014 The Archaeology of Georgia and the Southeast, ANTH 1102

2013 Marriage and Kinship, ANTH 1102

2013 The Neolithic Revolution, ANTH 1102

2012 The Archaeology of Georgia and the Southeast, ANTH 1102

Teaching Assistantships:

2018 ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology

2016 ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology

2014 ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology

ANTH 4200/4240, Archaeological Field School

2013 ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology

ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology

ANTH 4200/4240, Archaeological Field School

2012ANTH 3220, Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology

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

2016 Georgia Department of Natural Resources CoastFest, 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.

2015 Schoolyard Instructor, NSF Georgia Coastal Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Program

2014 Schoolyard Instructor, NSF Georgia Coastal Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research Program

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.

2014 Lower Altamaha Historic Society, Invited Guest Speaker

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

2013 Sapelo Island Summer Science Lecture Series, Invited Guest Speaker

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

2011 Living Archaeology Weekend, Invited Atlatl Demonstrator

2010 Living Archaeology Weekend, Invited Atlatl Demonstrator

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