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TRAVIS W. JONES TO FELLOW IN WASHINGTON D.C

Travis is spending his summer at the Smithsonian Institution in America’s Capitol
Atlanta native Travis is off to do a fellowship at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History!

Travis is a PhD student at University of Georgia trained in anthropological archaeology and archaeological science. After leaving the U.S. Army in 2009, he enrolled in classes at University of Georgia and subsequently discovered a passion for studying the deep history of our shared human past. He is currently in his third year of the doctoral program in anthropology. He is also a Graduate Research Associate at the university’s Center for Applied Isotope Studies and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. His advisors are Dr. Jennifer Birch, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, and Dr. Jeff Speakman, Director of the Center for Applied Isotope Studies.

Travis’ research interests include applications of time in archaeology, sociopolitical organizational complexity, archaeological materials analysis (isotopic and elemental), and prehistoric landscapes. His current research investigates the timing and tempo of settlement formation and community-level competition among the earliest villagers in the Middle Missouri region North and South Dakota. His fellowship at the Smithsonian will include studying archaeological collections curated at the National Museum of Natural History and identifying artifacts that he will include in a large-scale radiocarbon-dating project. The goal of this project is to identify when prehistoric people of the Middle Missouri built the first villages and how their establishment contributed to some of the first instances of large-scale, organized violence and conflict in this region.

The Smithsonian Institution is the world’s largest museum and research complex, with 19 museums and galleries and the National Zoological Park. On July 1, 1836, Congress accepted the legacy bequeathed to the nation by James Smithson and pledged the faith of the United States to the charitable trust. The total number of objects, works of art and specimens at the Smithsonian is estimated at nearly 138 million, including more than 127 million specimens and artifacts at the National Museum of Natural History.

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