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## EDUCATION

**Eastern Washington University**  
2000      Bachelors of Art, Anthropology

**Texas A&M University**  
2004      Masters of Art  
Nautical Archaeology Program, Department of Anthropology

Thesis: *Wrought Iron Hand Tools from the Underwater Excavations of Colonial Port Royal, Jamaica.*

**Texas A&M University**  
2011      Doctorate  
Nautical Archaeology Program, Department of Anthropology

Dissertation: *Exploration and Empire: Iconographic Evidence of Iberian Ships of Discovery.*

## EMPLOYMENT

**Volunteer Archaeologist | National Museum of Bermuda**  
2010 – Present  
Assisting in the excavation, research, and conservation of cultural material.

**Faculty | Ashford University**  
2009 – Present  
Teaching undergraduate online courses in cultural anthropology.

**Fellowship | Marian Cook Graduate Fellow**  
2007 – 2008  
Taught upper-level undergraduate class on Piracy in the New World.

**Graduate Teaching Assistantship | Texas A&M University**  
2004 – 2007

Taught undergraduate cultural anthropology courses.

**Graduate Assistantship | Texas A&M University**  
2003 – 2004

Graduate assistant in the Conservation Research Laboratory.

**Graduate Assistantship | Texas A&M University**  
2002 – 2003

Graduate assistant in the Texas A&M University Career Center.

**Work Study | Institute of Nautical Archaeology**  
2001 – 2002

Conducted research relating to the *Denbigh* project.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE**

**The Warwick Project, Co-Director**

2008 – Present

Co-director of the ongoing excavation of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century English galleon *Warwick* in Bermuda.

**The Western Ledge Reef Wreck Project, Co-Director**

2007 – Present

Co-director of the Western Ledge Reef Wreck Reconstruction Project in Bermuda.

**The South Basin Survey, Co-Director**

2010

Co-director of a cultural survey of the Dockyard Harbor, Bermuda.

**Broadreach Archaeological Field School**

2006

Instructor for college accredited shipwreck archaeology field school in Bermuda through Broadreach Academic Treks.

**The Red River Wreck**

2005 - 2006

Participated in the excavation of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century steam ship *Heroine* in the Red River, Oklahoma.

**Dominican Republic Survey Project, Co-Director**

2003 - 2004

Co-Director of a survey project in the Dominican Republic.

**Monti Cristi Shipwreck Project**

2003

Participated in the excavation of a 17<sup>th</sup>-century shipwreck in the Dominican Republic.

**Cais do Sodre Archaeological Project**

2001 - 2002

Participated in the recording of a 16<sup>th</sup>-century shipwreck in Lisbon, Portugal.

**Angra C Archaeological Project**

2001

Participated in the excavation of a 16<sup>th</sup>-century shipwreck in Azores, Portugal.

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

Warwick Project | G-EOS Foundation

2011

Warwick Project | The Perot Foundation

2011

Warwick Project | Center for Marine Archaeology and Conservation

2010 - 2011

Warwick Project | Institute of Nautical Archaeology

2010 - 2011

Warwick Project | National Geographic

2010

Doctoral Research | College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Award

2008

Warwick and WLRW Projects | Institute of Nautical Archaeology

2008

Doctoral Research | **Arquivo Nacional de Torre do Tombo Bolsa**  
2007

Doctoral Research | **Glasscock Center for Humanities Research**  
2005 - 2006

Doctoral Research | **Department of Anthropology**  
2004 - 2007

Dominican Republic Survey Project | **RPM Nautical Foundation**  
2003 - 2004

Scholarship | **Institute of Nautical Archaeology**  
2001 - 2005

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Society of Historical Archaeology Conference**

2011

Presented a paper entitled: Exploration and Empire: Iconographic Evidence of Iberian Ships of Discovery and co-presented a paper entitled: The *Warwick*: Results of the first season of excavations.

### **Certificate of Conservation**

2010

Certificate of advanced studies in conservation awarded by the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University.

### **Society of Historical Archaeology Conference**

2009

Presented a paper on the *Warwick* Project as part of a symposium entitled "From the Still-Vexed Bermoothes:" Celebrating the Archaeology of Bermuda 400 years on.

### **Consulting Editor for Odyssey Magazine**

2008

Consulting Editor for Odyssey Magazine's summer 2008 issue on the science behind the Golden Age of Piracy.

### **National Museum of Bermuda Research Intern**

2007 - 2008

Recorded timbers from the Western Ledge Reef Wreck and consulted on the

future conservation of this vessel and related artefacts.

**Dissertation Research Project**

2002, 2005, 2007

Conducted research on 16<sup>th</sup>-century Iberian ships in several museums and archives throughout England, France, Spain, and Portugal.

**Graduate Student Coordinator for Women's Week**

2007

Coordinated the Department of Anthropology's annual Women's Week lecture.

**Graduate Student Coordinator for Shipwreck Weekend**

2007

Coordinated the Nautical Archaeology Program's annual Shipwreck Weekend lecture series.

**Society of Historical Archaeology Conference**

2007

Presented a paper on the preliminary statistical analysis of the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Portuguese manuscript *Mémoria das Armadas*.

**Society of American Archaeology Conference**

2006

Presented a poster entitled: In Search of the Caravel.

**Society of Historical Archaeology Conference**

2006

Presented a paper entitled Exploration and Empire: Iconographic Evidence of Iberian Ships of Discovery as part of a symposium on Iberian Seafaring called Edge of Empire.

**Society of Historical Archaeology Conference**

2003

Presented research report on 2003 field season of the Dominican Republic Survey Project at the SHA conference in Mobile, Alabama.

**Institute of Nautical Archaeology Research Associate**

2002

Research Associate status awarded to a limited number of scholars engaged in projects through the Institute of Nautical Archaeology.

## NOTABLE PUBLICATIONS

Bojakowski, P., and Katie Custer Bojakowski, 2011, The *Warwick*: survey results of the early 17th-century Virginia Company ship, *Post-Medieval Archaeology Journal*, **45**(1): 41-53.

Bojakowski, P., and Katie Custer Bojakowski, 2010, The *Warwick* Project: New Archaeological Research on a 17th-Century English Galleon. Edited by E. Laanela and J. Moore, ACUA Underwater Archaeology Proceedings 2009: An Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology

Castro, Filipe Viera de Castro and Katie Custer (Editors), 2008, *Edge of Empire: Proceedings of the Symposium "Edge of Empire" Held at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology Sacramento CA*. Caleidoscópico, Portugal.

Custer, Katie, 2008, *Exploration and Empire: Iconographic Evidence of Iberian Ships of Discovery* in *Edge of Empire: Proceedings of the Symposium "Edge of Empire" Held at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology Sacramento CA* edited by Filipe Castro and Katie Custer. Caleidoscópico, Portugal.

## PUBLICATIONS

Bojakowski, P., Katie Custer Bojakowski, and Douglas Inglis, In Press, *Warwick* Excavation, In Press. *The INA Annual*, 2010.

Bojakowski, P., and Katie Custer, 2010. English Galleon Warwick: First Season of Archaeological Excavation. *INA Quarterly* **37**(2&3): 26-27.

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Bojakowski, P., and Katie Custer Bojakowski, 2010. Uncovering the *Warwick*. *MARITimes* **23**(2): 15-18.

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Bojakowski, P., and Katie Custer , 2009. Western Ledge Reef Wreck: 2008 Season Report. *The INA Annual*, 2008: 59-61.

Bojakowski, P., and Katie Custer, 2008, Secrets of the Warwick. *MARITimes*, 21(3):9-10.

Custer, Katie M. and Sara G. Hoskins, 2003, The First Season of the Dominican Republic Survey Project: A Preliminary Survey of the Southern Coast. *INA Quarterly* 30(4): 19-22.

Custer, Katie and Starr Cox, 2003, Post-Excavation Techniques for Recording Ship Timbers. *INA Quarterly* 30(3): 10-13.

