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QAR Conservation Lab
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Degrees Earned

- 2012 **Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX
M.A. in Anthropology
Focus in Nautical Archaeology and Certificate in Conservation
Thesis Title: “Reconstructing the Assemblage of Iron Artifacts from the Late Hellenistic Shipwreck at Kizilburun, Turkey.”
- 2003 **Texas A&M University**, Galveston, TX
B.A. in Maritime Studies, cum laude
Minors in English and Anthropology

Experience in Archaeology and Conservation

- 2013-present **NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Office of State Archaeology Queen Anne’s Revenge (QAR) Conservation Lab**, Greenville, North Carolina
- Conservator*
- Participate in excavation and ensure safe recovery and storage of artifacts in the field
 - Manage large collection of concretions, establishing a priority system and assigning projects to fellow conservators
 - Perform x-radiography and interpretation of x-ray films
 - Carry out a variety of treatments for glass, ceramics, metals, and organics
 - Process sediment to locate tiny artifacts such as glass beads and gold grains
 - Help maintain archaeological and image databases
 - Participate in grant-writing
 - Lead tours of the lab as well as aid in public outreach events throughout the year
 - Research archaeological parallels and identify artifacts
 - Instruct graduate assistants, volunteers, and interns
- Field Director*
- Oversee archaeological direction of QAR
 - Prepare field reports
 - Help and oversee excavation of units using water induction dredges and sluices
 - Establish timetable and goals for excavation season
 - Motivate crew to stay on task so that goals are met
 - Liaise with partners (NC Division of Marine Fisheries, US Coast Guard, etc.) to solve logistical issues and strengthen partnerships
 - Aid in and ensure archaeological recording is complete before artifacts are recovered
 - Establish daily dive rotation and task roster so that crew is organized and informed
 - Solicit, organize, and instruct volunteers

- 2009-2011 **Institute of Nautical Archaeology (INA), Bodrum, Turkey**
Interim Head Conservator
 Oversaw treatments of waterlogged materials from shipwrecks excavated by INA:
 Cape Gelidonya, Pabuc Burnu, Tektas Burnu, Kizilburun, Yassi Ada Roman
 Wreck, and Bozburun
 Carried out polyethylene glycol treatment and sucrose for ship timbers and remains
 Performed radiography of iron artifacts, followed by casting, molding and replication
 Maintained treatment records, databases and reports
 Worked within a budget and managed expenses
 Advised on the conservation of metals and organics for outside projects: Liman Tepe,
 Yeni Kapi Harbor Excavation, and Ertugrul Shipwreck
 Organized and instructed interns
 Maintained lab equipment
 Oversaw desalination of newly excavated material
 Supervised and aided in reconstruction of ceramics
 Guided tours for students and visiting scholars of the lab and the Bodrum Museum
 of Underwater Archaeology
- 2010 **INA, Cape Gelidonya Bronze Age Shipwreck, Finike, Turkey**
Field Conservator, Archaeological Diver, Excavation Unit Supervisor
 Registered and catalogued raised artifacts and ensured their safe storage and packing
 Used airlift to excavate assigned unit, documenting finds on slate and through
 photography
 Trained and oversaw new divers on excavation technique as well as topside duties
 Entered artifact data into database
- 2009 **PBS&J Inc, Galveston, Texas**
Artifact Specialist for USS Westfield Project
 Registered, cataloged and photographed raised artifacts
- 2009 **Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation, San Juan, Puerto Rico**
Conservation Technician
 Assisted in advancement of long term metals conservation project for Castillos San
 Cristobal and San Felipe del Morro
- 2008 **INA, Nixon Griffis Conservation Lab, Bodrum, Turkey**
Conservation Technician
 Performed radiography and casting of iron concretions
 Cataloged and photographed artifacts
 Monitored ongoing PEG treatment for ship timbers
- 2006-2007, **INA, Kizilburun Roman Column Wreck, Cesme, Turkey**
 2009 *Archaeological Diver, Excavation Unit Supervisor, Field Conservator*
 Registered, photographed and safely stored newly recovered finds
 Oversaw excavation of 2 units, ensuring that artifacts were treated with the utmost care
 and properly documented before removal from the seabed
 Trained new divers in excavation technique and topside duties
 Helped keep track of project expenses

2006-2009 **Conservation Research Laboratory**, Texas A&M University
Conservation Technician
Assisted with projects from both land and marine excavations: Mardi Gras Shipwreck, *La Belle, Heroine, Eastport/Ed F. Dix*, and various contract projects
Conserved wood, leather, bone, canvas, and glass using the silicone oil process
Performed radiography and casting of iron concretions
Consolidated and reconstructed ceramics
Performed mold-making and replication of both small and large objects
Managed databases and records
Assisted with electrolytic reduction of metals, including setting up vats and chloride monitoring of both small and large objects, from nails to cannons and anchors

2003 **San Felipe de Austin Homestead Site**, Katy, Texas
Excavator
Performed shovel tests
Sifted sediments recovered for small artifacts
Learned cleaning and photography of freshly recovered finds

Publications

2013 K.R. Kenyon, "Reconstructing the Iron Artifacts from the Kizilburun Column Wreck," *INA Quarterly* 40.1: 25-27.

2011 K. Rash, "Nixon Griffis Laboratory: A Year in Retrospect," *INA Annual* 2010: 71-75.

2010 K. Rash, "Casting the Assemblage of Iron Artifacts from Kizilburun," *CMAC News and Reports* 2(2): 31-32.

2008 K. Rash. "The Removal of Excess Polyethylene Glycol from Treated Waterlogged Wood: A Preliminary Study," in *ACUA Underwater Archaeology Proceedings*, edited by Susan Langley and Victor Mastone: 70-74.

Conference Papers

2016 **Prioritizing the Concretions from Queen Anne's Revenge for Conservation: A Case Study in Managing a Large Collection**
Society for Historical Archaeology Conference – Washington DC

2014 **Conserving Blackbeard's Queen Anne's Revenge: Past, Present, and Future**
Southeastern Archaeology Conference Annual Meeting – Greenville, SC (invited)

2008 **The Removal of Excess Polyethylene Glycol from Treated Waterlogged Wood**
Society for Historical Archaeology Conference - Albuquerque, NM

Lectures and Events

- Nov 2015 **Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge***
Guest Speaker, Tar River Sail and Power Squadron – Greenville, NC
- QAR and Beyond: Personal Experiences in Nautical Archaeology**
Guest Lecturer, ECU Maritime Studies Students Association – Greenville, NC
- Sept 2015 **History Speaks Lecture Series: Conserving the QAR**
Guest Lecturer, Eastern Carolina Village and Farm Museum – Greenville, NC
- July 2015 **Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge***
Guest Speaker, Kiwanis Club – Greenville, NC
- The Archaeology of Pirates**
Guest Speaker, Ridgewood Elementary Summer Camp – Greenville, NC
- April 2015 **The Science of Pirates, An event for the NC Science Festival**
Event Guide, QAR Lab – Greenville, NC
- March 2015 **Blackbeard's Ship**
Guest Speaker, Students' Day on the River (6 talks)
Museum of the Albemarle – Elizabeth City, NC
- Sept 2014 **Conserving the QAR**
Guest Speaker, Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron – Washington, NC
- May 2014 **Conserving the QAR**
Guest Speaker, Rotary Club – Greenville, NC
- April 2014 **QAR and Underwater Archaeology**
Roseleaf Academy – Farmville, NC
- Feb 2014 **Conserving the Queen**
Guest Speaker, Rotary Club – Tarboro, NC
- May 2011 **Nautical Archaeology as a Career**
Speaker, Career Day, Fairfield Junior High School - Fairfield, TX
- March 2009 **Turkey and Underwater Archaeology**
Guest Speaker, Groesbeck Junior High – Groesbeck, TX
- Nov 2008 **Kizilburun Column Wreck Excavation**
Guest Speaker, Rotary Club – Fairfield, TX
- Oct 2008 **Kizilburun Column Wreck Excavation**
Guest Lecturer in World History, Fairfield High School – Fairfield, TX

- Sept 2007 **Nautical Archaeology as a Career**
Speaker, Career Day, Fairfield Junior High School - Fairfield, TX
- Recurring Regular participant in monthly (Conservation Wednesdays) and annual (Beaufort Pirate Invasion, Wooden Boat Show, etc.) events at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort, NC.
- Regular participant and tour guide for QAR Lab Open Houses and special scheduled tours.

Awards and Recognition

- 2014 **Smithsonian Channel**
Interviewed for and featured in episode “Secrets: Blackbeard’s Ship”
- 2011 **Texas Aggie**
Interviewed for and featured in article: “Bringing History to the Surface”
- 2009 **Archaeology Magazine**
Featured in the cover photo
- 2008 **Mystery Mardi Gras Shipwreck**
Featured in documentary on early 19th century shipwreck and its conservation
- 2002-2003 **Aggie Scholar**
- 2000-2002 **TAMUG Academic Scholarship**