

# KAREN A. STEVENS

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology**, in progress (August 2012- Present), Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

**M.A. Anthropology**, 2016, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

**B.S. Chemistry, Secondary Education**, 2011, Summa Cum Laude, Department of Chemistry, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

**B.A. Anthropology**, 2011, concentration in Archaeology, with Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude, Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

Honors Thesis— *Determination of Burial Chronology at the Kirkland site using Fluoride Dating*. Advised by Cheryl Claassen (Thesis Director), Larry Kimball, Carol Babyak (Chemistry), and Leslie Sargent Jones (Honors College)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Subfield:** Archaeology; **Topical Interests:** Hunter-Gatherers, Environmental Archaeology, Archaeometry, Gender, Settlement and Subsistence, Archaic Period, Public Archaeology; **Regional Expertise:** Southeastern North America, Ohio River Valley

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2015-current **Data Manager**, Kentucky Archaeological Survey (at the Kentucky Heritage Council), University of Kentucky

2014-2015 **Field and Lab Technician**, Program for Archaeological Research, University of Kentucky

## AWARDS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2015 **William Y. Adams Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

2014-2015, 2012-2013 **Teaching Assistantship**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

- 2014        **Susan Abbott-Jamieson Pre-Dissertation Research Fund Award** (\$800),  
Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2013-2014    **Research Assistantship**, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2011        **Dr. L. Jill Loucks Memorial Award for Outstanding Senior in Anthropology**  
(\$300), Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University
- 2010        **Dr. L. Jill Loucks Memorial Scholarship** (\$900), Department of Anthropology,  
Appalachian State University
- 2009        **Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology**,  
Appalachian State University, Epsilon Chapter of North Carolina
- 2009        **Certificate of Appreciation**, NC Office of State Archaeology

## **PUBLICATIONS- Technical Reports**

**Stevens, Karen**, Monica L. Chism, and Michelle D. Massey

- 2015    Phase I Archaeological Survey of Three Proposed Shallow Water Areas within the Big Rivers  
Wildlife Management Area, Crittenden County, Kentucky. UK-PAR Technical Report No. 764.  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

**Stevens, Karen**,

- 2014    Phase I Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Chicken Farm in Simpson County, Kentucky.  
UK-PAR Technical Report No. 751. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2014    Phase I Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Chicken Farm in Logan County, Kentucky. UK-  
PAR Technical Report No. 750. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

**Stevens, Karen**, Jonas Yates, Claiborne Daniel Sea, and Steven Ahler

- 2014    Phase I Archaeological Survey of Sections of the Proposed Burgin Sanitary Sewer System,  
Mercer and Boyle Counties, Kentucky. UK-PAR Technical Report No. 724. University of  
Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Stevens, Karen A.**

- 2016    Auditory Exostoses as Indicators of Mobility and Sexual Divisions of Labor in the Green  
River Valley, Kentucky. Poster to be presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Society for American  
Archaeology Meeting, Orlando, Florida.
- 2016    Preliminary Fieldwork at Several Archaic Shell Middens in the Lower Green River  
Archaeological Region. Paper presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kentucky Heritage Council  
Archaeology Conference, Pineville, Kentucky.

**Hanvey, Vanessa, Karen Stevens, Michael Loughlin, Steve Ahler, and Tyler Stumpf**

- 2015    Raw Material Procurement and Use at an Archaic Period Site on the Cumberland River,  
Trigg County, Kentucky. Paper presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southeastern Archaeological  
Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Stevens, Karen A.**

- 2014 Prevalence of Auditory Exostoses in the Green River Archaic: A Gendered Analysis of Subsistence and Mobility Related Behaviors. Poster presented at the 71st Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.
- 2014 Looting in Kentucky: A Regional Perspective, A Digital Approach. Paper presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference, Burkesville, Kentucky.
- 2011 Determination of Burial Chronology at the Kirkland site using Fluoride Dating. Paper presented at the 2011 National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Ithaca, New York.
- 2011 Determination of Burial Chronology at the Kirkland site using Fluoride Dating. Paper presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Student Research and Creative Endeavors, Boone, North Carolina.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Anthropology/Archaeology**

- 2012-2015 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Kentucky, Department of Anthropology  
Introduction to Anthropology- Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014  
Online Course: Introduction to Anthropology- Summer 2013  
Introduction to Biological Anthropology- Spring 2015

**Chemistry/Biology**

- 2012 **Instructor**, Leesville Road High School, Science Department, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Academic and Honors Biology- Spring 2012
- 2011 **Student Teacher**, Leesville Road High School, Science Department, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Honors Chemistry- Fall 2011
- 2011 **Instructional Assistant**, Appalachian State University, Department of Chemistry, Boone, North Carolina  
Introductory Chemistry Labs- Spring 2011
- 2010-2011 **Laboratory Assistant**, Appalachian State University, Department of Chemistry, Boone, North Carolina  
Introductory Chemistry Labs- Spring 2010  
Quantitative Analysis- Spring 2010, Fall 2011
- 2010-2011 **Tutor**, Appalachian State University, Learning Assistance Program, Boone, North Carolina  
Introductory Chemistry- Fall 2010, Spring 2011  
Analytical Physics- Fall 2010, Spring 2011

## **RESEARCH, FIELD, AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE**

### **Field and Laboratory Technician**

2014-2015 University of Kentucky, Program for Archaeological Research-  
Summer 2014, Summer 2015

### **Research Assistant**

2013-2014 William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology, University of Kentucky- Spring 2013-Fall  
2014

### **Field School**

2013 (Volunteer) Radford University, Archaeological Field School at the Carter Robison  
Mound (44LE10), Principal Investigator: Dr. Maureen Meyers- Summer 2013

2010 Appalachian State University, Colvard II (31AH266) Site, Principal Investigator: Dr.  
Larry R. Kimball- Summer 2010

### **Chemical Analysis Technician**

2011 Arkansas Archeological Survey, Shell Chemistry- Summer 2011

2010 Relative Fluoride Dating of Kirkland (15McL12) site, Supervisors: Dr. Cheryl P.  
Claassen and Carol M. Babyak

### **Archaeology Lab Technician**

2010 Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Thomas R. Whyte- Spring 2010

2008-2011 NC Office of State Archaeological Research Center, Raleigh, North Carolina-  
Summers 2008-2011

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

**Member-at-Large**, Student Affairs Committee, Southeastern Archaeological Conference- 2016

**Volunteer**, Society for American Archaeology Conference, Orlando, Florida- 2016

**Session Chair**, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, Kentucky- 2016

**Volunteer**, Society for Economic Anthropology Conference, Lexington, Kentucky- 2015

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) Conference Organizer**- Fall 2014-Spring 2016  
Scribe- Fall 2015- Spring 2016

**Living Archaeology Weekend (LAW) Volunteer**- 2013, 2014, 2015

**Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) Committee Member**- Spring 2014- Spring 2016

### **Anthropology Graduate Student Association**

Secretary- Fall 2014- Spring 2015

Treasurer- Spring 2015

**TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH SKILLS**

**GIS (ArcGIS 10.2)**, trained by Dr. Chris Gunn and Dr. Phillip Mink at the Kentucky Heritage Council.

**Chemical Instrumentation**, Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectroscopy (ICP), Ion Exchange Chromatograph System (ICS), pH probe, fluoride ion probe, trained by Dr. Carol Babyak at Appalachian State University (Chemistry Department).

**Ceramic Analysis**, trained by Dr. Christopher A. Pool and others at the University of Kentucky (Department of Anthropology).

**Lithic Analysis**, trained by Dr. Richard Jefferies and Dr. Steven Ahler at the University of Kentucky (Department of Anthropology).

**Zooarchaeological Analysis**, trained by Dr. Thomas Whyte at Appalachian State University (Department of Anthropology).

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**LANGUAGES**

Spanish- read and write with basic competence

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC)  
Society for American Archaeology (SAA)