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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

\*July 1, 2024 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University

July 1, 2023 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University

January 2022-June 2023 Postdoctoral Scholar, Mediterranean Prehistory and Paleoecology Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara (mentor: Dr. Sarah McClure)

#### EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D in Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara, December 2021  
Dissertation Title: *Colonizing Cattle: The Zooarchaeology of a Military Frontier in the Egyptian-Nubian Borderlands*

2015 M.A. Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara

2012 B.A. in Anthropology, Howard University, Washington D.C.

2012 B.A. in English, Howard University, Washington D.C.

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS AND PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIZATIONS

- African pastoralism
- Zooarchaeology of the Nile Valley
- Political Ecology of the Sahara and the Sahel
- Faunal analysis
- Climate Change, intergroup cooperation and conflict.

#### PUBLICATIONS

2023 **Monroe, Shayla, S. B. McClure, S.** "Pastoralism, hunting, and coexistence: Domesticated and wild bovids in Neolithic Sudan." *International Journal of*

*Osteoarchaeology*, 33(3), pp.517-531.

2023 **Monroe, Shayla**. "Animals in the Kerma Afterlife, Dog, Sheep, and Goat Burials in at Abu Fatima Cemetery, Northern Sudan" in *New Perspectives on Ancient Nubia*, edited by Aaron Brody and Solange Ashby, Gorgias Press.

In press **Monroe, Shayla**. "People and Ecology in the Saharan Holocene," in *Egypt on the Nile* at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, edited by Lisa Haney, University of Pittsburgh Press.

2022 McClure, Sarah B., Emil Podrug, Jelena Jović, **Shayla Monroe**, Hugh D. Radde, Nicholas Triozzi, Martin H. Welker, and Emily Zavodny. "The Zooarchaeology of Neolithic farmers: Herding and hunting on the Dalmatian coast of Croatia." *Quaternary International*, 634, pp.27-37."

2021 **Monroe, Shayla**. "Tradition, Purpose, and Technology: an archaeological take on *Black Panther's* (2018) narrative of technological progress" in *Black Panther: Afrofuturism, Gender, Identity and Re-making Blackness*, edited by Renee White and Karen Ritzenhoff. Lexington Books, Rowman and Littlefield.

2019 **Monroe, Shayla**. Book Review of *The Ethics of Knowledge Creation*, edited by Lisette Josephides and Anne Sigfrid Grønseth 2017. Berghahn. New York. Review in *Contemporary Sociology*, SAGE Publications.

2012 **Monroe, Shayla**. "Afro-America at the Crossroads: Ritual Ethnogenesis." *The Liberator Magazine*, No. 26.

2012 **Monroe, Shayla**. Chapter 9: Afro-America at the Crossroads: Ritual Ethnogenesis. *The Last Generation of Black People*, editors Brian Kasoro and Kamille Whittaker. Liberator Magazine, LLC, New York.

2011 **Monroe, Shayla**. "Sex and Power in 'Absent Friends': An Essay." *The International Journal of Comic Art*, Vol. 13, No. 2, Fall 2011.

#### AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2018-2019 University of California President's Dissertation Fellowship

2019 Claudine Michelle Award for Service and Excellence

2012-2018 Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, University of California

2010-2012 Trustee Scholarship, Howard University

2011-2012 Best of Friends Scholarship, Howard University

2012 Second Prize, Social Sciences Category, College of Arts and Sciences

Undergraduate Research Symposium, Howard University  
2011 First Prize, Fine Arts, Humanities and Interdisciplinary Category, College of  
Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Howard University

#### FIELD EXPERIENCE

2015-present Faunal Analyst, UCSB-Purdue Expedition to Tombos, Sudan, Stuart Tyson  
Smith, PI

2013-2015 Field Archaeologist, UCSB-Purdue Expedition to Tombos, Sudan, Stuart Tyson  
Smith, PI

2010 and 2011 Archeological Field Technician, National Park Service, Monocacy National  
Battlefield, Frederick, MD

2009 to 2010 Research/Field Assistant, Walter Pierce Archaeology Project, Mark E.  
Mack, PI, Howard, University/Washington Parks and People, Washington DC

#### LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Feb. 2022 to present Postdoctoral Scholar in the McClure Lab for Mediterranean  
Prehistory and Paleoecology Laboratory Department of Anthropology, University of  
California Santa Barbara

Summer 2015 Laboratory Assistant to Diane Gifford-Gonzalez, University of California  
Santa Cruz Gifford-Gonzalez Zooarchaeological Laboratory

2010-2011 Curatorial Assistant to Mark Mack, Howard University: The New York  
African Burial Ground Project and the W. Montague Cobb Biological Anthropology  
Laboratory

2010-2011 Laboratory Assistant to Flordeliz Bugarin, Howard University, Archaeology  
Laboratory The Nicodemus Project – National Park Service / Howard University: The  
James Island, Gambia Project, Republic of The Gambia

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### **Independently Designed and Instructed**

Spring 2023, *ANTH 156: The Anthropology of Africa*, University of California,  
Santa Barbara

Summer 2019, 2020, *ANTH 156: The Anthropology of Africa*, University of  
California, Santa Barbara

##### **Teaching Assistant or Field School Instructor**

2018 Summer Field School Instructor University of California – Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program Archaeological Field School in Milot, Haiti (J. Cameron Monroe, University of California, Santa Cruz PI)  
Fall 2013, 2015–2017 *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*, (Casey Walsh, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Winter 2016 *Human Evolution*, (Weston McCool, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Winter 2013 *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*, (Jeffrey Hoelle, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Spring 2015–2018, Fall 2019–2020 *Introduction to Archaeology* (Stuart Tyson Smith, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara

### **Reader in Advanced Undergraduate Courses**

Fall 2019 *Archaeology of the Andes* (Dr. Alicia Boswell, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Spring 2018 *Asian American Gender and Labor* (Lalaie Ameeriar, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Spring 2018 *Anthropology in the Workforce* (Aaron Blackwell, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Summer 2016 *Comparative Ethnicity*, (Shelley Lamon, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Fall 2012, Spring 2013 *Latin American Cultures* (Montserrat Soler, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara  
Spring 2013 *Bioarchaeology of Disaster* (Danielle Kurin, Instructor), University of California, Santa Barbara

### **Other Instruction**

Spring 2012 Classroom Instructor, Archaeology in Community (AIC), Washington, DC

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2020–2021 Department of Anthropology Diversity Committee; member  
2020 Department of Anthropology ‘ad hoc’ committee member to address Black Lives Matter movement  
2017–2019 UCSB Graduate Division Graduate Scholar Program Mentor  
Summer 2017 UCSB Summer Sessions Research Mentor

## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

2023 “African Pastoralism and Traditional Ecological Knowledge,” paper given at the Society for Africanist Archaeologist 26<sup>th</sup> Biennial meeting, Rice University, Houston, Texas, June 4, 2023.

2023 “Saharan Resilience: Reconstructing Pastoralist Mobility in

“Western Nubia”, Webinar, The First Annual William Leo Hansberry Society Research Symposium, Virtual, February 25, 2023.

2022 “Saving a Cemetery: Grassroots Activism and Archaeology at Walter Pierce Park”, Webinar, DC Preservation League and the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project, Virtual, November 16, 2022.

2022 “Ancient Pastoralists and Ancient States,” invited Lecture for Archaeology Day, Archaeological institute of America / Howard University African Studies Center, Virtual, October 18, 2022.

2022 Session Co-Chair SAA 2022 “Symposium: Pastoralists as Agents of Social Change” at the 87<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois, April 1.

2022 “Cattle-centered Networks in Ancient Nubia,” paper given at the 87<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois, April 1.

2021 “Beasts of the Southern Wild: The African Aurochs in Art, Ritual, and DNA,” invited lecture, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburg, PA, October 11.

2021 “Animals in the Kerma Afterlife: Dog, Sheep, and Goat Burials at Abu Fatima, Cemetery,” invited lecture, Bade Museum of Biblical Archaeology, Berkeley, CA, January 28.

2020 “Zooarchaeology at the Third Cataract of the Nile,” invited lecture, Anthropology 103, Introduction to Archaeology, Elizabeth Minor instructor, Wellesley College, September 24.

2019 “Towards an Archaeology of the UnBothered: Discourse Analysis and the Nubian C-Group,” paper given at the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Association of Anthropologists, Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 22.

2019 “Ancient Nubia and the Sudanic Kingdoms,” invited lecture, Anthropology 175, African Archaeology, J. Cameron Monroe, instructor, University of California, Santa Cruz, October 24.

2018 “Animals in the Kerma Afterlife: Dog, Sheep, and Goat Burials at Abu Fatima Cemetery,” paper given at the International Society for Nubian Studies Conference, Paris, France, September 10.

2018 “Animals in the Kerma Afterlife: Dog, Sheep, and Goat Burials at Abu Fatima Cemetery,” invited lecture Archaeology and Biological Anthropology Lunch Series,

University of California, Santa Cruz, May 23.

### SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

Spring 2021 to Present – Member, Olo Be Taloha Research Lab for Environmental Archaeology, Penn State/Columbia University, Principal Investigator Dr. Kristina Douglass.

Spring 2021 – Present Consultant, American Society of Overseas Research

September 2021 – Present External Consultant, Egypt on the Nile Exhibit, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 2021 – present External Consultant, Africa America Institute