

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2012 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2003 M.A., Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
1992 B.S., Anthropology, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

Certificates

2023 HERS Leadership Institute, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Research Interests

Historical archaeology (focus on Southeastern U.S.), landscape archaeology, architecture of religious sites, frontier studies, and colonialism.

Professional Experience

Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama

August 2013 – present

- Chair, Department of Social Work and Anthropology (August 2025 – present)
- Professor of Anthropology (August 2025 – present)
- Chair, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work (August 2018–July 2025)
- Associate Professor of Anthropology (August 2018 – July 2025)
- Assistant Professor of Anthropology (August 2013 – July 2018)

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

August 2012 – July 2013

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

August 2007 – May 2012

- Graduate Teaching Associate (August 2010 – May 2012)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2007 – July 2009)

 **Various Universities and Colleges***

August 2004 – May 2013

Adjunct

*College of Charleston, Trident Technical College, Maryville College, and The Citadel

Publications

Peer-Reviewed

2024 Pyszka, Kimberly and Alexandra Micher. Digging Our Own History: Tenant Farming Archaeology at Auburn University at Montgomery. *Journal of Alabama Archaeology* 70(2):124-142.

2024 Pyszka, Kimberly, Maureen Hays, Nathan W. Fulmer, Nickolas Long, and Samantha K. Fresh. From Storage to Refuse: Distinguishing “Goods” from “ye Provisions” in the St. Paul’s Parsonage Cellar. *Historical Archaeology* 58(4):802-819.

2023 Pyszka, Kimberly, *The Archaeology of Protestant Landscapes: Revealing the Formation of Community Identity in the US South*. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

2019 Pyszka, Kimberly and Maureen Hays. The Stono Preserve’s Changing Landscape. *Lowcountry Digital History Initiative*, <https://ldhi.library.cofc.edu/exhibits/show/stono-preserves-landscape>.

2018 Pyszka, Kimberly, Bobby Braly, and Jamie Brandon. The Methodist “Manse” of Cane Hill: A New History. *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 77(3):250-265.

2017 Pyszka, Kimberly, Nineteenth Century Ceramics and Consumer Behavior among the “Mountain Folk” of the Upper Cumberland Plateau, Tennessee. *Southeastern Archaeology* 36(1):46-61.

2017 Pyszka, Kimberly, Anglican Church Architecture and Religious Identity in Early Colonial South Carolina. *Material Culture* 49(1):78-100.

2017 Pyszka, Kimberly and Maureen Hays, People, Places, and Transport: St. Paul’s Parish Then and Now. *Southern Anthropologist* 37:1-25.

2016 Pyszka, Kimberly and Maureen Hays, Dixie’s Rising Tide: A Microcosm of St. Paul’s Parish and Lowcountry History. *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 117(1):30-62.

2014 Pyszka, Kimberly, Maureen Hays, and Kalen McNabb, “*a [not so] small, but [highly] convenient House of Brick*”: The St. Paul’s Parsonage, Hollywood, South Carolina. *Church Archaeology* 18:37-47.

2013 Pyszka, Kimberly, Nathan Fulmer, Maureen Hays, and Kalen McNabb
"...a small but convenient House of Brick": A Tale of the St. Paul's Parsonage House, Hollywood, South Carolina, USA. *Church Archaeology* 15:47-54.

2013 Pyszka, Kimberly "...built for the publick worship of God, according to the Church of England": Anglican Landscapes and Colonialism in South Carolina. *Historical Archaeology* 47(4):1-22.

2012 Pyszka, Kimberly, The St. Paul's Parsonage House and the Social Functions of South Carolina Anglican Parsonages. *South Carolina Antiquities* 44:75-84.

2011 Pyszka, Kimberly, The Massengale Family and other Mountain Folk of Rugby, Tennessee. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 70(1):4-25.

2010 Pyszka, Kimberly, Maureen Hays, and Scott Harris, The Archaeology of St. Paul's Parish Church, Hollywood, SC, USA. *Church Archaeology* 12:73-80.

Non-Peer Reviewed

2013 Pyszka, Kimberly (with Mary Battle, Maureen Hays, Casey Jenkins, Elizabeth Laforgia, and Kalen McNabb), College of College Preserve. iTunes App for Iphone.

2004 Faulkner, Charles, Jennifer Barber, Brooke Hamby, David Mann, and Kimberly Pyszka, An Archaeological and Dendrochronological Study of the Marble Springs Barn. *Ohio Valley Historical Archaeology* 19:15-27.

Conference Presentations

2025 NAGPRA: From Regulations to Healing in AUM's Archaeology Lab, with Megan LeBlanc and Lacey Sloan. Paper presented at the Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama.

2024 An Archaeologist and a Historian Walk into a Classroom..., with Andrew McMichael. Paper presented at the 88th annual Society for American Archaeology annual conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2024 NAGPRA: From Regulations to Healing in AUM's Archaeology Lab, with Megan LeBlanc and Lacey Sloan. Paper presented at the Southern Studies Conference, Montgomery, Alabama.

2024 Digging Our Own History: Archaeological Research into Auburn University at Montgomery's Tenant Farming Past. Paper presented at the 57th annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Oakland, California.



2023 Architecture, Landscape, and the Development of Community Identity: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Cahaba, Alabama, USA. Paper presented at the Southern Studies Conference, Montgomery, Alabama.

2023 Architecture, Landscape, and the Development of Community Identity: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Cahaba, Alabama, USA. Paper presented at the 56th annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Lisbon, Portugal.

2022 Construction History and the Misnomer of Cane Hill's Methodist "Manse," with Bobby R. Braly. Paper presented at the 78th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas.

2022 The St. Paul's Parish Parsonage: Early Colonial Life and Community Development on South Carolina's Frontier. Paper presented at the 55th annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2019 "Athens of the Ozarks:" The Archaeology of Cane Hill College, Arkansas's First University, with Bobby R. Braly. Paper presented at the 52nd annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology, St. Charles, Missouri.

2018 Under the House: Ceramics Analysis from the St. Paul's Parsonage Cellar, Hollywood, SC, with Nickolas Long and Maureen Hays. Poster presented at the 75th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Augusta, Georgia.

2018 From Storage to Refuse: Excavations at St. Paul's Parsonage Cellar, Hollywood, SC, with Samantha Fresh and Maureen Hays. Poster presented at the 75th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Augusta, Georgia.

2017 The Archaeology and Preservation of Cane Hill College, Cane Hill, Arkansas, with Bobby R. Braly. Paper presented at the 74th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2017: Historic Preservation and Archaeology in Cane Hill, Arkansas, with Bobby R. Braly (lead author). Paper presented at the 74th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2017 Digging Our Own History: Archaeological Research into AUM's Tenant Farming Past. Paper presented at the 62nd annual winter meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Montgomery, Alabama.

2017 Erasing Religious Boundaries in a Frontier South Carolina Parish. Paper presented at the 50th annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Fort Worth, Texas.



2016 Digging Our Own History: Archaeological Research into AUM's Tenant Farming Past, with Amanda Tucker. Poster presented at the 73rd annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Athens, Georgia.

2016 A "few other necessary Timber Buildings": An Update on the St. Paul's Parsonage, Hollywood, South Carolina, with Summer Salter and Maureen Hays. Poster presented at the 73rd annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Athens, Georgia.

2016 Doing Archaeology and Historic Preservation Collaboratively at Cane Hill, Arkansas, with Bobby R. Braly (lead author). Paper presented at the annual conference of the Arkansas Archeological Society, El Dorado, Arkansas, September 30th-October 2nd.

2016 "*a [not so] small, but [highly] convenient House of Brick*," The St. Paul's Parsonage, Hollywood, South Carolina, with Maureen Hays and Kalen McNabb. Paper presented at the 49th annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Washington, D.C.

2015 Preliminary Archeology at the Methodist Manse in Cane Hill, Arkansas, with Jamie Brandon and Bobby Braly. Poster presented at the 72nd annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

2015 Preliminary Archeology at the Methodist Manse in Historic Cane Hill, Arkansas, with Jamie Brandon and Bobby Braly. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Arkansas Archeological Society, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

2014 "*small, but convenient House of Brick*": The St. Paul's Parish Parsonage House, with Maureen Hays and Kalen McNabb. Paper presented at the 71st annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

2014 Landscape Archaeology and GIS: Understanding Cultural Adaptations and Tenant Farming in the Lowcountry, Hollywood, SC, with Olivia Adams and Maureen Hays. Poster presented at the 71st annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

2014 Windows into Colonial Life: The Letters of South Carolina Anglican Missionaries. Paper presented at the 3rd annual Southeastern Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

2014 "*built for the public worship of God, according to the Church of England*": Anglican Landscapes and Colonialism in South Carolina. Paper presented at the 6th annual Auburn University at Montgomery Liberal Arts Southern Studies Conference, Montgomery, Alabama.

2014 The Legacy of the Early-18th Century South Carolina Anglican Church. Paper presented at the 47th annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

2013 “*built for the public worship of God*”: South Carolina Anglican Church Architecture and Religious Identity. Paper presented at the 70th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Tampa, Florida.

2013 An Archaeological Exploration into a 19th Century Slave Settlement, Hollywood, SC, with Eva Falls and Maureen Hays. Poster presented at the 78th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu, Hawaii.

2013 The People of Rugby, Tennessee: A Study in Community Formation and Public Archaeology. Paper presented at the 3rd annual Charles Towne Landing Archaeology Conference, Charleston, South Carolina.

2012 “*unto seynte Paules*”: Anglican Landscapes and Colonialism in South Carolina. Paper presented at the 77th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, Tennessee.

2012 “*unto seynte Paules*”: Anglican Landscapes and Architecture in South Carolina. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina.

2012 An Archaeological Investigation of the St. Paul’s Parish Parsonage Cellar, with Nathan Fulmer and Maureen Hays. Paper presented by Nathan Fulmer at the 2nd annual Charles Towne Landing Archaeology Conference, Charleston, South Carolina.

2012 “*unto seynte Paules*”: A Tale of St. Paul’s Church and Parsonage”. Paper presented at the 45th annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Baltimore, Maryland.

2011 An Archaeological Investigation of the St. Paul’s Parish Parsonage Cellar, with Nathan Fulmer and Maureen Hays. Paper presented by Nathan Fulmer at the 68th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.

2011 “*unto seynte Paules*”: A Tale of St. Paul’s Church and Parsonage, with Maureen Hays and Nathan Fulmer. Paper presented by Kimberly Pyszka at the 1st annual Charles Towne Landing Archaeology Conference, Charleston, South Carolina.

2011 “Three-Dimensional Characterization of Archaeological Sites using Multi-Channel Ground Penetrating Radar Arrays: Benefits and Examples,” with Kevin Hon, Scott Harris, and Maureen Hays. Poster presented by Kevin Hon at the 24th EEGS Symposium on the Application of Geophysics to Engineering and Environmental Problems.

2011 “*a small but convenient house of brick*”: An Archaeological and Documentary Study of St. Paul’s Parsonage, Hollywood, South Carolina. Paper presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Austin, Texas.

2010 “*Wyd was his parish, and houses far asunder*”: A Tale of St. Paul’s Parsonage, with Maureen Hays and Kalen McNabb. Paper presented by Kimberly Pyszka at the 67th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeology Conference, Lexington, Kentucky.

2010 “Altering the Lowcountry Landscape: A Case Study from St. Paul’s Anglican Church.” Paper presented at the 43rd annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Amelia Island, Florida.

2009 *Primum non nocere*: A “Least” Invasive Approach to Understanding St. Paul’s Church Site, with Maureen Hays and Scott Harris. Paper presented by Kimberly Pyszka at the 66th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Mobile, Alabama.

2009 Dixie’s Rising Tide: A Case Study of Lowcountry Settlement Patterns from Frontier to Plantation, with Maureen Hays. Paper presented by Kimberly Pyszka at the 74th annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Atlanta, Georgia.

2009 Archaeological Investigations from Dixie Plantation, Hollywood, South Carolina, with Maureen Hays, Casey Jenkins, Dee Dee Joyce, and Scott Harris. Poster presented by Kimberly Pyszka at the 42nd annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2008 Archaeological Investigations from Dixie Plantation, Hollywood, South Carolina, with Maureen Hays, Casey Jenkins, Dee Dee Joyce, and Scott Harris. Poster presented by Kimberly Pyszka at the 65th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina.

2007 19th Century Ceramics of the Upper Cumberland Plateau. Paper presented at the 64th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee.

2006 Burnt Beyond Recognition: The Effects of Heat on Decorated Ceramics. Poster presented at the 63rd annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas.

2003 The Mountain Folk of Rugby, Tennessee: An Archaeological and Historical Study of the Massengale Home Site (40MO146). Paper presented at the Ohio Valley Historical and Urban Archaeology Conference, Chillicothe, Ohio.

2003 An Archaeological and Dendrochronological Study of the Marble Springs Barn, with Charles Faulkner, Brooke Hamby, Jennifer Barber, and David Mann. Paper presented by Charles Faulkner at the Ohio Valley Historical and Urban Archaeology Conference, Chillicothe, Ohio.

2003 The “Mountain Folk of Rugby, Tennessee: The Massengale Family Home Site. Paper presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Providence, Rhode Island.



2003 The Massengale Family and the Mountain Folk of Rugby, Tennessee. Public talk presented to Historic Rugby, Inc.

2002 Archaeological Investigations at the Massengale Home Site. Paper presented at the 59th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi.

2002 Ceramic Analysis of the Thompson-Brown House, Maryville, Tennessee. Paper presented at the 35th annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Mobile, Alabama.

Service

2025 – present	Faculty representative for the AUM Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees
2025 - present	Planning Committee member for the Southeastern Archaeology Conference's 2026 Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama.
2024 – 2025	Chair, AUM English and Philosophy Department Chair Search Committee
2024 – present	Academic and Professional Training Committee member, Society for Historical Archaeology
2023 – present	Faculty sponsor for AUM's Lambda Alpha chapter
2023– present	College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences representative on AUM's Study Abroad Committee
2021 – present	Alabama National Register of Historic Places Review Board member
2021 – present	College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee member
2021 – 2022	Chair, AUM Criminal Justice Department Chair Search Committee
2020	Dissertation committee member for Kendanne Altizer, "Developing the Lowcountry: Intra-regional Variability of Rice Culture Plantation Landscapes in the South Carolina Lowcountry." Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Graduated May 2020.
2018 – 2020	Faculty co-sponsor for the Sociology and Anthropology Student Organization



2018 – 2019	Faculty Senate Executive Committee representative for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
2018 – 2019	Faculty Senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
2018	AUM College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dean search committee member
2018	AUM Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography faculty search committee chair (Social Work position)
2017 – 2020	AUM Academic Standards Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences representative
2016 – 2023	AUM chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, Public Relations officer
2016 – 2019	AUM Religious Studies Committee
2015 – 2021	AUM Calendar Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences representative
2015 – 2018	Faculty sponsor for the AUM Geography and Anthropology Student Association
2014 – 2020	Executive Committee member for the Alabama Archaeological Society (positions held: Board Member 2014 – 2016 and 2019; Assistant Editor for the <i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i> , 2017, Vice President 2018, 2020)
2014 – 2020	Member of the Membership Committee for the Society for Historical Archaeology
2013 – 2020	Member of the Council of Alabama Archaeology (positions held: Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair)
2016	Served on an AUM Student Grievance Committee
2016	AUM Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography faculty search committee (Sociology position)
2015	AUM Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography faculty search committee (GIS position)

2015	AUM Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography faculty search committee (Geographer position)
2014	Thesis committee member, Eva Falls, Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University
2010 – 2011	President and Faculty Representative of the Anthropology Graduate Student Association, University of Tennessee
2008 – 2012	Advisory Board Member, Frank H. McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Invited Guest Lectures and Presentations

2022 Guest Speaker at the Troy Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Troy, AL, “Digging Our Own History: Archaeological Research into AUM’s Tenant Farming Past,” October 26th.

2017 Guest Speaker for Auburn University at Montgomery College of Arts and Science’s Professors in Pubs series, Montgomery, AL, “Raiders of the Lost Beers,” March 7th.

2017 Guest Speaker at the East Alabama Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Loachapoka, AL, “Digging Our Own History: Archaeological Research into AUM’s Tenant Farming Past,” January 8th.

2016 Guest Speaker at the East Alabama Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Loachapoka, AL, “Worlds Collide: The “Mountain Folk” and English Colonists of Rugby, Tennessee,” March 8th.

2015 Guest Speaker at the Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Huntsville, AL, “Archaeological Excavations at the Methodist Manse,” November 24th.

2015 Guest Speaker at Auburn University’s Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work’s Lecture Series, Auburn, AL, October 9th.

2015 Guest Speaker at the East Alabama Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Loachapoka, AL, “Archaeological Excavations at the Methodist Manse, Cane Hill, Arkansas,” April 14th.

2015 Guest Speaker (with Jamie Brandon and Bobby Braly) at the Cane Hill Museum, Cane Hill, Arkansas, “Summary Findings from Spring Break 2015 Archeological Excavations at the Methodist Manse,” March 28th.



2015 Lecture for the Auburn University at Montgomery's Liberal Arts Lecture Series, Montgomery, AL, "Anglican Landscapes and Colonialism in South Carolina," February 12th.

2014 Guest Speaker at the Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Huntsville, AL, "Anglican Landscapes and Colonialism in South Carolina," September 23rd.

2014 Guest Speaker at the East Alabama Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Loachapoka, AL, "Anglican Landscapes and Colonialism in South Carolina," September 9th.

2014 Guest Speaker at the Auburn University Montgomery Faculty Development Institute Graduation, April 22nd.

2014 Participant in the Alabama Historical Association's Making History Public Workshop, Scottsboro, Alabama, "Filling in the Gaps: The Contributions of Archaeology to the Historical Record," April 10th.

2014 Guest Lecturer Auburn University Montgomery MLA 6010 course (Culture and Society), March 31st.

2012 The People of Rugby, Tennessee: A Study in Community Formation and Public Archaeology. Presentation to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology faculty and students, October 17th, as part of the department's Brown Bag Lecture Series.

2011 *"unto seynte Paules"*: A Tale of St. Paul's Church and Parsonage. Public talk presented to the Archaeology Club at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina.

Professional Field Experience

2015 - present Field Director, AUM/McLemore Plantation, Montgomery, AL

2007 – present Co-Field Director, College of Charleston's Stono River Preserve, including 2008-2010, 2014, 2016, and 2018 College of Charleston archaeological field schools

2015 – 2020 Co-Field Director, Cane Hill, AR

2014 Field Director, McNeill Mill Site, Prattville, AL

2003 Field Supervisor, Charleston Museum field school

2003 Field Supervisor, College of Charleston field school

2002 Field Supervisor, Charleston Museum field school



2002 - 2003 Field Supervisor, Massengale Site, Rugby, TN

Grants and Awards

- 2023 Auburn University at Montgomery Distinguished Research Associate Professor.
- 2023 Auburn University at Montgomery Experiential Education and Engagement Center Grant, \$3,202; with Dr. Megan LeBlanc.
- 2023 Auburn University at Montgomery Experiential Education and Engagement Center Grant, \$2,648; with Dr. LisaMarie Malischke.
- 2016 Arkansas Humanities Council Planning Grant, \$955; with Historic Cane Hill, Inc.
- 2015 Auburn University at Montgomery Faculty Grant-in-Aid, \$2,372
- 2014 Auburn University at Montgomery New Faculty Grant-in-Aid, \$3,700
- 2013 Auburn University at Montgomery, Provost Office Grant, \$820
- 2013 Auburn University at Montgomery, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts Grant, \$820
- 2013 Auburn University at Montgomery, Research Council Grant, \$200
- 2011 Archaeological Society of South Carolina Grant-in-Aid recipient, \$425
- 2011 Tennessee Association of Museums award for excellence in the permanent exhibit category, for public archaeology exhibit, “Exhibits of the Massengale Homeplace”, based on thesis research.
- 2010 University of Tennessee, Department of Anthropology Kneberg-Lewis Scholarship Award, \$1,500
- 2010 Patricia Black Archaeology Research Grant, \$400
- 2009 Patricia Black Archaeology Research Grant, \$350
- 2008 Charles Faulkner Travel Award, \$600
- 2007 Patricia Black Grant Archaeology Research Grant, \$250
- 2007 College of Charleston Adjunct Instructor Award, \$500



2002 Historic Rugby, Inc. Grant, \$1,500

2001 Stephen Olah Scholarship, \$2,000

Professional Memberships

Society for Historical Archaeology
Southeastern Archaeological Conference
Alabama NAGPRA Group

Alabama Archaeological Society
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society