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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

NAGPRA; collections management; geoarchaeology; landscape archaeology; climate change; resiliency; natural disasters; water movement and management.

**EDUCATION**

2023 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Dissertation: *Digging for Disasters: El Niño, Drought, and Floods on the Far Southern Coast of Peru*

2018 M.A. Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Thesis: *Hydrology in the Highlands of Southern Peru: The Spring at Las Peñas*

2015 B.A. Anthropology and Geology, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Fall 2025- Present Instructor, Auburn University at Montgomery  
Courses Taught: ANTH 3970 - *Introduction to Forensic Anthropology*

Fall 2023- Present Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Coordinator, Auburn University at Montgomery

Spring 2017- Spring 2023 Graduate Teaching Associate/Assistant, University of Florida  
Courses Taught: *IDS 1161 What is the Good Life*, *ANT 2000 General Anthropology*, *ANT 2140 Introduction to World Archaeology*, *ANT 2301 Human Sexuality & Culture*, *ANT 2410 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*, *ANT 3141 Development of World Civilization*, *ANT 3520 Skeleton Keys: Introduction to Forensic Anthropology*

**RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

2022-2023 Director IMEND 2022 Archaeological Research Project  
*International archaeological research (including excavation and analysis) project in Ilo, Peru for my doctoral dissertation.*

2022-2023 NAGPRA Team Member, Florida Museum of Natural History  
*As a member of the NAGPRA Team at the FLMNH, I identify and inventory collections for repatriation. I have experience working with various cultural belongings and human ancestors from Florida, the southeast, and the Caribbean. Additionally, I have training in osteological analysis.*

2021-2023 Collections Manager Assistant, Florida Museum of Natural History, Anthropology Department, Gainesville, FL  
*At the FLMNH, I assist the collections manager with inventorying, rehabilitating,*

*and digitizing legacy collections. I have partnered with the North Florida, Bioarcheology, Environmental Archaeology, and Historical Archaeology divisions throughout my time at the Florida Museum. In this role, I have also trained and supervised undergraduate employees and volunteers to follow best museum practices.*

2019 Principal Investigator, Preliminary Dissertation Research, Ilo, Peru; *Digging Disasters: Debris Flows, Drought, and Humanity at Tacahuay Tambo*

2017 Principal Investigator, Masters Research, Moquegua, Peru; *Hydrology in the Highlands of Southern Peru: The Spring at Las Peñas*

2016 Field Technician, AR Consultants, INC, CRM Firm, Richardson, TX

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2022 Preparing Future Faculty Program, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
*Member of the 2022 Preparing Future Faculty cohort. This program builds towards an Associate Certificate from the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL).*

2022 CIRTL Teaching-as-Research (TAR) Research, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
*Two-semester program during which students plan, implement, and report on a teaching-as-research project*

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS**

Lambda Alpha, National Anthropology Honors Society; Sigma Gamma Epsilon, National Earth Science Honors Society; Society of American Archaeology

### **PUBLICATIONS**

LeBlanc, Megan and Nina Schreiner

2025 Navigating the Challenges and Possibilities of Student Labor in NAGPRA Compliance. *Advances in Archaeological Practice* (In Press).

Londono, Ana C., deFrance, Susan D., and LeBlanc, Megan E.

2022 Coastal paleolandscapes of far southern Peru: Implications for Late Pleistocene human settlement. *Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology*. pp. 1-25.

Ruhl, Donna and LeBlanc, Megan E.

2022 Worked Faunal Bone and Ivory Collection. Florida Museum.

<https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/flarch/collections/worked-faunal-bone-ivory-collection/>

### **REPORTS**

Ruhl, Donna L. and Megan E. LeBlanc

2022 SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES: REHABILITATION, REANALYSIS AND REINTEGRATION OF MISSION SAN JUAN DEL PUERTO (8DU00053). FLMNH Florida Archaeology Miscellaneous Project Series Reports #72.

LeBlanc, Megan E. and De Los Ríos Farfán, Gabriela.

2022 PIA IMEND: El proyecto de investigación arqueológica, El impacto del evento Miraflores (deslizamientos de El Niño) en los Chiribaya del extremo sur del Perú (*The Impact of the Miraflores El Niño Debris Flow on the Chiribaya of Far Southern Peru*). Solicitud de autorización de Proyecto de Investigación arqueológica for the Ministerio de Cultural de Peru.

LeBlanc, Megan E. and De Los Ríos Farfán, Gabriela.

2023 PIA IMEND: El proyecto de investigación arqueológica, El impacto del evento Miraflores (deslizamientos de El Niño) en los Chiribaya del extremo sur del Perú (*The Impact of the Miraflores El Niño Debris Flow on the Chiribaya of Far Southern Peru*). Informe for the Ministerio de Cultural de Peru.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

2025 Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting, January 18, 2025.

Paper Presentation: *NAGPRA: From Regulations to Healing in AUM's Archaeology Lab*.

2024 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana: April 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Poster Presentation (Co-Author): Sarah Bishop, Hunter Bobbitt, and Megan LeBlanc. *Respecting the Past, Empowering the Present: NAGPRA, College Students, and Renewed Commitment to Indigenous Heritage*

Poster Presentation: *The Tacahuay Landscape: Land Use and Environmental Change on the South Coast of Peru*

2024 Southern Studies Conference, Montgomery, Alabama: March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Paper Presentation (Co-Author): Megan LeBlanc, Kimberly Pyszka, and Lacey Sloan.: *NAGPRA: From Regulations to Healing in AUM's Archaeology Lab*

Poster Presentation (Co-Author): Sarah Bishop, Hunter Bobbitt, and Megan LeBlanc. *Respecting the Past, Empowering the Present: NAGPRA, College Students, and Renewed Commitment to Indigenous Heritage*

2023 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon: March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Chair of Organized Session: *Living Landscapes: Disaster, Memory, and Change in Dynamic Environments*

Paper Presentation: *The Tacahuay Legacy: Landscape Modification and Reuse on the South Coast of Peru*

Poster Presentation (co-author): Paul Pluta, Jessica Whelpley, Brittany Cummings, and Megan LeBlanc. *Towards a Holistic Understanding of Marine Ecosystems in the South-Central Andes: An Interdisciplinary Marine Invertebrate Biodiversity/Zooarchaeological Survey*.

2022 North American Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG)-Sponsored Workshop, Virtual: October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Paper Presentation: *A Sea of Sand and Waves: Desert-scapes & Seascapes*

2022 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois: March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Poster Presentation (first author): Megan E. LeBlanc, Susan D. deFrance, and Ana Londoño. *Coastal paleolandscapes of far southern Peru: Implications for Late Pleistocene human settlement.*

2021 SAA Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference: April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>  
Poster Presentation: *Debris Flows, Hydrology, and Agriculture at Tacahuay Tambo*

2020 Latin American Studies Summer Research Symposium, University of Florida  
Poster Presentation: *ENSO on the South Coast of Peru*

2018 SAA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
Poster Presentation: *Hydrology in the Highlands: The Spring at Las Peñas*

2017 Latin American Studies Summer Research Symposium, University of Florida  
Poster Presentation: *The Spring at Las Peñas*

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS**

2025 NAGPRA Consultation and Documentation Grant (*Submitted March 2025, pending award*)

2024 Auburn University at Montgomery's Experiential Education and Engagement Center Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Award

2023 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant; *The Impact of the Miraflores Flood on Tacahuay Tambo in Far Southern Peru* (Award # 2306152)

2023 Rust Family Foundation; *Digging for Disasters: El Niño, Drought, and Floods on the Far Southern Coast of Peru*

2023 Elizabeth M. Eddy Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship (Summer 2023)

2022 Research Abroad for Doctoral Students, UF International Center; *The Impact of the Miraflores Flood on Tacahuay Tambo in Far Southern Peru*

2022 UF Anthropology Department John M. Goggin Award; *Digging for Disasters: Drought, Debris Flow, and Humanity at Tacahuay*

2020 UF Anthropology Department John M. Goggin Award; *Digging for Disaster: Drought, Debris Flow, and Humanity at Tacahuay*

2019 Center for Latin American Studies Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation; *The Miraflores Flood Survey: Impacts of ENSO Events on Coastal Peru*

2019 UF Anthropology Department Paul and Doughty Research Grant; *The Miraflores Flood Survey: Impacts of ENSO Events on Coastal Peru*

2017 UF Anthropology Department Waggoner Grant; *The Spring at Las Peñas*

2017 Center for Latin American Studies Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation; *The Spring at Las Peñas*

2016-2019 Department of Anthropology Grinter Fellowship

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

2022 NAUI Advanced Diver Certification  
NAUI Nitrox Certification  
NAUI CPR/First Aid/Diving First Aid Certification  
AAUS Science Diver Certification

2021 NAUI Open Water Scuba Certification

### **INVITED TALKS**

2025 “Collaboration makes our work better.” *Archaeology After Dark Podcast*.

2024 *What do we owe the Ancestors? Legacy Collections and Repatriation in Archaeological Laboratories*. Lehigh University, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

2024 *Digging for Disasters: El Niño, Drought, and Floods on the Far Southern Coast of Peru*. Troy University Anthropological Society, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

2021 *A Sea of Sand and Waves*. Texas Christian University – Anthropological Society, Fall 2021.

### **SERVICE**

2024- Present Southeast NAGPRA Community of Practice; Speaker Committee Member

2024 AUM Flying Warhawk Camp Instructor

2024 AUM College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Film series – Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work event committee

2024 NAPGRA Community of Practice; Outreach Committee Member

2022 Volunteer Science Diver, Paleo-Suwannee Project

2021 Guest Lecturer, Texas Christian University, Introduction to Archaeology

2018-2019 Museum Volunteer, Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL