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RESEARCH INTERESTS

biocultural anthropology, bioarchaeology, forensic anthropology, queer science, critical race theory, Nordic studies, history of science, violence theory

EDUCATION

In progress Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Dissertation Title: “Prime Harvest”: The Bioarchaeology of Cadaver Acquisition in Iceland’s Early Medical History
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Whitney Battle-Baptiste

2016 Master of Arts, Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2013 Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Music (Voice), *Magna Cum Laude* with honors, Ithaca College

POSITIONS HELD

Professional Positions

2021 — Co-Principal Investigator with Priscilla B. Mollard, Rivulus Dominarum Bioarchaeology Summer 2022 Program, Baia Mare, Romania

2021 — Founder, Hrímey Learn: Science Communication & Outreach Project, Reykjavík, Iceland

2013-2021 Instructor of Record, Department of Anthropology/University Without Walls, UMass Amherst

2016-2018 Lead Instructor, UMass Amherst Bioarchaeology & Forensic Anthropology Field School

2014-2018 Taphonomic Research Facility (TRF) Laboratory Manager, UMass Amherst

2014-2017 Forensic anthropology workshop instructor, Citizens Police Academy & Summer Police Youth Adventure Academy, Amherst Town Police & UMass Amherst Police Departments, Amherst, MA

2011-2013 Forensic Research Assistant, Departments of Anthropology & Chemistry, Taphonomic & Decomposition Post-Mortem Outdoor Laboratory Experiments (TADPOLE) Facility, Ithaca College

Research Positions and Experience

2018 — Bioarchaeologist & forensic anthropologist, UMass Community Archaeology Laboratory, UMass Amherst

2019-2020 Affiliated Researcher, Læknagarður Medical School, University of Iceland, Reykjavík

2017-2018 Affiliated Researcher, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Iceland, Reykjavík

2016-2018 GIS technician & bioarchaeologist, Preliminary bioarchaeological investigations at Bélen, NM, Joint project of UMass Amherst, University of California Berkeley, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Hampshire College, Bélen, NM

- 2015 Visiting Researcher, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC
- 2013-2018 Sharp-force trauma analyst & 3D microscopist, “The role of humans in Madagascar’s megafauna decline” project, UMass Amherst
- 2013-2018 Forensic anthropologist & bioarchaeologist, Violence & Conflict Laboratory, UMass Amherst

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

Fellowships and Grants

- 2021-2022 Armelagos-Swedlund Dissertation Writing Fellowship for Biocultural/Medical Anthropology Research (\$10,000)
- 2019-2020 U.S. Fulbright-National Science Foundation Arctic Research Grant to Iceland (\$19,300)
- 2014-2019 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (Grant #: 1451512) (\$100,000)
- 2017-2018 Leifur Eiriksson Foundation Fellowship (\$25,000)
- 2018 Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, UMass Amherst (\$2,300)
- 2015-2019 School of Social & Behavioral Sciences Conference Travel Grant, UMass Amherst (four grants of \$400)

Awards

- 2021 3MT Winner – Three Minute Thesis competition, UMass Amherst Graduate School (\$1,000)
- 2017a Armelagos-Swedlund Award in Medical/Biological Anthropology, Awarded for outstanding graduate student conference presentation, Department of Anthropology, UMass Amherst (\$500)
- 2017b Richard B. Woodbury Award for outstanding graduate conference paper, Department of Anthropology, UMass Amherst (\$500)
- 2016 Biological Anthropology Section Student Paper Prize honorable mention, American Anthropological Association
- 2013 Harvey Milk Award for outstanding efforts in awareness and visibility of LGBT issues, Ithaca College LGBT Center for Education, Outreach & Service

TEACHING & STUDENT SUPERVISION

Graduate/Undergraduate mixed courses at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Field & Laboratory Methods in Bioarchaeology & Forensic Anthropology (Anthropology 588) – Summer 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Undergraduate courses at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

Human Origins & Variation – (Anthropology 103) - Summer 2019, 2020, 2021, Fall 2019

Undergraduate Student Supervising

Independent Honors course in Human Biological Variation – Summer 2020

Teaching Assistantships

Human Anatomy Laboratory, Power & Inequality in the United States, Field & Laboratory Methods in Bioarchaeology & Forensic Anthropology, Introduction to Archaeology, Race & the American

Museum, Human Origins & Variation, Ancient Civilizations, Hip Hop Cultures – Fall 2013 through Fall 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

2018 **Zimmer, A.N.** “More than the sum total of their parts: Restoring identity by recombining a skeletal collection with its texts”. In *Bioarchaeological Analyses and Bodies: New ways of knowing anatomical and skeletal collections*, ed. Pamela Stone. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.

Book Reviews

2018 **Zimmer, A.N.** “Re-evaluating the Place of Race in Historical Archaeology”. Review of: “Archaeology of Race in the Northeast”, ed. Christopher N. Matthews and Allison Manfra McGovern. In *Anthropology Book Forum*, Vol. 4, No. 1.

Public Science Writing

2019 **Zimmer, A.N.** “The Era of the Body Snatchers”. *Scientific American*. June 5, 2019.

Publications submitted/in review

N.d. Stone, P.K., **Zimmer, A.N.** “Chapter 27: Issues of gender, identity, and agency in paleopathology”. In *The Routledge Handbook of Paleopathology*, ed. Anne Grauer. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.

N.d. Godfrey, L.R., [et al., including **Zimmer, A.N.**] “Giant lemur butchery was widespread in southwestern and central Madagascar prior to 1000 CE.”.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

2021a “Queering Studies of Anatomical Skeletal Collections”, Forensic and Bioanthropology Laboratory (FAB Lab) Group at Boston University's Program in Forensic Anthropology, September 23.

2021b Keynote Speaker, “Queer Theory & Identified Skeletal Collections”, British Association of Biological Anthropology & Osteoarchaeology Annual Meeting, September 19.

2021c “‘Prime Harvest’: Iceland’s Place in the Early Global Cadaver Trade”, National Museum of Iceland Lecture Series, Þjóðminjasafnið/The National Museum of Iceland, September 7.

2021d “The Lovers of Modena: How Two Skeletons Changed Our Understanding of Ancient Love”, Odd Salon Shorts - San Francisco, June 22.

2021e “Sex, Gender, and Agency in Paleopathology”, *Critical Social Inquiry* 307, Hampshire College, February 23.

2020a “Navigating Graduate School Studies in Anthropology”, Anthropology Capstone Course, Ithaca College, November 11.

2020b “Queer Collections: What Queer Theory Can Teach Us About Skeletal Collections”, Forensic and Bioanthropology Laboratory (FAB Lab) Group at Boston University's Program in Forensic Anthropology, October 22.

2019 “Archaeology & Documents”, Introduction to Archaeology: Humans Past and Present, UMass Amherst, March 20.

2018a “Embodiment of Racism”, Power & Inequality in the United States, UMass Amherst, November 28.

- 2018b “Violence or Trauma? What skeletal collections can teach us about violence”, Forensic and Bioanthropology Laboratory (FAB Lab) Group at Boston University's Program in Forensic Anthropology, November 1.
- 2018c “From IC to Iceland”, IC Sophomore SOAR Program, Ithaca College, October 6.
- 2018d “Reflexive Violence Theory”, Conquest by Law Honors Thesis seminar, Commonwealth Honors College, September 18.
- 2017 “What does it mean to study violence through a queer lens?”, Violence in American Culture Honors Thesis seminar, Commonwealth Honors College, April 15.
- 2015a “Fortune’s Bones: A Case Study in Contested Remains”, Race & the American Museum, UMass Amherst, March 16.
- 2015b “The New York African Burial Ground”, Race & the American Museum, UMass Amherst, February 18.

Sessions Organized/Chaired

- 2021a Passalacqua, N.V. and **Zimmer, A.N.**, Assistant Chair. “Forensic Anthropology: Assessing Sex & Gender” American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Virtual meeting.
- 2021b Skipper, C. and **Zimmer, A.N.**, Assistant Chair. “Forensic Anthropology: Addressing Issues of Variation and Race/ism.” American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Virtual meeting.
- 2019 **Zimmer, A.N.** and Hurd, K.J., Co-Chairs. “Changing climates in the study of sex and gender: new insights on old theories.” AAA Contributed Session. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.
- 2018 Lans, A.J. and **Zimmer, A.N.**, Co-organizers and Co-Chairs. “Black Feminist Science.” AAA Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
- 2017 **Zimmer, A.C.** and Bauer-Clapp, H.J. Co-organizers and Co-Chairs. “Policing the Dead.” AAA Contributed Session. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Other Conference Presentations

- 2022 **Zimmer, A.N.** “Taphonomic and sharp-force trauma analysis of a non-identified anatomical teaching skeletal assemblage from Reykjavík, Iceland.” Accepted for presentation at the American Association of Biological Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2021 **Zimmer, A.N.** “‘Prime Harvest’: The Role of Cadaver Acquisition for Iceland’s Early Medical Training.” Council of Europeanists Annual Meeting, Reykjavík, Iceland.
- 2019a **Zimmer, A.N.** “Queer (re)collections of bioarchaeology & anatomy.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.
- 2019b **Zimmer, A.N.** “Understanding Inequality through Icelandic Anatomical Collections.” Roundtable participant - “Fulbright in the Arctic” International Arctic Circle 2019 Assembly, Reykjavík, Iceland.
- 2018a **Zimmer, A.N.** Roundtable participant – “Black Feminist Science.” AAA Roundtable. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
- 2018b Ortiz, L.M., **Zimmer, A.C.**, Stone, P.K., Harrod, R.P. “Perilous Pregnancies, Frail Bodies, and Proper Behavior: A biohistoric analysis of sexual dimorphism and the construction of sex and gender roles.” American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.
- 2017a **Zimmer, A.C.** “Unpacking the definitional violence of skeletal collections in the United States.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

- 2017b **Zimmer, A.C.** "Using sociological segregation indices to reintroduce geographical relationships in anatomical skeletal collections." American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Zimmer, A.C.** "More than the sum total of their parts: Restoring identity by recombining a skeletal collection with its texts." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2015 Mathena, S.A., **Zimmer, A.C.**, Godfrey, L.R., Pérez, V.R. "The Application of 3D Digital Microscopy in Identifying Evidence of Human Butchery of Extant Lemurs." American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- 2013 **Zimmer, A.C.**, DeTuri, V.F., Muller, J.L. "Using citrate concentration to determine postmortem interval of forensically-significant skeletal material." American Association of Physical Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN.

Media & Publicity

- 2021a WRSI – The River. "Short Attention Span School" interview with Monte Belmonte, March 25, <https://wrsi.com/monte/short-attention-span-school/>
- 2021b 3 Questions with UMass 3MT Finalist Adam Netzer Zimmer, PhD Candidate in Anthropology, UMass SBS website, March 15, <https://www.umass.edu/sbs/news/umass-three-minute-thesis-3mt-competition-finalist-adam-netzer-zimmer-phd-candidate-anthropology>
- 2020 DiscoverPhDs: "Adam Netzer Zimmer", July 29, <https://www.discoverphds.com/advice/interviews/adam-netzer-zimmer>
- 2019 The Arch & Anth Podcast: Episode 42. "What is the American and Icelandic medical history of cadaver recruitment for anatomical research and training?", September 4, <https://archandanth.com/episode-42-interview-with-adam-netzer-zimmer/>
- 2019 "Doctoral Student Awarded Arctic Research Grant", College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, May 2, <https://www.umass.edu/sbs/news/students/adam-netzer-zimmer-awarded-fulbright-national-science-foundation-arctic-research-grant>
- 2018 Rewire.org, "500 Queer Scientists Speak Up About STEM Inclusivity," by Rachel Crowell, June 26, <https://www.rewire.org/our-future/queer-scientists-stem-inclusivity/>
- 2017 Spotlight: Graduate "PhD student in Anthropology receives Leifur Eiríksson Foundation Scholarship for pre-dissertation research", Department of Anthropology Website, June, <https://www.umass.edu/anthro/spotlight-graduate>

SERVICE

Editorial Activities

- 2013-2018 Digital/Visual Content Editor, *Landscapes of Violence*
- 2015 Managing Editor, *Landscapes of Violence*

University of Massachusetts Amherst

- 2022 3MT – Three Minute Thesis Judge, UMass Amherst Competition
- 2017-2021 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Mentorship panelist
- 2017 Rutgers McNair Scholars Graduate Student Roundtable
- 2014-2016 Steering Committee, Five College Undergraduate Certificate in Violence Studies
- 2014-2015 UMass Amherst Graduate Student Senate, Anthropology Senator

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- 2021 — Graduate Studies Committee, Graduate student representative

2018-2019 Woodbury Award Selection Committee, Graduate student representative
 2014-2018 NAGPRA Repatriation Committee osteologist
 2015-2017 Interim Laboratory Manager, Violence & Conflict Laboratory
 2014-2015 NAGPRA repatriation coordinator search committee, Student representative
 2014-2015 Graduate Student Mentor Coordinator

Community/Public Service & Outreach

2020 — Event outreach graphic designer, The Imperial Sovereign Court of All Connecticut (Hartford-based community fundraising non-profit)
 2019 — Founding member, Bángsafelagið (Icelandic LGBTQIA community non-profit)
 2015 — Panelist speaker, SpeakOut LGBTQIA Speakers Bureau, Boston, MA
 2015 Event facilitator, “Portrait of a Search: A Film by Alicia Calderón”, Documentary screening & public awareness event about *los desaparecidos de Ayotzinapa de México*
 2014-2018 Non-fiction Section Chair & Judge, Bisexual Book Awards, Bi Writers Association, NYC
 2014 “The Buried Life”, Film consultant for bioarchaeology/forensic anthropology, Sundance Institute & Sloan Science-in-Film Initiative

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & AFFILIATIONS

Professional Workshops & Trainings

2021 “Deep Dive into QGIS”. 12-hour GIS workshop
 2019 Scientific American & Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. 5-week science communication/science writing seminar & workshop
 2019 UMass Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development. 4-week online faculty course development seminar
 2018 Society for American Archaeology. “Forensic Archaeology: Theory & Practice” training
 2017 Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. 8-hour science communication workshop

Professional Affiliations

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- American Association of Biological Anthropologists (AABA)
- Paleopathology Association (PPA)
- Council for European Studies (CES)
- International Society of Nonbinary Scientists (ISNBS)
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (oSTEM)

LANGUAGES

English Native speaker
 Icelandic Intermediate reading and basic spoken
 Old Norse Basic reading