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## EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D., Archaeology**, University of Texas, Austin. Dissertation title: *The Archaeology of Central Caribbean Panama*. Committee chair: Samuel Wilson.
- 1995 M.A., Anthropology**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock. Thesis title: *Archaeological Survey and Testing in the Belén River Valley, Panama*. Committee chair: Grant Hall.
- 1991 B.S., Psychology**, University of Texas, Austin.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Archaeology of Southwest U.S. and Panama, prehistoric trade and exchange systems, historic archaeology, mapping (GIS, GPS and total station), remote sensing.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006-Present Independent Contractor**, Texas. Cultural resource management fieldwork and report preparation in Texas and Panama. Principal investigator for three projects in Texas.
- 2008-2009 Panama Canal Authority**, Panama. Principal investigator, cultural resource management project. Evaluation of archaeological sites and cultural remains encountered during the ongoing Canal expansion project. Produced nine evaluation reports and annual report. Project liaison: Zuleika Mojica.
- 2006 Panama Canal Authority**, Panama. Principal investigator and director of fieldwork, cultural resource management project. Archaeological survey of sites 15 and 16, Empire, Panama Canal watershed. Project liaison: Zuleika Mojica.
- 2005-2006 Panama Canal Authority**, Panama. Principal investigator and director of fieldwork, cultural resource management project. Archaeological survey in the probable alignment of the new lock in the Pacific sector of the Panama Canal. Project liaison: Zuleika Mojica.
- 2005 Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI)**, Panama. Principal investigator, academic research project. Archaeological testing at Early Holocene site (Pn-53) in central Caribbean Panama. STRI sponsor: Dr. Richard Cooke.
- 2001-2002 Panama Canal Authority**, Panama. Principal investigator and director of fieldwork, cultural resource management project. Archaeological survey (213,000 ha) in the Western Region of the Panama Canal Watershed. Project liaison: Hortensia Broce.
- 1998-2002 Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute**, Panama. Predoctoral Fellow, San Juan River Valley Project. Designed and implemented dissertation research involving survey, mapping, and excavations at prehistoric sites in central Caribbean Panama. STRI staff advisor: Dr. Richard Cooke.
- 1997 Teck Corporation**, Vancouver. Principal investigator and director of fieldwork, cultural resource management project. Archaeological survey and excavations in the Petaquilla Mining Concession, Colón Province, Panama. Teck supervisor: Derek Riehm.

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- 1996** **Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute**, Panama. Archaeological consultant, Cerro Juan Díaz Project. Produced computer-generated map of the Cerro Juan Díaz prehistoric village site with Leica total station surveying instrument in Coclé province, Panama. Principal investigator: Dr. Richard Cooke.
- 1994** **Hicks and Company**, Austin. Archaeological consultant, cultural resource management project. Survey at the proposed Lubbock landfill in Lubbock County, Texas. Surveyed, sampled, and mapped prehistoric and historic sites. Project supervisor: Mike Davis.
- 1993** **Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute**, Panama. Short Term Fellow, Belén River Valley Project. Designed and implemented master's thesis research project involving survey, mapping, and excavations at prehistoric sites in central Caribbean Panama. STRI staff advisor: Dr. Richard Cooke.
- 1992** **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock. Archaeologist, academic research project. Test excavations at prehistoric site 41HM11 on the Triple S Ranch in Evant County, Texas. Project director: Dr. Grant Hall.
- 1992** **Ships of Exploration and Discovery Research**, Corpus Christi. Archaeologist, Search for *La Gallega* Project. Conducted terrestrial magnetometer survey and underwater and terrestrial excavations to locate the caravel and settlement abandoned by Columbus on the Belén River in central Caribbean Panama during his fourth voyage to the New World. Analyzed prehistoric and Spanish materials recovered during excavations. Project director: Dr. Donald Keith.
- 1992** **Museum of Texas Tech University**, Lubbock. Archaeological consultant, cultural resource management project. Surveyed, sampled, and mapped prehistoric and historic sites in Garza County, Texas. Project supervisor: Dr. Eileen Johnson.
- 1991** **Southwest Museum Services**, Houston. Archaeological consultant, master plan project at the Crowell Sawmill in Long Leaf, Louisiana. Assessed and mapped historic structures. Project director: Sue Spearing.
- 1991** **U.S. Forest Service**, New Mexico. Archaeologist, Masua Trail Tourism Project. Conducted test excavations and mapped prehistoric sites USFS 944, 945 and 946 in Gila National Forest. Project director: Dr. James Neely.
- 1991** **University of Texas**, Austin. Archaeologist, Shields Ranch Project. Conducted test excavations at prehistoric site 41TR238. Project director: Dr. James Neely.
- 1990** **Ships of Exploration and Discovery Research**, Corpus Christi. Archaeologist, Search for *La Gallega* Project. Operated total station surveying instrument, conducted terrestrial and nautical magnetometer surveys, and produced computer-generated magnetic field contour maps to locate a caravel and settlement abandoned by Columbus on the Belén River in central Caribbean Panama. Project director: Dr. Donald Keith.

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

#### Griggs, John

- 2007** Review of *Early Inhabitants of the Amazonian Tropical Rain Forest: A Study of Humans and Environmental Dynamics* (Santiago Mora, 2003). *Latin American Antiquity* 18(2):235.
- 2005** *The Archaeology of Central Caribbean Panama*. Doctoral dissertation, Anthropology Department, University of Texas, Austin.
- 1998** *A Preliminary Archaeological Survey of the Petaquilla Mining Concession, Colón Province, Republic of Panama*. Project report prepared for Teck Corporation, Vancouver, B.C.

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- 1996** Archaeological Investigations at the Cerro Juan Díaz Site. *Friends of the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory Newsletter*, vol. 4(2):27-28.
- 1995** *Archaeological Survey and Testing in the Belen Valley, Panama*. Master's thesis, Anthropology Department, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.
- Griggs, John, Gilbert T. Bernhardt and Michael R. Bradle**  
**2007** *Archaeological Survey for the Anniversary Park Project, Stephens County, Texas*. American Archaeology Group LLC, Report of Investigations Number 134.
- Griggs, John and Michael R. Bradle**  
**2009** *Archaeological Survey for the City of Eastland Wastewater Collection System Improvements, Eastland County, Texas*. American Archaeology Group LLC, Report of Investigations Number 164.
- 2007** *An Intensive Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Habitat for Humanity Housing Development in the Stewarts Creek Drainage, Montgomery County, Texas*. American Archaeology Group LLC, Report of Investigations Number 129.
- Griggs, John, Michael R. Bradle and Gilbert T. Bernhardt**  
**2007** *Archaeological Survey of the Northwest Little League Complex in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas*. American Archaeology Group LLC, Report of Investigations Number 139.
- Griggs, John and Carlos Fitzgerald**  
**2006** *Prospección Arqueológica en los Sitios 15 y 16, Emperador* (Archaeological Survey in Sites 15 and 16, Empire). Project report prepared for the Panama Canal Authority.
- Griggs, John and Tomás Mendizabal**  
**2009** *Informe Anual: Evaluaciones de Vestigios Arqueológicos Reportados en las Áreas Asignadas al Proyecto de Ampliación del Canal, Año Fiscal 2008-2009* (Annual Report: Evaluations of Archaeological Remains Reported in Areas Assigned to the Canal Expansion Project, Fiscal Year 2008-2009). Report prepared for the Panama Canal Authority.
- Griggs, John, Tomás Mendizabal and Juan Guillermo Martín**  
**in press** Trincheras revistidas de mampuesto: Nuevos datos sobre las primeras defensas terrestres del Canal de Panamá (Stone revetted trenches: New data concerning the first terrestrial defenses of the Panama Canal). *Canto Rodado*.
- Griggs, John, Luis Sánchez and Carlos Fitzgerald**  
**2006** *Prospección Arqueológica en el Alineamiento Probable de la Nueva Esclusa en el Sector Pacífico del Canal de Panamá* (Archaeological Survey in the Probable Alignment of the Lock in the Pacific Sector of the Canal of Panama). Project report prepared for the Panama Canal Authority.

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### **Griggs, John, Luis Sánchez, Claudia Díaz, Diana Carvajal and Richard Cooke**

**2002** Recopilación y Presentación de Datos Ambientales y Culturales en la Región Occidental de la Cuenca del Canal de Panamá, Tarea 6, *Inventario de Sitios de Recursos Culturales y Evaluación del Potencial de Sitios Adicionales, Vol. 2.* (Compilation and Presentation of Environmental and Cultural Data from the Western Region of the Panama Canal Watershed, Task 6, *Inventory of Cultural Resource Sites and an Evaluation of the Potential for Additional Sites, Vol. 2.*) Project report prepared for the Panama Canal Authority.

### **Griggs, John, Luis Sánchez, Claudia Díaz, Diana Carvajal and Richard Cooke**

**2001** Recopilación y Presentación de Datos Ambientales y Culturales en la Región Occidental de la Cuenca del Canal de Panamá, Tarea 6, *Inventario de Sitios de Recursos Culturales y Evaluación del Potencial de Sitios Adicionales, Vol. 1.* (Compilation and Presentation of Environmental and Cultural Data in the Western Region of the Panama Canal Watershed, Task 6, *Inventory of Cultural Resource Sites and an Evaluation of the Potential for Additional Sites, Vol. 1.*) Project report prepared for the Panama Canal Authority.

### **Arias, Tomas and John Griggs**

**2004** La Ilusión del Oro: El Gobernador Juan López de Sequeira, Su Entrada y Conquista de los Coclé. (The Illusion of Gold: Governor Juan Lopez de Sequeira, His Expedition and the Conquest of the Coclé.) *Loteria:Revista Cultural*, No. 452:24-39.

### **Cooke, Richard, Ilean Isaza, John Griggs, Benoit Desjardins and Luis Alberto Sánchez**

**2003** Who crafted, exchanged and displayed gold in Pre-Columbian Panamá? En J. Quilter, editor, *Gold and Power in the Intermediate Area*, pp. 91-158. Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.

### **Cooke, Richard, Luis Alberto Sánchez Herrera, Diana Rocío Carvajal, John Griggs and Ilean Isaza Aizuprúa**

**2003** Los Pueblos Indígenas de Panamá durante el Siglo XVI: Transformaciones Sociales y Culturales desde una Perspectiva Arqueológica y Paleoecológica. (The Indian Communities of Panama during the 16th Century.) *Mesoamérica*, No. 45:1-34.

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**2000** University of Texas at Austin. University Continuing Fellowship for dissertation research.  
**1999** Organization of American States. Regular Training Program Fellowship for dissertation research.  
**1999** University of Texas at Austin. Bruton Fellowship for dissertation research.  
**1998** Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. Predoctoral Fellowship to conduct survey and excavations in the San Juan River Valley, Coclé and Colón provinces, Panama.  
**1997** Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Texas in Austin. Dissertation research grant.  
**1996** Friends of the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, University of Texas in Austin. Grant for travel to Panama to participate in archaeological investigations conducted by the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute at the Cerro Juan Díaz archaeological site in Los Santos Province.  
**1994** Texas Tech University. Dorothy Bagwell Grant for travel to 13<sup>th</sup> National Scientific Congress, University of Panama, Panama.  
**1994** Ships of Exploration and Discovery Research. Research grant for radiometric assays of carbon samples recovered during archaeological excavations in the Belén River Valley.

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- 1993** Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. Short Term Fellowship to conduct an archaeological survey of the Belén River Valley on the Caribbean coast of Panama. Sponsor: Dr. Richard Cooke, STRI Staff Archaeologist.
- 1992** Texas Tech University. Evelyn T. Montgomery Anthropology Scholarship.

### PRESENTATIONS

- 2007** "Black West Indians and the Construction of the Panama Canal: An Archaeological Perspective." Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting. October 26.
- 2005** "The Pre-Columbian Colonization of the Evergreen Tropical Forests of Central Caribbean Panama." Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama City, Panama. November 15.
- 2005** "Nueva Evidencia para la Colonización Precolombina de la Costa Atlántica de Panamá en el Quinto Milenio antes de Cristo." (New Evidence for the Pre-Columbian Colonization of the Atlantic Coast of Panama in the Fifth Millennium before Christ.) Central Regional University of Azuero, Chitré, Panama. October 10.
- 2002** "Nuevos Aportes a la Temprana Historia Colonial del Caribe Central de Panamá en los Siglos XVI y XVII según Recientes Investigaciones Arqueológicas." (New Data from Recent Investigations Concerning the Early Colonial History of Central Caribbean Panama in the 16th and 17th Centuries) 6<sup>th</sup> Central American Congress of History, Panama City, Panama. July 24.
- 2000** "Pre-Columbian Settlement of the Caribbean Coast of Panama: New Data and New Hypotheses." 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Philadelphia. April 7.
- 1999** "Pre-Columbian Settlement and Adaptation in the Central Caribbean Watershed of Panama: Preliminary Results of Recent Field Research." Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama City, Panama. October 26.
- 1999** "Estilos, Símbolos e Integridad Territorial en el Panamá Central." (Styles, Symbols and Territorial Integrity en Central Panama.) 5<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Science and Technology, Panama City, Panama. August 12.
- 1999** "Models for the pre-Colombian Settlement of the Caribbean Watershed of Panama: A Critical Evaluation Based on New Field Evidence." 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Panama City, Panama. May 27.
- 1998** "Investigaciones Actuales en la Cuenca Caribe de Panamá." (Current Investigations in the Caribbean Watershed of Panama.) Anthropology Department, University of Panama. October 30.
- 1996** "Ongoing Archaeological Research in the Central Region of Panama." Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, University of Texas. April 19.
- 1994** "Archaeological Testing and Survey in the Belén Valley, Panama." 13<sup>th</sup> National Scientific Congress, University of Panama, Panama. August 30.

### HONORS

- 1996** Texas Tech University. Honor Society of Gamma Beta Phi.
- 1994** Texas Tech University. Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1997** University of Texas. Teaching Assistant, archaeology. Supervisor: Dr. James Neely.
- 1997** University of Texas. Teaching Assistant and instructor, physical anthropology. Supervisors: Drs. Claude Bramblett and Liza Shapiro.
- 1992-1995** Texas Tech University. Teaching Assistant and instructor, physical anthropology. Supervisors: Drs. Robert R. Paine and Neven P. Lamb.

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**1992-1993** Texas Tech University. Instructor, cultural anthropology correspondence course.  
Program director: Suzzane Logan.

## REFERENCES

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