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The Ancient Agricultural Landscape of the Satellite Settlement of Ramonal Near Tikal Guatemala. P. Burnette, T. Terry, M. Alvarez, C. Balzotti, T. Murtha, and D. Webster. Submitted to *Quaternary International*.

### **ACCEPTED, EDITED, AND IN PRESS**

Review of *Roots of Conflict: Soils, Agriculture, and Sociopolitical Complexity in Ancient Hawaii*. Patrick Kirch (ed). Santa Fe: School for American Research, 2011 for *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*.

Webster, David—The Classic Maya Collapse. In *Oxford Handbook of Mesoamerican Archaeology*, Deborah Nichols and Chris Pool eds, Oxford University Press. (book chapter).

Webster, David -- Maya Drought and Niche Inheritance. In *The Great Maya Droughts in Cultural Context: Case Studies in Resilience and Vulnerability*, Gyles Iannone ed. University of Colorado Press. (book chapter).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Rethinking Warfare and the Development of Social Complexity. Book chapter for a Springer Press volume (as yet unnamed) on the ethics of conflict, edited by Richard Chacon.

Making a Living at Tikal (David Webster and Timothy Murtha). Book chapter for the University of Colorado Press to be edited by David Lentz.

*The Skyband House*. This is a major monograph summarizing my 1990 and 1997 excavations of a Classic Maya elite residence at Copan, Honduras. It is now several hundred pages in length and I anticipate finishing it this summer. It will be published in our Occasional Papers series.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

My most recent research project is The Chronology of El Gigante Rock Shelter, Honduras (Hirth and Newsom co-PIs), an NSF-funded project begun in August of 2010.

## OTHER INTELLECTUAL/ACADEMIC PRODUCTS

David Webster, Academic Director (with William T. Sanders) of the **Out of the Past Telecourse Project**. Products include eight one-hour PBS-quality television programs on prehistoric archaeology, a textbook, and associated faculty and study guides. The video programs were produced by the Pennsylvania State University in conjunction with WQED Pittsburgh, and Cambridge Studios, Boston. Webster, along with Sanders, represented the senior producing institution of the project (PSU). Together they were by contract responsible for the overall conception, development, fund-raising, design, and administration of all parts of the project, and most importantly for all of the content of the video programs.

Programs are part of the Annenberg CPB/Collection. They consist of the following:

- Program 1: **New Worlds**
- Program 2: **The Hearth**
- Program 3: **Artisans and Traders**
- Program 4: **Signs and Symbols**
- Program 5: **Power, Prestige and Wealth**
- Program 6: **Realms**
- Program 7: **Spirits Great and Small**
- Program 8: **The Collapse**

These programs were completed in September of 1992, with copyrights held jointly by the Annenberg/CPB Project and The Pennsylvania State University. The series has aired nationwide on PBS and other television channels since Spring 1993.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Diploma of Recognition for Contributions to Knowledge of the Maya Culture of Copán, Honduras. Awarded by the Minister of Culture and the Arts, and the Director of the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia, Honduras, August 1996.

Bronze Plaque of the Film Council of Greater Columbus for the Collapse program of the Out of the Past series (41st Annual Awards of the Columbus International Film and Video Festival, Oct. 1993).

Cine Golden Eagle Awards (March 1993) for Artisans and Traders and Collapse program of the Out of the Past Series. The Council on International Nontheatrical Events selected the Out of the Past series for its excellence to represent the United States in international motion picture events abroad.

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

National Defense Education Act Title IV Graduate Fellowship.

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Graduate Fellowship.

Dumbarton Oaks Summer Fellow in Precolumbian Studies (1995).

Dumbarton Oaks Summer Fellow in Precolumbian Studies (1998).

Dumbarton Oaks Senior Fellow 2007-2009.

Dumbarton Oaks Senior Fellow 2009-2012.

## **REPORTS TO SPONSORS**

•1974 -- Report to Institute of Arts and Humanities, the Pennsylvania State University -- Survey of Fortified Lowland Maya Sites.

•1978 -- Report to NSF - Archaeological Study of Three Fortified Lowland Maya Sites (BNS 75 21232 AO2).

•1978 -- Report to the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia - Archaeological Study of Three Fortified Lowland Maya Sites.

•1979 -- Report to Institute of Arts and Humanities, the Pennsylvania State University - Field Survey of Neolithic and Chalcolithic Sites in the Karababa Basin, Southeastern Turkey.

•1981 -- Report to the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia - Operation VIII, Plaza A, Copán, Honduras (with W. Fash and Elliot Abrams).

•1981 -- Report to the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia - Rural Survey in the Copán Valley.

•1982 -- Report to the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia - Operations in Plaza D, Copán, Honduras (with Andrea Gerstle).

•1983 -- Report to the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia - Surface Survey in the Copán Valley, Honduras.

•1984 -- Report to the Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia - Test-pitting and Survey in the Copán Valley, Honduras

- 1984 -- Report to the National Science Foundation - The Copán Rural Survey.
- 1984 -- Final report to the Instituto Hondureno de Antropología e Historia on Rural Survey and Test-pitting in the Copán Valley: the 1983-84 Seasons (in Spanish).
- 1984 -- Final report to the Instituto Hondureno de Antropología e Historia - The Copán Project: the First Three Years (with William T. Sanders).
- 1985 -- Final report to the National Science Foundation - The 1985 Season of the Rural Sites Excavation Project (BNS 841 993).
- 1985 -- Final report to the Instituto Hondureno de Antropología e Historia - The 1985 Season of the Rural Sites Excavation Project (in Spanish).
- 1986 -- Final report to the National Science Foundation - The 1985-86 Seasons of the Rural Sites Excavation Project (BNS 841 9933).
- 1986 -- Final report to the Instituto Hondureno de Antropología e Historia - The 1985-86 Seasons of the Rural Sites Excavation Project (in Spanish).
- 1988 -- Final report to the National Science Foundation - Copán Pocket Test-pitting and Obsidian Hydration Project (BNS 8219421).
- 1988 --Final report to the Instituto Hondureno de Antropología e Historia on the Copán Pocket Test-pitting and Obsidian Hydration Project.
- 1989 -- Final report to the National Science Foundation - Copán Pocket Test-pitting and Obsidian Hydration Project (BNS-8219421).
- 1990 -- Preliminary report to the Instituto Hondureno de Antropología e Historia on the Excavations at Group 8N-11, Copán.
- 1992 -- Final report to the Instituto Hondureno de Antropología e Historia on the Excavations at Group 8N-11, Copán.
- 1993 -- Final Report to the National Endowment of the Humanities: The OUT OF THE PAST telecourse project.
- 1994 -- Report to the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies on completion of RGOS grant for Copán GIS entry.
- 1996 -- Final report to the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies on the Obsidian Hydration and 14C Dating at Copán, Honduras: Three Concordance Experiments (David Webster PI, with AnnCorinne Freter and Rebecca Storey).
- 1996 -- Final report to the Human Dimensions Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Vegetational and Settlement History at Copán, Honduras . (David Webster, Principal Investigator, with Alfred Traverse, David Rue, and William T. Sanders, Co-investigators).
- 1997 -- Report to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia de Guatemala: Archaeological Settlement and Agricultural Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala: The 1997 Season.
- 1997 -- Report to the Heinz Family Foundation. Archaeological Settlement and Agricultural Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala.
- 1997 -- Preliminary report to the National Science Foundation on the House of the Skyband Lord Project.
- 1998 -- Report to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia de Guatemala: Archaeological Settlement and Agricultural Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala: The 1998 Season.
- 1998 -- Report to the National Geographic Society on the 1998 field season of the Settlement and Ecological Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala Project.
- 1999 -- Report to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia de Guatemala: Archaeological Settlement and Agricultural Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala: The 1999 Season.

- 2000 -- Report to the Instituto de Antropologia e Historia de Guatemala: Archaeological Settlement and Agricultural Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala: The 2000 Season.
- 2003 -- Interim Report to the National Science Foundation--Reevaluation of the Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala (BCS 02-11579).
- 2003 -- Final Report to the National Science Foundation--Reevaluation of the Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala (BCS 02-11579).
- 2005-- Interim Report to the National Science Foundation-- Re-evaluation of the Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala: Phase 2 (BCS-0443280).
- 2005 -- Interim Report to RGOS-- Experimental Investigation Agricultural Potential in the Maya Lowlands: Petén, Guatemala.
- 2007 -- Final report to the National Science Foundation-- Re-evaluation of the Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala: Phase 2 (BCS-0443280).

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PREPARATION**

### **Grants Submitted:**

Land, Water, and Territory: A 3000-year Study of Niche Construction and Cultural Evolution in the Tikal National Park, Guatemala. Tim Murtha PI; Chris Duffy, Kirk French, and David Webster co-PIs. (24 mos., \$249,871).

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS**

- Chronology of El Gigante Cave, Honduras.** NSF grant BCS 10-03431. Webster PI and Kenneth Hirth and Lee Newsom co-PIs) -- \$26,724. In progress
- Re-evaluation of the Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala: Phase 2, 2005-2006.** National Science Foundation. David Webster PI; co-PIs Timothy Murtha, Jay Silverstein, and Richard Terry. (\$172,494). Completed.
- Experimental Investigation Agricultural Potential in the Maya Lowlands: Petén, Guatemala.** RGSO grant from the College of Liberal Arts, Penn State University (2005). David Webster and Robert Griffin (\$1500).
- A Re-evaluation of the Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala.** National Science Foundation Grant BCS 02-11579 (\$68,494). David Webster PI; co-PI Jay Silverstein. Completed.
- Culture Change in the 18th Century Maya Missions of Peten, Guatemala.** Webster, David (for Matthew Rockmore). NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant: (\$11,861) 2002.
- Field Reconnaissance of the Northern Tikal Earthwork.** David Webster, PI. Penn State University funded--(\$3500). 2001.
- Household Excavations at Piedras Negras, Guatemala, 2000** (funds from PSU and Brigham Young University). Completed.



•**Settlement and Ecological Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala, 1998-1999.** \$27,000 (Grant #6122-98) from the National Geographic Society. Completed.

•**Archaeological Settlement and Agricultural Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala,** David Webster PI. \$6700 grant (1997) from the Heintz Family Foundation, Pittsburgh. Completed May 1997.

•**Archaeological Settlement and Agricultural Research at Piedras Negras, Guatemala,** David Webster PI. \$6000 grant (1996) from the Research and Graduate Studies Office, College of Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University. Completed May 1998.

•**Residential Elite Compound Excavation At Copan.** National Science Foundation Grant SBR-9514267 (\$17,559). David Webster, PI. Awarded July 1996. Completed July 1997.

•**Obsidian Hydration and 14C Dating at Copán, Honduras: Three Concordance Experiments** (David Webster PI, with AnnCorinne Freter and Rebecca Storey). Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies Inc., Orlando, Florida (\$7600). 1995. Completed.

•**Vegetational and Settlement History at Copán, Honduras,** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (\$63,000). David Webster, Principal Investigator. Funded June 1994. Alfred Traverse and William T. Sanders, Co-investigators. Completed.

•**GIS Copan Data Entry.** College of Liberal Arts (PSU) RSOG grant. Completed fall 1994.

•**Excavations and Reconstruction at Group 8N-11, Copán, Honduras** \_Annenberg/CPB Project-\$70,000). David Webster PI 1990. Completed.

•**The Copán Film Project: OUT OF THE PAST:**

Many proposals were submitted for this project, which was a matching funds project completed in 1993. The main sponsors of this project were the Annenberg /CPB Project, the National Endowments for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Pennsylvania State University. Total funding for the project was \$3,600,000. William T. Sanders and David Webster were the project academic directors, and supervised the production of the series by PSU subcontractors WQED Pittsburgh and Cambridge Studios, Boston. Below is a list of proposals funded:

•**New Directions in Archaeology: A Telecourse** (with William T. Sanders and J. Mallory). Funded (May, 1986) in the amount of \$2,305,869 by the Annenberg Corporation for Public Broadcasting. (Award # 1808/120079). Completed.

•**New Directions in Archaeology: A Telecourse** (with William T. Sanders and J. Baldwin-Mallory). Funded (1990) in the amount of \$500,000 by the National Endowment for the Humanities (Award # GN-22833-90). Completed.

•**New Directions in Archaeology: Pilot:** (with William T. Sanders and J. Baldwin-Mallory). Funded (1989) in the amount of \$92,499 by the Non-Traditional Learner Program, Division of Education, National Endowment for the Humanities (Award # EG-20068-89). Completed.

•**New Directions in Archaeology: Pilot:** (with William T. Sanders). Funded (1989) in the amount of \$49,901 by the Non-Traditional Learner Program, Division of Education, National Endowment for the Humanities, (Award No. EG-20068-89). Completed.

•**ESPN Footage:** \$3800 (1993). Completed.

•**Time Travelers** (co-produced with WQED, Pittsburgh; Greg Andorfer, William T. Sanders, David Webster, and J. Baldwin-Mallory). Funded (1986) by the Informal Education Program of the National Science Foundation in the amount of \$400,000. Completed.

•\$300 (plus \$200 Departmental matching funds) for purchase of slides for enrichment of Anthropology 009. Fund for the Improvement of Instruction, College of Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University (spring 1995). Completed.

- GIS Plotting of Copán Settlement Data** (1993) P\$3000 grant from the College of Liberal Arts of The Pennsylvania State University for). Completed.
- **Study of Sculpture from Copan Group 8N-11.** \$2500 grant from the Graduate School, Penn State University (1990).
- Biomedical Research Support Grant** from the Pennsylvania State University (\$8240) awarded to Peter Deines, George Milner, David Webster, William Sanders, and David Reed, 1988. Completed.
- Copán Pocket Test-pitting and Obsidian Hydration Project.** David Webster PI, AnnCorinne Freter co-PI. National Science Foundation (BNS 8720027--\$37,572). 1987. Completed.
- The Copán Rural Settlement Survey: The Rural Excavations** (1986); David Webster PI; National Science Foundation (BNS 841 9933-: \$108,984.). completed
- Copán Valley Survey.** William T. Sanders PI, David Webster co-PI. Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$5000). 1984. Completed.
- Rural Settlement of the Copán Valley, 1982-83.** David Webster PI; (William T. Sanders, co-PI.. National Science Foundation (BNS 82 19421; \$49,887). Completed.
- **The Copán Project, Phase II .** William T. Sanders, Director, David Webster Co-director. Sponsored by the Government of Honduras. Approved Funds: \$1,200,000 (excavation and restoration). Completed 1984.
- Field Survey of Neolithic and Chalcolithic sites in the Karababa Basin, Southeastern Turkey** (1977). David Webster PI. Institute for Arts and Humanistic Studies of the Pennsylvania State University (\$2500). Completed.
- Archaeological Study of Three Fortified Lowland Maya Sites** (1976-77). David Webster PI. National Science Foundation (BNS 75-21232 A02---\$30,070). Completed.
- Survey of Fortified Lowland Maya Sites** (1973). David Webster, PI. Institute for Arts and Humanistic Studies of the Pennsylvania State University (\$2500). Completed.
- Archaeological Investigations at the Milesburg Site, Pennsylvania** (1974). David Webster PI. Dept. of Anthropology, Penn State University.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Member, National Science Foundation Archaeology Panel, 1983-85.

Director (with William T. Sanders) of the OUT OF THE PAST Telecourse Project for the Annenberg/PCB Project. The eight one-hour television programs produced by the project were premiered on PBS stations in 1993, thus reaching a broad public audience. The programs and accompanying print materials are also widely used in college courses both in the United States and abroad.

I routinely review article and proposals for many publications and institutions, including The National Science Foundation, National Geographic Society, Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies Inc.

Senior Fellow in Precolumbian Studies, Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University, Washington, D.C. 2006-2009. Appointed to a second three-year fellowship beginning 2009. In my capacity as Senior Fellow I review approximately 58 proposals annually, help to make policy for the institution, and serve on the Publications Committee.

In 2009 I and two other Mayanists attended the the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding and the Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC). This meeting, scheduled for June 3 in Cambodia, is co-chaired by France and Japan in close collaboration with the Royal Government of Cambodia. We plan organize two symposia in the near future (one in Ankor and the other in Palenque, Mexico) that draw together experts in tropical forest civilizations in Southeast Asia and Mesoamerica. Our symposia will enable specialists who work in the two regions to meet, to see comparative examples of urban cultural heritage, and to discuss the issues of variability in tropical forest urbanism.

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (reading and fieldwork); German; some French.

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

I have served on, and been chair of, many permanent departmental committees, including Graduate Affairs Committee, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Occasional Papers Committee, Strategic Planning Committee. For several years I have been chair of the department's Promotion and Tenure Committee. I have also served on or chaired many search committees, and was for three years Associate Department Head. College committees have included the Near Eastern Studies Committee, the Promotion and Tenure Committee, and the Biodiversity Committee.

## **RECENT UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING**

Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervised:

Kelley Martin (finished Nov. 2011)  
Colgan, Joanna (current).

## **DOCTORAL COMMITTEES**

During my career I have served on 76 completed or current doctoral committees. Most of these have been in the Anthropology Department, but I have also served on committees in Art History, Genetics, History, Geography, and Classical and Mediterranean Studies and foreign universities – most recently the University of Sidney in Australia. Currently I serve on four active departmental committees, three of which I chair, and four in other departments or programs. A list of former and current graduate students is at the end of this document.

## MEETINGS AND PAPERS

- 10/11 Invited Moderator for the symposium Embattled Bodies, Embattled Places, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C. October 2011.
- 4/11 What We Don't Know about Maya Kings. Invited paper presented at the symposium on Ritual, Violence, and the Fall of Classic Maya Kings, organized by Gyles Iannone. Meetings of the Society of American Archaeology, Sacramento.
- 4/10 A Chinese Traveler Visits the Maya. Invited paper presented at the symposium on Tropical Forest Low-density Urbanism in the Southern Maya Lowlands and Southern Asia, organized by Lisa J. Lucero & Roland J. Fletcher. Meetings of the Society of American Archaeology, St. Louis.
- 4/09 Maya Drought and Niche Inheritance. Invited paper in The Great Maya Droughts Symposium, Gyles Iannone, organizer, Meetings of the Society of American Archaeology, Atlanta.
- 1/09 Three Maya Settlement Projects and some Implications. Invited paper, 6<sup>th</sup> Palenque Mesa Redonda, Palenque, Mexico.
- 4/07 The Uses and Abuses of the Ancient Maya. Invited paper, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Forum fur Verantwortung: Der Ursprung der Moderne Welt. Jared Diamond and James Robinson organizers; Otzenhausen, Germany.
- 7/07 Nuevos Trabajos e Interpretaciones de los Terraplenes de Tikal: Tercera Temproada de Campo. David Webster, Timothy Murtha, Kirk Straight, Horacio Martinez, Richard Terry, Walter Alvarado, Irinna Montepeque, and Jay Shapiro. Paper presented at the Simposio Arqueologico, Guatemala City.
- 9/06 Re-evaluation of the Tikal Earthworks. Invited paper, University Museum, University of Pennsylvania.
- 4/06 The Tikal Earthworks: Fortification? Frontier? Folly? Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 4/06 The Application of AIRSAR Data in the Maya Lowlands. Tim Murtha and David Webster. Paper presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual CAA Conference, Fargo, ND – April 2006
- 4/06 Discussant, Symposium on Maya Sociopolitical Organization (Markus Eberl organizer). Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2/06 Invited participant, Collapse Roundtable, organized by Jared Diamond and Charles Redman. Global Center for Sustainability, Arizona State University.
- 12/05 The Application of AIRSAR Data: The Tikal Defensive Earthworks and Settlement Archaeology, by Tim Murtha and David Webster. National Geographic Society AIRSAR Roundtable, Washington D.C..
- 7/05 Nuevos Trabajos e Interpretaciones de los Terraplenes de Tikal: Segunda Temproada de Campo. David Webster, Timothy Murtha, Kirk Straight, Horacio Martinez, Richard Terry, Walter Alvarado, Irinna Montepeque, and Jay Shapiro. Paper presented at the Simposio Arqueologico, Guatemala City.
- 9/04 The Earthworks at Tikal. Invited lecture presented at the Symposium on Urbanism in Mesoamerica, Penn State University.
- 5/04 Invited lecture: Living Among the Ruins, presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society of Architectural Historians, Providence.

- 4/04 Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala: Big and Getting Bigger (Webster, Silverstein, Murtha, Martinez, and Straight). Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal.
- 2/04 Invited lecture: Earthworks at Tikal. Middle American Research Institute, Tulane University.
- 10/03 Two invited lectures: Maya Warfare and The Maya Mystique, at the Visiting Lecture Program, University of Tennessee.
- 7/03 Reconocimiento en la Periferica de Sitio Arqueologico de Tikal. (Horacio Martinez, David Webster, Jay Silverstein, Timothy Murtha, Kirk Straight and Irinna Montepeque); paper presented at the Simposio Arqueologico, Guatemala City.
- 6/03 The Earthworks at Tikal, Guatemala (Jay Silverstein, David Webster, Timothy Murtha, and Horacio Morales); presented at the World Archaeological Congress, Washington, D.C.
- 10/2 Invited lecture at the Symposium on Mesoamerican Warfare: Warfare Before Columbus. Houston Museum of Natural Science, Oct. 10.
- 5/02 Multi-State Systems: The Warring States Project (invited lecture on Maya war and society). University of Mass., Amherst, May 22-24, 2002.
- 4/01 A Commoner Sweat Bath at Piedras Negras, Guatemala. Presented at the Society for American Archaeology meetings, New Orleans.
- 10/00. "The Ancient Mesoamerican City: Theories and Concepts" (David Webster and William T. Sanders) --- Invited lecture presented at the Simposio Internacional: La Ciudad Antigua: Espacios, Conjuntos, e Integracion Sociocultural en la civilizacion Maya. Valladolid, Spain, Oct. 2-6.
- 12/98 "Population, Agricultural History, and Variance in Well-being in the Late Classic Maya Copan Kingdom"---Presidential Invited Symposium *Rediscovering Malthus*, Annual Meetings of the AAA, Philadelphia.
- 11/98 "Spatial Dimensions of Maya Courtly Life: Problems and Issues" --Conference on Royal Courts of the Ancient Maya, Yale University.
- 10/98 "Classic Maya Palaces" --- Dumbarton Oaks Symposium Ancient Palaces of the New World: Form, Function, and Meaning, Washington, D.C.
- 4/97 "Classic Maya Kingship: Issues and Comparisons"--- Invited participant in the Symposium of Classic Maya Reigion: A New Synthesis. Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- 2/97 Invited participant, Seminar on Ancient American Palaces: Rulership and Ornament. Center for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts. National Academy of Art.
- 11/96 "The Classic Maya: Courts or Bureaucracies?"--- Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco
- 9/96 Invited participant, Symposium on Olmec Art and Archaeology in Mesoamerica. Center for Advanced Studies in the Visual Arts. National Academy of Art.
- 4/96 "Resource Limitation, Elite Management, and Status Rivalry Competition at Copan, Honduras"---Symposium on Warfare in the Dynamics of Lowland Maya Civilization, Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, April 10-14, New Orleans.
- 9/95 Invited participant, Mesa Redonde de Palenque on Maya Warfare, held in Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico on Sept. 28-30. Presented paper titled "Status Rivalry and Late Classic Maya War."
- 5/95 Invited discussant, Symposium on Social Power and Surplus Labor, Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, May 3-7, Minneapolis.

- 4/95 Invited discussant, Symposium on Mesoamerican Histories. Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
- 12/94 "Coercion and Force in Classic Maya Society." Invited paper presented (in absentia) at the World Anthropological Congress, New Delhi, India.
- 12/94 "The Decline of the Classic Copán Polity" (AnnCorinne Freter and David Webster) -- Invited Session "The Maya Collapse", Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, Ga.
- 10/94 Invited participant in the School of American Research Advanced Seminar on the Archaeology of Copán, Honduras. Presented paper titled "Cultural Ecology and Culture History of Resource Management at Copán, Honduras."
- 10/94 "Classic Maya Architecture: Implications and Comparisons" -- Dumbarton Oaks Symposium on Form and Meaning in Classic Maya Architecture.
- 11/93 "Health and Wealth of Classic Maya Commoners" (David Reed, Nancy Gonlin, and David Webster) -- Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C.
- 4/93 "Population Growth in the Copán Valley, Honduras, A.D.400-800" (Richard Paine and David Webster) -- Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, St. Louis.
- 12/92 Chair, The OUT OF THE PAST Project and The Pennsylvania State University (Dec. 5) - a special program held at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 11/92 Invited member of the Symposium on the Archaic State at the School of American Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico; organizers Joyce Marcus and Gary Feinman.
- 7/92 Invited paper given at the final program of the Out of the Past Film Project, the featured course of the Summer Session, The Pennsylvania State University, Schwab Auditorium, July 29.
- 4/92 Invited discussant, Roundtable on Earthly Matters: Concepts of Land in Mesoamerica, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
- 4/92 "Sherds and Blades: Dating the Copán Ceramic Sequence" -- 57th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Pittsburgh.
- 4/92 Invited Lecture: "The Lords of Copán" -- Annual Maya Weekend at the University Museum, the University of Pennsylvania.
- 11/91 "The Lords of Copán" -- Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago.
- 3/91 Invited discussant at the Seminar on Mesoamerican Writing and Epigraphy, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
- 10/89 Invited Discussant, Conference on the Eighth Century Maya, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
- 4/89 "The Conjunctive Approach Revisited: The Archaeology of Copán in the 1980's" (with William T. Sanders) --- Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta.
- 4/89 Discussant on the Symposium on Maya Politics and Epigraphy --- Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta.
- 10/88 "Investigating Maya Households: Chronological Implications" -- Chacmool Conference in Calgary, Canada.
- 10/88 "The Mesoamerican Urban Tradition - A Maya Example" -- invited lecture at Queens College, New York.
- 9/88 "Recent Research at Copán, Honduras" -- Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America.

- 5/88 "Investigating Maya Institutions and Culture History at Copán, Honduras" -- Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Phoenix, Arizona.
- 5/87 "The Study of Maya Warfare: What it tells us about the Maya and what it tells us about Maya Archaeology"--  
53rd Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Toronto.
- 4/86 Organized (with W. T. Sanders) a symposium titled "The Postclassic in the Copán Valley, Honduras" for the Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology. Co-authored a paper, with Ann Freter, titled "Postclassic Copán as Reflected in Rural Settlement" (delivered by Freter).
- 4/86 "Excavation of Rural Sites in the Copán Valley, Honduras."  
Symposium on Rural Archaeology at the Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology."
- 11/86 "Warfare, Environmental Circumscription and Cultural Evolution --Symposium on Circumscription Theory, Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 6/85 "Recent Survey in the Copán Valley"--- Conference on the Archaeology of Honduras", Tela, Honduras.
- 4/85 "Rural Survey in the Copán Valley" --- Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology.
- 10/84 "Copán as a Classic Maya Center" --- Symposium on the Southeastern Frontier of Mesoamerica, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
- 10/84 Invited panelist and discussant, Northeastern Conference of Mesoamericanists, Cornell University.
- 10/83 Member of panel on Mesoamerican Household Organization and presented material from Copán, Honduras, at the Northeastern Conference of Mesoamericanists, SUNY Albany.
- 4/83 Co-organized (with William T. Sanders) the Symposium on Recent Archaeological Research at Copán, Honduras; presented paper titled "Rural Settlement Survey at Copán", Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Pittsburgh.
- 9/82 Organizer of Symposium on the Archaeology of Copán; presented paper titled "Courtyard A of the CV36 Group, Copán", 44th International Congress of Americanists, Manchester, England.
- 4/82 "Pleistocene Extinction and Optimal Foraging Strategy" (with G. Webster) at the Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology.
- 4/79 Co-organizer (with Susan Evans) of Symposium on Ecological and Evolutionary Implications of Prehispanic Settlement Systems in Mesoamerica, Annual Meeting, Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver. Presented paper titled "Spatial Bounding at Three Lowland Maya Sites".
- 4/76 "Unilinealism, Multilinealism, and the Evolution of Complex Societies" (with William T. Sanders) --- Symposium on Social Process and Social Differentiation, SUNY Binghamton.
- 4/72 "Fortifications at Becan, Mexico" --- Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Miami.

### **GRADUATE FIELD EXPERIENCE**

- 1966 -- University of Minnesota field operations in central Minnesota (2 months).
- 1967 -- University of Minnesota field operations - (2 months).

1968 -- Field survey of archaeological sites in Mexico and Guatemala (Richard Adams in charge) - one month.

1968 -- Participated in University of Minnesota excavations at Diocletion's Palace, Split, Yugoslavia (Shela McNally in charge) - 3 months (funded by Ford Foundation Grant).

1968 -- Participated in University of Chicago/Istanbul University fieldwork at Cayonu and Girikihaciyun (Robert Braidwood, Halet Cambel, and Patty Jo Watson in charge) - 4 months (funded by Ford Foundation Grant).

1969 -- Participated in Washington University/National Geographic excavation in Salt's Cave, Ky. (Patty Jo Watson in charge) - 3 weeks.

1969 -- Crew chief on the Penn State University/National Science Foundation project at Kaminaljuyu, Guatemala (William T. Sanders in charge) - 3 months (funded by Ford Foundation grant).

1970 -- Participated in the Tulane University/National Geographic Becan Archaeological Project, Campeche, Mexico (E. W. Andrews IV in charge) - 5 months (funded by the Ford Foundation).

1970 -- Participated in University of Chicago/Istanbul University fieldwork at Cayonu (Robert Braidwood and Halet Cambel in charge) - 4 months (funded by Ford Foundation grant)

1971 -- Led field school in northern Minnesota - 1 1/2 months.

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