

MATTHEW KEENAN

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EDUCATION

PhD, Penn State University Anthropology	2023-Current
BS, Penn State University Integrated Anthropology	2019-2023 State College, PA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Human Environmental Dynamics Lab, Penn State University <i>Study the interactive and changing relationships between people and their social and ecological environments.</i> PI. Dr. Rebecca Bliege-Bird.	March 2023—Present State College, PA
Research Assistant RISK Lab, Penn State University <i>Geospatially represent bushmeat trading and associated activities in West Africa. Analyze different rodent and human interactions to support a broader understanding of the anthropology of health risks.</i> PI: Dr. Sagan Friant	January 2022 – Present State College, PA
Volunteer Research Ancient Isotopes Lab, Penn State University <i>Conduct isotopic analysis on human teeth in order to infer past diets and behaviors in ancient and modern humans.</i> PI: Ms. Jenny Chen	August 2022 – Spring 2023 State College, PA
Anthropology Research in Science Education (ARISE) Anthropology Department, Penn State University <i>Attended the ARISE summer institute to gain hands on research experience in genetics, isotopes, GIS/spatial analysis, and osteology.</i>	May 2022 State College, PA
Research Assistant Watchmen Project, Penn State University <i>Conduct pressure tests on photomultiplier tubes; examine for weaknesses and stress fractures to identify the potential for failure in neutrino detectors. Provide briefings, presentations, and various updates to the "Watchmen" collaborators.</i> PI: Dr. Doug Cowen	Fall 2019 State College, PA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, Veteran's Funding Presentation (Awarded: 65k in funding) Board of Trustees	Fall 2020 State College, PA
Presenter, Veteran's Presentation Board of Trustees	Fall 2019 State College, PA

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

\$9,000 (annually) National Veteran’s Leadership Foundation (NVLF)	Spring 2022 – Spring 2023 State College, PA
Inaugural Fellow NVLF	Fall 2021 – Spring 2023 State College, PA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, ANTH 240N: Livelihoods and Ecosystems Penn State University Lead Instructor: Dr. Douglas Bird	Spring 2023 State College, PA
Teaching Assistant, ANTH 45N: Cultural Anthropology Penn State University Lead Instructor: Dr. Douglas Bird	Fall 2022 State College, PA

HONORS & AWARDS

2023 PSU Liberal Arts Anthropology Department Student Marshall	2023
Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1), Joint Commendation Medal (1), Naval Commendation Medal (1), Joint Service Achievement Medal (5), Naval Achievement Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (1)	2007-2022 Various Locations
Dean’s List College of Liberal Arts, Penn State University 6 Semesters	Fall 2019 – Fall 2022 State College, PA
Employee of the Year USN, Active-Duty	2019 Homestead, FL

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Work-Study Student, Veteran Sponsor Office of Veteran’s Programs, Penn State University	Fall 2019 – Fall 2022 State College, PA
Intelligence Specialist USN, Reserves	Fall 2019-Fall 2022 Mechanicsburg, PA
Intelligence Specialist USN, Active-Duty	Summer 2007-Fall 2019 Various Locations