

## Curriculum Vitae

### Jessica MacLellan, Ph.D.

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#### Education

Ph.D., Anthropology	University of Arizona	2019
M.A., Anthropology	University of Arizona	2011
B.A., <i>summa cum laude</i> , Archaeology	Boston University	2009

**Dissertation:** *Households, Ritual, and the Origins of Social Complexity: Excavations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala*

#### Appointments

2022-present	Assistant Professor, Anthropology	Wake Forest University
2021-2022	Postdoctoral Fellow	Smithsonian Institution
2020-2021	Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology	UCLA
2019-2020	Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology	University of Pittsburgh
Jan.-May 2019	Adjunct Instructor, Anthropology	University of Arizona
Jan.-May 2019	Adjunct Instructor, Anthropology	Pima Community College

#### External Fellowships and Grants

2021-2022	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
2021	King Grant for Precolumbian Archaeology (\$15,000), Society for American Archaeology
2020-2021	American Council of Learned Societies Emerging Voices Fellowship
2016-2017	Junior Fellowship, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library & Collection
2015	Dissertation Improvement Award BCS-1518794 (\$25,200), National Science Foundation
2009-2013	Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education

#### Internal Honors, Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2018	Haury Dissertation Fellowship, Anthropology (\$7500)	University of Arizona
2018	Dozier Award, best student paper, Anthropology (\$500)	University of Arizona
2009-2018	School of Anthropology scholarships (\$8813)	University of Arizona
2017	Science and Arts Communication Fellow, UAMA	University of Arizona
2010-2017	GPSC Travel Grants (\$3386)	University of Arizona
2015	GPSC Research and Projects grant (\$2000)	University of Arizona
2015	Mentored Research Experiences for Success (\$2000)	University of Arizona
2013	SBSRI Dissertation Research Grant (\$1500)	University of Arizona
2013	Tinker Summer Field Research Grant (\$655)	University of Arizona
2009	Phi Beta Kappa	Boston University
2009	UROP Conference Participation Travel Grant (\$400)	Boston University
2007-2009	Junior Writing Fellowship	Boston University
2008	Latin American Studies Research Grant (\$500)	Boston University
2008	Humanities Foundation Robert E. Yellin Award (\$1000)	Boston University

#### Field and Laboratory Experience

Jul. 2010 - Present	<b>Ceibal-Petexbatún Archaeological Project, Guatemala</b> Researcher; directed field operations 2013-2015, 2022 Project directed by Takeshi Inomata and Daniela Triadan, University of Arizona
Nov. 2021 - Present	<b>Southern Azuero Archaeological Project, Panama</b>

- Principal Investigator  
 Co-Director: Ashley Sharpe, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute  
 Jun. 2018, 2021 **Hollembaek's Hill Archaeological Research Project, Alaska**  
 Volunteer  
 Project directed by François Lanoë and Joshua Reuther, University of Alaska  
 Museum of the North
- Nov. 2009 **La Playa Burial Rescue Project, Sonora, Mexico**  
 Volunteer  
 Project directed by James Watson, Arizona State Museum
- Jan. - May 2008 **San Bartolo Regional Archaeological Project, Guatemala**  
 Student  
 Project directed by William Saturno, Boston University
- Feb. - Apr. 2007 **Xibun Archaeological Research Project, Belize**  
 Student  
 Field school directed by Patricia McAnany, Boston University

### **Publications: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- MacLellan, Jessica, and Victor Castillo  
 2022. Between the Patio Group and the Plaza: Round Platforms as Stages for Supra-Household Rituals in Early Maya Society. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 66:101417.
- MacLellan, Jessica, Melissa Burham, and María Belén Méndez Bauer  
 2020. Community Engagement around the Maya Archaeological Site of Ceibal, Guatemala. *Heritage* 3(3):637-648.
- Sharpe, Ashley E., T. Inomata, D. Triadan, M. Burham, **J. MacLellan**, J. Munson, and F. Pinzón  
 2020. The Maya Preclassic to Classic Transition Observed Through Faunal Trends from Ceibal, Guatemala. *PLoS ONE* 15(4): e0230892.
- MacLellan, Jessica  
 2019. Preclassic Maya Caches in Residential Contexts: Variation and Transformation in Deposition Practices at Ceibal. *Antiquity* 93(371):1249-1265.
- MacLellan, Jessica  
 2019. Preclassic Maya Houses and Rituals: Excavations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal. *Latin American Antiquity* 30(2):415-421.
- Aoyama, Kazuo, T. Inomata, D. Triadan, F. Pinzón, J.M. Palomo, **J. MacLellan**, and A. Sharpe  
 2017. Early Maya Ritual Practices and Craft Production: Late Middle Preclassic Ritual Deposits Containing Obsidian Artifacts at Ceibal, Guatemala. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 42(5):408-422.
- Triadan, Daniela, V. Castillo, T. Inomata, J.M. Palomo, M.B. Méndez, M. Cortave, **J. MacLellan**, M. Burham, and E. Ponciano  
 2017. Social Transformations in a Middle Preclassic Community: Elite Residential Complexes at Ceibal. *Ancient Mesoamerica* 28(1):233-264.
- Inomata, Takeshi, D. Triadan, **J. MacLellan**, M. Burham, K. Aoyama, J.M. Palomo, H. Yonenobu, F. Pinzón, and H. Nasu  
 2017. High Precision Radiocarbon Dating of Political Collapse and Dynastic Origins at the Maya Site of Ceibal, Guatemala. *PNAS* 114(6):1293-1298.
- Inomata, Takeshi, **Jessica MacLellan**, and Melissa Burham  
 2015. The Construction of Public and Domestic Spheres in the Preclassic Maya Lowlands. *American Anthropologist* 117(3):519-534.
- Inomata, Takeshi, **J. MacLellan**, D. Triadan, J. Munson, M. Burham, K. Aoyama, H. Nasu, F. Pinzón, and H. Yonenobu  
 2015. The Development of Sedentary Communities in the Maya Lowlands: Co-Existing Mobile Groups and Public Ceremonies at Ceibal, Guatemala. *PNAS* 112(14):4268-4273.

**Publications: Book Chapters, Conference Proceedings, Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles**

MacLellan, Jessica, and Ashley E. Sharpe

Under revision. Maya Domestic Rituals and Emerging Dynasties in Unstable Times: The Protoclassic and Early Classic as Seen from Ceibal. For *Remaking the Maya*, edited by Luke Auld-Thomas and Melissa Burham. Under contract, University of Arizona Press.

Burham, Melissa, T. Inomata, D. Triadan, and **J. MacLellan**

2020. Ritual Practice, Urbanization, and Sociopolitical Organization at Preclassic Ceibal, Guatemala. In *Approaches to Monumental Landscapes of the Ancient Maya*, edited by B.A. Houk, B. Arroyo, and T.G. Powis, pp. 61-84. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.

MacLellan, Jessica

2017. Trowels and Tribulations: Lessons Learned During Five Years of Fieldwork in Guatemala. "Notes from the Field" section. *Arizona Anthropologist* 27:62-68.

MacLellan, Jessica, M.A. Cordero, and E. Mejía

2016. Vida diaria y ritual al principio de la civilización maya: Investigaciones en el Grupo Karinel, Ceibal. In *XXIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2015*, Vol. 1, edited by B. Arroyo, pp. 251-261. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.

MacLellan, Jessica

2015. Ceibal. In *Encyclopedia of the Ancient Maya*, edited by Walter R. T. Witschey, pp. 67-68. Rowman & Littlefield.

Pinzón, Flory, **J. MacLellan**, M. Burham, T. Inomata, D. Triadan, and D. Bazy

2015. Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, una vista general de nueve años de investigaciones. In *XXVIII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2014*, Vol. 1, edited by B. Arroyo, pp. 199-208. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.

Burham, Melissa, and **Jessica MacLellan**

2014. Thinking Outside the Plaza: Ritual Practices in Preclassic Maya Residential Groups at Ceibal, Guatemala. *Antiquity* 88(340): <https://www.antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/burham340>

MacLellan, Jessica

2014. Espacios y Rituales Domésticos del Periodo Preclásico en Ceibal. In *XXVII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2013*, Vol. 2, edited by B. Arroyo, pp. 725-732. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.

MacLellan, Jessica, and Melissa Burham

2013. Práctica Ceremonial y Doméstica en la Periferia de Ceibal. In *XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2012*, Vol. 2, edited by B. Arroyo and L. Méndez Salinas, pp. 961-976. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, and Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.

**Publications: Writing for a Non-Specialist Audience**

MacLellan, Jessica

2021. An archaeologist on why we instinctively gather in public spaces. *Arizona Daily Star*: [https://tucson.com/opinion/local/tucson-opinion-an-archaeologist-on-why-we-instinctively-gather-in-public-spaces/article\\_5338bb6c-cd41-11eb-8d6a-23a050a74f9d.html](https://tucson.com/opinion/local/tucson-opinion-an-archaeologist-on-why-we-instinctively-gather-in-public-spaces/article_5338bb6c-cd41-11eb-8d6a-23a050a74f9d.html)

MacLellan, Jessica, and Ari Caramanica

2017. Red With Envy: A Feminist Anthropology of Republican Policy. *Ms. Magazine* blog: <http://msmagazine.com/blog/2017/05/15/red-envy-feminist-anthropology-republican-policy/>

MacLellan, Jessica

2014. Ancient Maya Trash is an Archaeologist's Treasure. *Day of Archaeology*:  
[https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archiveDS/archiveDownload?t=arch-3016-1/dissemination/pdf/2014/doa\\_post17017.pdf](https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archiveDS/archiveDownload?t=arch-3016-1/dissemination/pdf/2014/doa_post17017.pdf)

### **Courses Taught: Instructor of Record**

Fall 2022 ANTH 112 Introduction to Archaeology, Wake Forest University.  
 Spring 2021 ANTHRO 119 Special Topics in Archaeology: Public Spaces, Past and Present, UCLA.  
 Spring 2020 ANTH 0582 Introduction to Archaeology, U. of Pittsburgh.  
 Spring 2020 ANTH 1543/2533 Ancient States in the New World (undergraduate/graduate),  
 U. of Pittsburgh.  
 Fall 2019 ANTH 0536 Mesoamerica Before Cortez, U. of Pittsburgh.  
 Fall 2019 ANTH 1750 Undergraduate Seminar: Archaeology of Ritual and Religion (writing-  
 intensive), U. of Pittsburgh.  
 Spring 2019 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya, U. of Arizona.  
 Spring 2019 ANT/ARC 101 Human Origins and Prehistory, Pima Community College.  
 Summer 2016 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya (online), U. of Arizona.  
 Summer 2015 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya (online), U. of Arizona.  
 Summer 2014 ANTH/LAS/MAS 334A Mesoamerican Civilizations: Maya (online), U. of Arizona.

### **Courses Taught: Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2017 ANTH/AIS 346 Clovis to Coronado: Ancient Peoples of the Southwest, U. of Arizona.  
 Supervisor: Barbara Mills.  
 Fall 2014 ANTH 160A1 Patterns in Prehistory, U. of Arizona. Supervisor: Daniela Triadan.  
 Fall 2013 ANTH 261 The Human Species, U. of Arizona. Supervisor: Elizabeth Eadie.

### **Undergraduate Mentoring**

2019 Amadeus Toledo-Seitz, McNair Scholar, U. of Arizona. Co-mentor: Robert Schon.

### **Organized Symposia**

2022 Spaces In Between: Communities and Counterpublics in the Americas. Co-Chair: Scotti Norman.  
 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Chicago, IL.  
 2019 Preclassic Maya Social Transformations Along the Usumacinta: Views from Ceibal and Aguada  
 Fénix. Co-Chair: Melissa Burham. 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American  
 Archaeology. Albuquerque, NM.  
 2015 Household Rituals in the Ancient Americas – from Patio Groups to Pueblos. Co-Chair: Samantha  
 Fladd. 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. San Francisco, CA.

### **Invited Presentations**

MacLellan, Jessica

2022. Mesoamerican Origins: Uncovering the Early Maya at Ceibal. World History Seminar  
 Series, Department of History, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

MacLellan, Jessica

2020. Domestic Rituals in Unstable Times: The Protoclassic and Early Classic at the Karinel  
 Group, Ceibal. Paper to be presented at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American  
 Archaeology. Conference canceled; paper given in informal online symposium.

MacLellan, Jessica

2018. Household Ritual and Social Complexity in the Preclassic Maya Lowlands. School of  
 Anthropology Dozier Lecture. Tucson, AZ.

MacLellan, Jessica

2018. Household Ritual and the Development of Complex Societies in Formative

Mesoamerica: Comparing the Maya Lowlands and Central Mexico. Paper presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, DC.

MacLellan, Jessica

2017. Household Ritual and the Origins of Social Complexity in the Maya Lowlands: Recent Investigations at Ceibal, Guatemala. Lecture in the Boston University Archaeology Seminar Series, Boston, MA.

MacLellan, Jessica, and Takeshi Inomata

2016. Households, Ritual, and the Origins of Social Complexity in the Maya Lowlands: A View from the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL.

MacLellan, Jessica, Takeshi Inomata, Daniela Triadan, and Melissa Burham

2014. The Foundation of a Very Early Maya Ceremonial Center: Investigations at Ceibal, Guatemala, Since the Harvard Seibal Project. Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Austin, TX.

MacLellan, Jessica, Raúl Ortiz, and Flory Pinzón

2011. In Search of an Early E-Group: Excavations in Ceibal's Central Plaza. Paper presented at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Sacramento, CA.

### Other Presentations

MacLellan, Jessica

2022. Archaeology of the Azuero Peninsula, Panama. Naos Science Coffee Talks, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama.

MacLellan, Jessica

2022. Finding Counterpublics and Communities in Maya Archaeology. Paper presented in organized symposium "Spaces in Between: Communities and Counterpublics in the Americas" (Chairs: **J. MacLellan** and S. Norman), 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Chicago, IL.

MacLellan, Jessica

2019. Regional Variation in Preclassic Maya Household Ritual and Social Organization. Paper presented in organized symposium "Preclassic Maya Social Transformations Along the Usumacinta: Views from Ceibal and Aguada Fénix" (Chairs: M. Burham and **J. MacLellan**), 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Albuquerque, NM.

MacLellan, Jessica

2018. Preclassic Maya Caches in Residential Contexts: Variation and Transformation in Deposition Practices at Ceibal, Guatemala. First meeting of the Southwest Mesoamericanists Group. Tempe, AZ.

MacLellan, Jessica, and Daniela Triadan

2017. Child Burials and Figurines at a Terminal Classic Maya Household, Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

MacLellan, Jessica

2016. Households, Ritual, and the Origins of Social Complexity: Excavations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala. Dumbarton Oaks Fellows Research Report, Washington, DC.

MacLellan, Jessica, and Melissa Burham

2016. Setting the Stage for Kingship: Domestic and Public Rituals at Preclassic Ceibal. Paper presented at the Maya Meetings. University of Texas at Austin.

MacLellan, Jessica, Marta Alejandra Cordero, and Evelyn Mejía

2015. Vida diaria y ritual al principio de la civilización maya: Investigaciones en el Grupo Karinel, Ceibal (Daily life and ritual at the beginning of Maya civilization: Investigations at the Karinel Group, Ceibal). Paper presented at the XXIX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City.

MacLellan, Jessica

2015. Preclassic Maya Households and Ritual at the Karinel Group, Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented in organized symposium “Household Rituals in the Ancient Americas – from Patio Groups to Pueblos,” (Chairs: **J. MacLellan** and S. Fladd), 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. San Francisco, CA.

MacLellan, Jessica

2013. Espacios y Rituales Domésticos del Periodo Preclásico en Ceibal (Preclassic Domestic Spaces and Rituals at Ceibal). Paper presented at the XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City.

MacLellan, Jessica

2013. Early Households and Domestic Rituals at Ceibal. Paper presented at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Honolulu, HI.

MacLellan, Jessica

2013. Early Households and Domestic Rituals at Ceibal, Guatemala. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinker Symposium on Graduate Research in Latin America. Tucson, AZ.

MacLellan, Jessica, and Melissa Burham

2012. Práctica Ceremonial y Doméstica en la Periferia de Ceibal (Ceremonial and Household Practice on the Periphery of Ceibal). Paper presented at the XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala. Guatemala City.

MacLellan, Jessica, and William A. Saturno

2009. Change and Continuity in the Preclassic Architecture of the Las Pinturas Group, San Bartolo, Petén, Guatemala. Poster presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Atlanta, GA.

### Professional Reports

- 2021 *Afinando la cronología cerámica del sur de la Península Azuero de Panamá, un área importante para rastrear intercambios costeros: Fase uno (2021). Informe para la Resolución N°142-21 DNPC.* Coauthors: Ashley E. Sharpe and Tomás Mendizábal. Report submitted to the Ministerio de Cultura, Panama City.
- 2015 Excavaciones en el Grupo Karinel (Plataforma 47-Base): Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2015*. F. Pinzón, ed. Report submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2014 Excavaciones en el Grupo Karinel (Plataforma 47-Base): Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2014*. F. Pinzón, ed. Report submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2013 Excavaciones en el Grupo Residencial de la Plataforma 47-Base: Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2013*. J.M. Palomo, ed. Report submitted to Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2012 Excavaciones en la Unidad Residencial 45: Operación CB211. In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2012*. V. Castillo and T. Inomata, eds. Report submitted to Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2011 “Excavaciones detrás de la Corte Este: Operación 201D” and “Excavación en un grupo al norte de la Plaza Central: Operación 206A.” In *Informe del Proyecto Arqueológico Ceibal-Petexbatún, La Temporada 2011*. V. Castillo and T. Inomata, eds. Report submitted to Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Guatemala City.
- 2008 Red-Lipped Jars at Wits Cah Ak'al. In *Salt and Pottery Production at Wits Cah Ak'al & Further Excavations of Group A at Hershey: 2007 Field Season of the Xibun Archaeological Research Project*. P. McAnany and S. Murata, eds. Report submitted to Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.

### Related Employment

Aug. 2017-May 2018    Research Assistant, Middle Usumacinta Archaeological Project, U. of Arizona  
 Aug. 2014-Dec. 2014    Research Assistant, Ceibal-Petexbatún Archaeological Project, U. of Arizona  
 May 2007-May 2009    Outreach and Education Assistant, Archaeological Institute of America  
 Sept. 2007-May 2009    Writing Tutor, CAS Writing Center, Boston University

### **Peer Reviewer for Academic Journals**

*Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*  
*Latin American Antiquity*  
*Ancient Mesoamerica*

### **Volunteer Service**

2022-Present    Public Education Committee, Society for American Archaeology  
 2022-Present    International Government Affairs Committee, Society for American Archaeology  
 2020-Present    Skype a Scientist volunteer  
 2017-2022    Fundraising Committee, Society for American Archaeology  
 2020-2021    Guest speaker for several remote Anthropology courses across United States  
 2020    Judge, Archaeological Institute of America “Build Your Own Monument” contest  
 2016-2019    Editorial Assistant, open access journal *Arqueología Iberoamericana*  
 2017    Family Day Presenter, University of Arizona Museum of Art  
 2010-2017    GPSC Travel Grant Judge, University of Arizona  
 2015-2016    Organizer, Las Pozas Archaeological Education Project, Guatemala  
 2014    Guest Lecturer on Maya Archaeology, BASIS Tucson North charter school

### **Professional Organization**

Society for American Archaeology (SAA)

### **Language Skills**

Highly proficient in Spanish (speaking, listening, reading, and writing)