

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

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

Nov. 2021 - Present	Southern Azuero Archaeological Project, Panama Principal Investigator Co-Director: Ashley Sharpe, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Jul. 2010 - Present	Ceibal-Petexbatún Archaeological Project, Guatemala Researcher; directed field operations 2013-2015

- Jun. 2018, 2021 Project directed by Takeshi Inomata and Daniela Triadan, University of Arizona
Hollembaek's Hill Archaeological Research Project, Alaska
 Volunteer
- Nov. 2009 Project directed by François Lanoë and Joshua Reuther, University of Alaska
 Museum of the North
La Playa Burial Rescue Project, Sonora, Mexico
 Volunteer
- Jan. - May 2008 Project directed by James Watson, Arizona State Museum
San Bartolo Regional Archaeological Project, Guatemala
 Student
- Feb. - Apr. 2007 Project directed by William Saturno, Boston University
Xibun Archaeological Research Project, Belize
 Student
 Field school directed by Patricia McAnany, Boston University

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- MacLellan, Jessica, and Victor Castillo
 Under revision. Between the Patio Group and the Plaza: Round Platforms as Stages for Supra-Household Rituals in Early Maya Society. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*.
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0230892>
- 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. Power and Social Relations 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 review. 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. Submitted to University of Arizona Press.

MacLellan, Jessica, Takeshi Inomata, and Daniela Triadan

Under review. Settling Down at Ceibal and Cuello: Variation in the Transition to Sedentism Across the Maya Lowlands. In *The Preclassic Maya: The Making of a Lowland Civilization*, edited by F. Estrada-Belli and A. Runggaldier. Routledge.

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

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

Courses Taught: Instructor of Record

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.
 87th 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. 84th 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. 80th 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 85th 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 83rd 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 81st 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 79th 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 76th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Sacramento, CA.

Other Presentations

MacLellan, Jessica

2022. Finding Counterpublics and Communities in Maya Archaeology. Paper to be presented in organized symposium "Spaces in Between: Communities and Counterpublics in the Americas" (Chairs: **J. MacLellan** and S. Norman), 87th 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 "Preclassic Maya Social Transformations Along the Usumacinta: Views from Ceibal and Aguada Fénix," organized symposium (Chairs: M. Burham and **J. MacLellan**), 84th 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 82nd 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 “Household Rituals in the Ancient Americas – from Patio Groups to Pueblos,” organized symposium (Chairs: **J. MacLellan** and S. Fladd), 80th 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 78th 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 9th 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 74th 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 el Grupo Residencial de la Plataforma 47-Base: 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

Volunteer Service

2017-Present Fundraising Committee Member, Society for American Archaeology
 2020-Present Skype a Scientist volunteer
 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)