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Bard Early Colleges
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EDUCATION:

- 2013 Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology
Dissertation: *Patrons of La Corona: Deities and Power in a Classic Maya Community*
- 2006 B.A., University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology
Thesis: *Sport, Community, and the Ballgame at Yalbac, Belize*

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

- 2017- Faculty in History
BHSEC Newark
Bard Early Colleges
- 2013- Consulting Scholar
Penn Cultural Heritage Center
University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- 2013-2017 Lecturer
Department of Anthropology
University of Pennsylvania

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

- 2016 *Patron Gods and Patron Lords: The Semiotics of Classic Maya Community Cults.*
University Press of Colorado, Boulder.
- 2016 *Political Strategies in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica.* University Press of
Colorado, Boulder. (edited by S. Kurnick and J. Baron)

Refereed Journal Articles:

- In Press Making Money in Mesoamerica: Currency Production and Procurement in the
Classic Maya Financial System. *Economic Anthropology*. (Accepted November
2017)

- 2018 Ancient Monetization: the Case of Classic Maya Textiles. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 49(1):100-113.
- 2017 The Mystery Queen of La Florida. *Expedition*.
- 2016 New Research at La Florida. *Mexicon* 38(1):6-8.
- 2014 Metapragmatics in Archaeological Analysis: Interpreting Classic Maya Patron Deity Veneration. *Signs and Society* 2(2):249-283.

Book Chapters:

- In Prep Ceramics of La Florida-Namaan. For *Ceramics and Society among the Classic Maya Cities of Western Peten*, edited by Keith Eppich. (J. Baron, L. Padilla and C. Martinez)
- 2016 Patron Deities and Politics at La Corona. In *Political Strategies in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica*, edited by Sarah Kurnick and Joanne Baron. University Press of Colorado, Boulder.
- 2013 The Ballgame, Community Ceremony, and Political Development in Northwestern Belize. In *Classic Maya Political Ecology: Resource Management, Class Histories, and Political Change in Northwestern Belize*, edited by Jon C. Lohse, pp. 99-126. Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, Los Angeles. (J. Lohse, K. Sagebiel, and J. Baron)

Conference Proceedings:

- 2017 La Florida-Namaan: El Sitio Antiguo y el Pueblo Actual. In *XXX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City. (L. Padilla and J. Baron)
- 2014 Un Esquema de la Historia y Epigrafía de La Corona. In *XXVII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, edited by Bárbara Arroyo, Luis Méndez Salinas and Andrea Rojas, pp. 435-448. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City. (D. Stuart, P. Mathews, M. Canuto, T. Barrientos, S. Guenter and J. Baron)
- 2013 Dioses Patrones de La Corona: Comunidad y Poder. In *XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, edited by Bárbara Arroyo and Luis Méndez Salinas, pp. 1029-1040. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City.

- 2012 Hallazgos e Interpretaciones Recientes En El Sitio La Corona. In *XXV Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*, edited by Bárbara Arroyo, Lorena Paiz Aragón and Héctor Mejía, pp. 329-347. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City. (M. Canuto, T. Barrientos, J. Baron, Y. Desailly-Chanson, L. Padilla, R. Guzmán, and J. Ponce)
- 2011 El Reino de Sak Nikte': Nuevos Datos Sobre la Historia, Cronología, Asentamiento y Medio Ambiente en La Corona. In *XXIV Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, 2010*, edited by Bárbara Arroyo, Lorena Paiz Aragón, Adriana Linares Palma and Ana Lucía Arroyave, pp. 165-177. Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Asociación Tikal, Guatemala City. (T. Barrientos, M. Canuto, J. Baron, Y. Desailly-Chanson and B. Love)
- 2006 The Origins and Placement of the Ballcourt at Yalbac, Belize. In *Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Maya Lowlands: Papers of the 2005 Belize Archaeology Symposium*, edited by John Morris, Sherilyne Jones, Jaime Awe and Christophe Helmke, pp. 235-246. Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology, Vol. 3. Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belmopan, Belize.

Digital Content:

- 2016 A Tale of Two Cities: The Ancient Maya Site of La Florida and the Modern Town of El Naranjo. Blog Post. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.
- 2015 Death of the Defeated: New Historical Data on Block 4 of La Corona's Hieroglyphic Stairway 2. La Corona Notes 1(3). Mesoweb: <http://www.mesoweb.com/LaCorona/LaCoronaNotes03.pdf>. (D. Stuart, M. Canuto, T. Barrientos, J. Ponce, and J. Baron)
- 2014 La Florida: Treasures of the Ancients under our Feet. Blog post. National Geographic Explorer's Journal.

GRANTS:

External:

- 2016 Maya Agricultural Exchange: La Florida and the Classic Maya Economy. Rust Family Foundation Archaeological Funding Program (\$7,450)
- 2016 La Florida/Namaan: Research and Preservation at a Classic Maya Commercial Port. Dumbarton Oaks Project Grant in Pre-Columbian Studies (\$7,000)

- 2014 Exploration at La Florida, Guatemala. National Geographic Society Committee for Research and Exploration Grant #9482-14 (\$10,052)
- 2011-2012 Patrons of La Corona: Deities and Power in a Classic Maya Community. Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork grant #8260 (\$19,850)

Internal:

- 2017 Director's Field Funds Grant from the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (\$5,000)
- 2016 Director's Field Funds Grant from the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (\$7,500)
- 2015 Director's Field Funds Grant from the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (\$5,000)
- 2010 Sylvia Brown Travel Grant from the University of Pennsylvania (\$5,000)
- 2009 Sorenson Fund Research Grant from the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (\$2,250)
- 2006-2009 Lisa Lynn Brody Foley Fund Research Grants from the University of Pennsylvania (\$500, \$1,000, and \$2,000)
- 2007 University of Pennsylvania Research Grant (\$1,200)
- 2005 University of Pennsylvania College Alumni Society Grant (\$1,200)

FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2013-present Fellow, Louis J. Kolb Society, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- 2011-2013 Junior Fellow, Luis J. Kolb Society
- 2006-2011 Benjamin Franklin Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2006-2007 Lisa Lynn Brody Foley Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

INVITED LECTURES:

- 2014 Guardians of the City: Patron Gods and Politics among the Maya. Lecture presented at the meeting of the Pre-Columbian Society of Washington, D.C. September 5.

- 2014 Maya Patron Deities. Workshop presented at the Tulane Maya Symposium, New Orleans, LA. March 23.
- 2013 The Inscriptions from La Corona—Part I. Workshop presented at the Tulane Maya Symposium, New Orleans, LA. February 24.
- 2012 2012: The End of the World, or Just a Blip in Time? Lecture presented at the Monmouth County Library, Manalapan, NJ. December 1.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

Panels Organized:

- 2018 *The Archaeology of Money, Debt, and Finance*. Symposium at the Society for American Archaeology 83rd Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. April 11-15 (upcoming). (With John Millhauser)
- 2013 *Signifying the Social: Language, Objects and Materiality*. Panel at the 112th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 20. (With C. Rhodes)
- 2013 *3rd Yucatan in Pennsylvania Roundtable*. University of Pennsylvania, March 1. (With S. Kurnick and C. Cesario)
- 2012 *Political Strategies in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica*. Symposium at the Society for American Archaeology 77th Annual Meeting, Memphis TN. April 19. (With S. Kurnick)
- 2010 *The Sincerest Form of Flattery: Emulation and Imitation in the Ancient World*. Graduate Student Conference. March 12-13. (University of Pennsylvania Center for Ancient Studies Organizing Committee)

Papers Presented:

- 2018 Making Change: Currency Use and Social Transformation among the Classic Maya. Society for American Archaeology 83rd Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. April 11-15 (upcoming)
- 2017 Making Money in Mesoamerica: Currency Production and the Classic Maya Financial System. Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting. April 8.
- 2017 Ceramics of La Florida-Namaan: a Preliminary Report. Society of American Archaeology 82nd Annual Meeting, Vancouver. March 30. (J. Baron, L. Padilla, C. Martinez and A. Pierson)

- 2016 La Florida-*Namaan*: el Sitio Antiguo y el Pueblo Actual. XXX Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City. July 12. (L. Padilla and J. Baron)
- 2016 La Florida/*Namaan*: Investigating a Locus of Politico-Economic Influence in the Classic Maya World. Society for American Archaeology 81st Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL April 6-10. (J. Freedline and J. Baron)
- 2015 La Florida/*Namaan*: a Classic Maya River Port. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology 80th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. April 17. (J. Baron, L. Padilla and C. Martinez)
- 2014 The Writing on the Wall: Integrating Maya Archaeology and Epigraphy. Paper presented at the University of Pennsylvania Semiotic Anthropology Conference. April 5.
- 2013 Linguistic and Material Aspects of Classic Maya Patron Deity Veneration. Paper presented at the 112th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 20.
- 2013 Un Esquema de la Historia y Epigrafía de La Corona. Paper presented at the XXVII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City. July 26. (D. Stuart, P. Mathews, M. Canuto, T. Barrientos, S. Guenter and J. Baron)
- 2013 “You must carry them, feed them, and eat with them”: Pre-Columbian Patron Deity Veneration and its Modern Parallels. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology 78th Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawai’i. April 5. (J. Baron and C. Parris)
- 2013 Patron Deities and Patron Saints in Yucatan. Paper presented at the 3rd Yucatan in Pennsylvania Roundtable, University of Pennsylvania. March 1.
- 2012 Dioses Patronos de La Corona: Comunidad y Poder. Paper presented at the XXVI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City. July 20.
- 2012 Resultados Preliminares de las Excavaciones del Grupo Coronitas, La Corona. Paper presented at the XX Encuentro Arqueológico del Area Maya, Flores, Petén, Guatemala. May 8. (J. Ponce, M. A. Cajas and J. Baron)
- 2012 La Corona and Calakmul’s “Royal Road”. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology 77th Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN. April 20. (M. Canuto, J. Baron and Y. Desailly-Chanson)

- 2012 Community Gods and Community Conflicts: Patron Deities at La Corona, Guatemala. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology 77th Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN. April 19.
- 2011 “Entró el Agua”: Utilización de Especies Acuáticas en Contextos Mortuorios de La Corona, Guatemala. Paper presented at the XXI Encuentro Internacional de Investigadores de Cultura Maya, Campeche, Mexico. November 18. (J. Baron, D. Fridberg and M. Canuto)
- 2011 Hallazgos e Interpretaciones Recientes en el Sitio La Corona. Paper presented at the XXV Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City. July 22. (M. Canuto, T. Barrientos, J. Baron, Y. Desailly-Chanson, L. Padilla, J. Ponce and R. Guzman)
- 2011 La Corona and Lowland Maya Political Organization: the Case for Ancient Debates. Paper presented at Sociedades Mayas Milenarias: Crisis del Pasado y Resiliencia, organized by Charlotte Arnaud. Musée Quai Branly, Paris. July 2. (M. Canuto, T. Barrientos and J. Baron)
- 2011 Classic Maya Deity Categories. Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology 76th Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA. March 31.
- 2011 Before the Faces of their Gods: Classic Maya Patron Deities and Classic Maya Communities. Paper presented at the 2nd Yucatan in Pennsylvania Roundtable, Pennsylvania State University. February 24.
- 2010 El Reino de Sak Nikte’: Nuevos Datos Sobre la Historia, Cronologia, Asentamiento y Medio Ambiente en La Corona. Paper presented at the XXIV Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City. July 20. (T. Barrientos, M. Canuto, J. Baron, Y. Desailly Chanson and B. Love)
- 2009 Local and Regional Politics at La Corona, Guatemala. Paper presented at the 14th European Maya Conference, Krakow, Poland. November 13. (J. Baron, M. Canuto, and T. Barrientos)
- 2009 Proyecto Arqueológico La Corona, Resultados de Investigaciones en 2009. Paper presented at the XXIII Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City. July 15. (T. Barrientos, M. Canuto, D. Marken, S. Guenter, J. Baron and Y. Desailly-Chanson)
- 2005 The Origins and Placement of Preclassic and Classic Ballcourts: Yalbac. Paper presented at the 4th Belize Archaeology Symposium, San Ignacio, Belize. (L. Lucero, and J. Baron)

ON-CAMPUS LECTURES:

- 2016 River Lords: Namaan and the Classic Maya Political Landscape. Philadelphia Pre-Columbian Society Meeting. April 9.
- 2015 River Lords: La Florida and the Classic Maya Economy. Reports from the Field public talk. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. November 10.
- 2014 La Florida-Namaan: an Ancient Maya City and the Modern Global Economy. Kolb Senior Scholars Colloquium. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. October 24.
- 2014 The Emperor's Clothes: Cotton in Ancient Mesoamerica. Maya Weekend. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. March 15.
- 2013 The Mesoamerican Gallery at the Penn Museum. Talk for docents at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. December 17.
- 2013 Where the Gods Sleep: Patron Deity Temples among the Classic Maya. Philadelphia Pre-Columbian Society Meeting. November 9.
- 2013 Patrons of La Corona: Deities and Power in a Classic Maya Community. Kolb Junior Fellows Colloquium. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. April 30.
- 2013 Myth and Kin: Family Ties and Royal Authority at La Corona. Maya Weekend. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. April 20. (J. Baron and M. Canuto)
- 2012 Houses of Gods and Kings: Classic Maya Temples and Royal Palaces. Maya 2012 Lecture Series. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. September 19.
- 2012 Maya Glyphs and Calendar. Lecture for docents-in-training for the Lords of Time exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. February 15 and 18.
- 2011 The Forgotten King of La Corona: Dynastic Changes in a Classic Maya Community. Museum Scholars Series. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. October 26.
- 2011 Before the Faces of their Gods: Classic Maya Patron Deities and Classic Maya Communities. Philadelphia Pre-Columbian Society Meeting. February 12.

- 2009 Noble or Savage? Western Representations of Human Sacrifice among the Aztecs. Philadelphia Pre-Columbian Society Meeting. January 10.
- 2008 Glyphs in the Gallery: Introductory Hieroglyphic Workshop. Workshop at Maya Weekend. University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. April 12.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Bard Early Colleges:

- 2018 Ancient Mesoamerica: from Olmecs to Aztecs
- 2017 First Year College Seminar (Western Tradition until 1500)

University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology:

- 2013-2017 Introduction to Archaeology
- 2014-2017 Great Transformations
- 2013-2015 Ancient Mexico and Central America
- 2014-2015 The Modern World and its Cultural Background

Student Fieldwork Supervised at La Florida, Guatemala:

- 2015-2017 Jose Subbuyuj (Universidad del Valle undergraduate). Mapping, Community engagement.
- 2016 Arielle Pierson (U. of Pennsylvania undergraduate). Excavation, Ceramic analysis.
- 2015 Joshua Freedline (Brandeis University M.A. student). Mapping, GIS, Epigraphy.
- 2015 Walter Ochoa (Universidad del Valle undergraduate). Mapping, Community engagement.

Teaching Assistantships, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Anthropology

- 2009 Sex and Human Nature
- 2008 Introduction to Human Evolution
- 2008 Introduction to Archaeology

2007 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

2007 Maya Hieroglyphic Writing

FIELD RESEARCH:

2013-present Director (with Liliana Padilla and Christopher Martinez), La Florida Archaeology Project, Guatemala. www.floridanarnjo.net

2008-2012 Field Archaeologist, La Corona Regional Archaeology Project, Guatemala
Directed by Marcello Canuto and Tomás Barrientos

2007-2008 Field Archaeologist and Illustrator, Copan Valley Regional Development Project, Honduras. Directed by Ricardo Agurcia Fasquelle, Asociación Copan

2006 Field Archaeologist, Proyecto Arqueológico de la Región Huista, Guatemala
Directed by Gregory Borgstede and Luis Alberto Romero

2005 Field Technician, University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program
Directed by John Crock

2004-2005 Student, Valley of Peace Archaeology Project, Belize
Directed by Lisa Lucero

2004 Student, Western Belize Regional Cave Project
Directed by Jaime Awe

TECHNICAL REPORTS:

2016 *Proyecto Arqueológico La Florida-Namaan, Informe de la Temporada 2016*, with Liliana Padilla. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala.

2015 Descripción del Trabajo Realizado. In *Proyecto de Mapeo en el Sitio Arqueológico La Florida-Namaan*, edited by Liliana Padilla. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala.

2014 La Florida/Namaan: the Site, its Monuments, and Directions for Future Research. Available at jobaron.net/projects

2013 Operaciones CR15A, CR15B y CR17B: Excavaciones en el Grupo Coronitas, Estructuras 13R-2, 13R-3 y 13R-5, Temporada 2012. In *Proyecto Regional Arqueológico La Corona: Informe Final Temporada 2012*, edited by Tomás Barrientos Q., Marcello Canuto and Jocelyne Ponce, pp. 109-123. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala.

- 2013 Análisis preliminar de las inscripciones de la Escalinata Jeroglífica 2 de La Corona. In *Proyecto Regional Arqueológico La Corona: Informe Final Temporada 2012*, edited by Tomás Barrientos Q., Marcello Canuto and Jocelyne Ponce, pp. 187-219. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala. (David Stuart and Joanne Baron)
- 2012 Operaciones CR14, CR15, and CR17: Excavaciones en el Grupo Coronitas, Estructuras 13R-2, 13R-3, 13R-4, y 13R-5. In *Proyecto Regional Arqueológico La Corona: Informe Final Temporada 2011*, edited by Tomás Barrientos Q., Marcello Canuto and Jocelyne Ponce, pp. 231-264. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala.
- 2011 Operacions CR12, CR14 y CR15: Excavacions en las estructuras 13R-3, 13R-4 y 13R-2 del Grupo Coronitas. In *Proyecto Regional Arqueológico La Corona: Informe Final Temporada 2010*, edited by Tomás Barrientos Q., Marcello Canuto and Mary Jane Acuña, pp. 249-276. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala.
- 2010 Operación 12: Excavaciones en la Estructura 13R-3. In *Proyecto Regional Arqueológico La Corona: Informe Final Temporada 2009*, edited by Marcello Canuto and Tomás Barrientos, pp. 129-138. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala.
- 2009 Operación CR12: Excavaciones en la Estructura 13R-3. In *Proyecto Regional Arqueológico La Corona: Informe Final Temporada 2008*, edited by Marcello Canuto and Tomás Barrientos, pp. 135-158. Submitted to the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Government of Guatemala.
- 2006 Chalk Talk at Yalbac: 2005 Season at the Ballcourt. In *Results of the 2005 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Yalbac Architecture and Settlement*, edited by L.J. Lucero, pp. 28-38. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.
- 2005 The Ballcourt at Yalbac: 2004 Season. In *Results of the 2004 Valley of Peace Archaeology Project: Yalbac*, edited by L. J. Lucero, pp. 29-43. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, National Institute of Culture and History, Belize.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2010 Consultant, University of Delaware Museums
Duties: research on pre-Columbian ceramics for conservation and exhibit design
- 2008 Volunteer, NAGPRA Office, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Duties: archival research to identify human remains for repatriation

- 2003-2007 Research Assistant, Corinth Computer Project, University of Pennsylvania
Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Directed by David Gilman Romano
Duties: digital mapping in AutoCAD and ArcGIS
- 2002-2004 Collections Assistant, Oceania and Mediterranean Sections, University of
Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Duties: artifact care and management, database management

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

Academic and Professional Memberships:

American Anthropological Association

Society for American Archaeology

Society for Economic Anthropology

Louis J. Kolb Society

Phi Beta Kappa

Expert and Peer Reviews:

2017 *Journal of Archaeological Research*

2017 *Signs and Society*

2017 *Ancient Mesoamerica*

2016 University of Colorado Press

2016 *Expedition*

2015 National Geographic CRE Grant

2014 Rowman & Littlefield Press

2014 *Advances in Astronomy*

Institutional Service:

2017-2018 Faculty Symposium Organizing Committee, BHSEC Newark

LANGUAGES:

English: native speaker

Spanish: written and spoken fluency

Italian: written and spoken comprehension

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.