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## **EDUCATION**

2015	MA.	University of Montana	Anthropology
2009	BA	University of California, Berkeley	Anthropology
2007	Field School	University of Texas, Austin	Programme for Belize Archaeological Project

## **GRANTS**

	<b>Funding Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
2009	Academic Opportunity Fund	Travel to conduct research at Curruste National Park, Honduras	1000.00

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2018-present	Texas Archaeological Society
2016-present	Register of Professional Archaeologist
2013-present	Society for American Archaeologist (SAA)
2016-2018	Archaeological Institute of America
2016	Society for California Archaeology

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Montana (2013- 2014)**

#### **Social Science 235**

#### **The University of Montana**

**Missoula, MT 59812**

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- Teaching assistant for Anthropology of Museology (404) taught by Dr. Gregory Campbell (2014)
- Teaching assistant for the Archaeological Landscape field school taught by Dr. Kelly Dixon (2013)

## **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

Blecha, Erika S. and Robert J. Mallouf

2020 *Prehistory in the Calamity Creek Valley, Brewster County, Texas*. Papers of the Trans-Pecos Archaeological Program No. Y. Sul Ross State University. Alpine, Texas.

## **ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS**

Blecha, Erika

2019 Boulder Glyphs: Evolving Hypotheses about the Boulder Glyphs of the Sierra Viejas. *La Vista de la Frontera* 29: 1-2, 14.

Blecha, Erika

2017 Fool Me Once, But Not Twice!. *La Vista de la Frontera* 27:3.

[http://cbbs.sulross.edu/docs/lavista/Volume\\_27\\_-\\_2017.pdf](http://cbbs.sulross.edu/docs/lavista/Volume_27_-_2017.pdf)

### **STUDENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2014: Field Crew: Pedestrian Survey and data collection of historic Birney Day School village on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, MT.
- Summer 2014: Field Crew: Excavation of the Shirley Basin Lodge site, Wyoming funded by the WCTF.
- Summer 2014: Field Crew: High altitude archaeological survey in the Washakie Wilderness under the direction of Dr. Lawrence Todd, Grey Bull River Sustainable Landscape Ecology.
- Fall 2011: Field Crew: Excavation of human and camelid sacrifices at Las Llamas site and excavation of a 4,000 year old fishermen village, Gramalote in Huanchaquito, Peru under direction of Gabriel Prieto.
- Summer 2009: Field Crew: Excavation of Curruste National Park, San Pedor Sula, Honduras, under the direction of Dr. Jeanne Lopiparo.
- Fall 2008 – Spring 2009: Apprentice: Identified economic/dietary/edible plants from Curruste National Park, Honduras under the direction of Dr. Christine Hastorf as part of the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program.
- Summer 2008: Field Crew: Excavation of Curruste National Park, San Pedor Sula, Honduras, under the direction of Dr. Jeanne Lopiparo.
- Spring 2006: Apprentice: Hands-on training in the laboratory methods of pottery analysis (pot sherd inking), and the identification and quantification of faunal and floral remains under the direction of Dr. Junko Habu as part of the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Center for Big Bend Studies (November 2016 – present)**

**Sul Ross State University**

**Ferguson Hall, Suite 114 Box C-71**

**Alpine, TX 79832**

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- **2019-Present – Project Archaeologist**
  - Crew Chief for excavations at the Genevieve Lykes Duncan site (41BS2615)
  - Crew chief for boulder petroglyph recording project, Presidio Co, TX
  - Draft reports on field work conducted on private ranches
  - Manager of GIS database
  
- **2018-2019 – Staff Archaeologist**

- Crew chief for boulder petroglyph recording project, Presidio Co, TX
  - Manager of GIS database
  - Developer of site and project maps
  - Survey and recorded cultural sites in Brewster and Presidio Counties, TX
- **2016-2018 – Temporary Archaeologist**
- Analyze and record artifact assemblages from past CBBS projects
  - Synthesize and research data from a mortuary cairn
  - Survey and record cultural sites in Brewster and Presidio Counties, Texas.
  - Drafted 1996 Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area field school publication

**Applied Earthworks, Inc. (October 2015- June 2016)**  
**811 El Capitan Way, Suite 100**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**  
**(805) 594-1590**

- **Staff Archaeologist**
- Crew Chief – Phase II and III testing for site CA-MNT-2362 for the California Flats Solar Project
  - Crew Chief – Phase II and III testing for site CA-MNT-2360 for the California Flats Solar Project
  - Assessed cultural resource sensitivity in multiple counties throughout California for Pacific Gas and Electric distribution line projects
  - GIS Specialist – developed site and project area maps for various company projects

**Lolo National Forest (consultant through Express Professionals) (June 2015 – September 2015)**  
**24 Fort Missoula Rd.**  
**Missoula, MT 59804**  
**(406) 329-3750**

- **Crew Chief (GS-07)**
- Crew Chief – pedestrian archaeological survey of the 12 Tamarack Proposed Timber Sale Project in Mineral County, MT
  - Crew Chief – pedestrian archaeological survey of the Jam Cracker Timber Sale Project in Mineral County, MT
  - Crew Chief – pedestrian archaeological survey of the Swamp Eddy Timber Sale Project in Sanders County, MT

**Western Cultural Inc. (August 2013 to April 2014)**  
**Building 30, Suite 3 Fort Missoula Road**  
**Missoula, MT 59804**  
**406-829-0301**

- **Archaeologist**
- Field Crew – Phase I Archaeological survey for fiber optic cable installation project for 3 Rivers Communication, Fairfield, MT.
  - Drafted Class I technical reports.
  - Drafted technical reports for Phase I archaeological surveys: Fort Shaw Exchange, Pendroy Exchange, Dupuyer Exchange, for 3 Rivers Communication, Fairfield, MT.
  - Drafted Class I technical reports for: Ennis Exchange; Virginia City Exchange, Witherspoon Exchange, for 3 Rivers Communication, Fairfield, MT.

**Applied Earthworks, Inc. (July 2009 – May 2013)**  
**811 El Capitan Way, Suite 100**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**  
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**–Crew Archaeologist**

- Pre-project native American Consultations
- Floradale Bridge Expansion Project; for Cal Trans, Lompoc, CA. Extended Phase I Archaeological Investigation (2013)
- Possible Solar Farm; for Hearst Family, California Valley, CA. Phase I, II and III (2012)
- Las Flores Ranch, for city of Santa Maria, CA. Monitoring (2012)
- Copelands Parking Lot; for Copelands Co. San Luis Obispo, CA. Phase III (2012)
- Halter Ranch Winery, for Mitigation, Adelaide, CA. Phase III and Monitoring (2012)
- Jalama Bridge Expansion; for the City of Lompoc, CA. Phase III (2012)
- Seismic Testing; for PG&E Diablo Power Plant, Avila Beach, CA. Phase I and Monitoring (2012)
- California Midway Station, for PG&E, Carizo Plains, CA. Phase III (2012)
- Power Line Project; for PG&E. San Luis Obispo, CA. Phase I, II, III and Monitoring (2012)
- Public Safety Complex Project; for Alan Hancock College. Lompoc, CA. Extended Phase I, II and III Archaeological investigation, testing and excavation (2012)
- US Highway 101 pipeline project; for Venoco Inc. Santa Barbara, CA. Phase II Archaeological excavation (2011)
- West San Antonio Creek Project; for Vandenberg Air Force Base. Lompoc, CA. Phase II Archaeological testing (2010)
- Lompoc Wind Farm; for Acciona Wind Energy USA. Lompoc, CA. Phase II Archaeological testing (2010)
- Avila Culvert Testing Project; for the County of San Luis Obispo, CA. Phase II Archaeological testing (2010)
- Soda Lake Project; for Magma Energy, Inc.; Fallon, NV. Phase I Archaeological survey, site documentation and extended Phase I subsurface investigation (2009)
- Mesa Substation Project; for PG&E. Nipomo CA. Extended Phase I subsurface investigation (2009)
- Moss Landing Bank Replacement Project; for PG&E. Moss Landing, CA. Phase II Archeological testing and artifact cataloguing (2009)
- Harris Grade Road Improvements Project; Orcutt, CA. for the County of Santa Barbara Department of Public Works. Extended Phase I subsurface investigation (2009)
- Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (DANA); Nipomo, CA. Drafted the Code of Ethics and Museum Policies

**Cultural Resource Management Services (2012-2013)**

**829 Paso Robles St**

**Paso Robles, CA 93446**

**(805) 237-3838**

**– Crew Archaeologist**

- Tonini Ranch Reservoir Project; for the Tonini Family, San Luis Obispo, CA. Phase II Archaeological testing (2013)
- San Luis Bay Inn Project; for The Gas Company (CRMS was contracted through LSA Associates, Irvine CA), Avila Beach, CA. Phase II (2012)
- Tonini Ranch Reservoir Project; for the Tonini Family, San Luis Obispo, CA. Phase II Archaeological testing (2013)

**CyArk (2007-2009)**

**449 15<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 304**

**Oakland, CA 94612**

**(510) 832-5440**

**– Intern**

- Created, uploaded & prepared photos, panoramas, laser models, videos, & maps for release on website
- Communicated with our international partners
- Conducted background research on over 1,000 future projects, financial supporters, and website programs

**TECHNICAL REPORTS**

Cloud, William A., Erika Blecha, and Robert J. Mallouf

2019 *Archaeological and Historical Research on the O2 Ranch, Brewster and Presidio Counties, Texas*. A report prepared for the Lykes Brothers Inc. Tampa, Florida.

Blecha, Erika S. and Kelly J. Dixon

2015 *Early Reservation Era Survey Results for 24RB0164: Birney Day School Village*. A report prepared for Chief Dull Knife College and the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Lame Deer, MT.

Hall, Daniel S., Erika S. Blecha

2014 *Ennis Exchange Cultural Resource Inventory: 3 Rivers Communications Fiber Optic Installation*. A report prepared for 3 Rivers Communication. Fairfield, Montana.

2014 *Virginia Exchange Cultural Resource Inventory: 3 Rivers Communications Fiber Optic Installation*. A report prepared for 3 Rivers Communication. Fairfield, Montana.

2014 *Whitherspoon Exchange Cultural Resource Inventory: 3 Rivers Communications Fiber Optic Installation*. A report prepared for 3 Rivers Communication. Fairfield, Montana.

- 2013 *Fort Shaw Exchange Cultural Resource Inventory: 3 Rivers Communications Fiber Optic Installation Cascade, Lewis and Clark, and Teton Counties, Montana.* A report prepared for 3 Rivers Communication. Fairfield, Montana.
- 2013 *Pendroy Exchange Cultural Resource Inventory: 3 Rivers Communications Fiber Optic Installation Pondera and Teton Counties, Montana.* A report prepared for 3 Rivers Communication. Fairfield, Montana.
- 2013 *Dupuyer Exchange Cultural Resource Inventory: 3 Rivers Communications Fiber Optic Installation Pondera and Teton Counties, Montana.* A report prepared for 3 Rivers Communication. Fairfield, Montana.

Norman, William, Daniel S. Hall and Erika S. Blecha Blecha

- 2013 *Bannack Flood Event; Bannack National Historic Landmark.* A Report for Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bannack National Historic Landmark, MT.

### **PAPERS/TOPICS PRESENTED**

April 2019	<i>Black Rock Mortuary Cairn: A Case Study of Archaeologist–Collector Collaboration.</i> Paper presented at 84 <sup>th</sup> Annual SAA Conference. Albuquerque, NM
October 2019	<i>The Boulder Glyphs: A preliminary Analysis of Violence and Aping along the Rio Grande.</i> Paper presented a 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Center for Big Bend Studies Conference. Alpine, TX
October 2018	<i>Current and Future Archaeological Investigations on the 02 Ranch.</i> Paper presented a 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Center for Big Bend Studies Conference. Alpine, TX
April 2014	<i>Settlement and Landscape Transformations Oévemanâhéno: Northern Cheyenne Nation, Montana.</i> Poster presented at 79 <sup>th</sup> Annual SAA Conference. Austin, TX