**CEARRA L. MIHAL**

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**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

School of Human Evolution and Social Change

Advisor: Brenda. J. Baker

Anticipated graduation – May 2027

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

 Concentrations: Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology

 May 2020, *Summa Cum Laude* (3.89)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Mortuary archaeology, taphonomy, paleopathology, geographic information systems, ancient Nubian studies

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2020 Intern – California University of Pennsylvania, January – May

* Completed analyses of commingled archaeological remains from Greene County Historical Society, PA.

2019 Intern- California University of Pennsylvania, August – December

* Completed analyses of commingled archaeological remains from Greene County Historical Society, PA.

2019 Field School Student – California University of Pennsylvania, Green Tree Tavern Site, June- August

* Assisted in the creation of an excavation grid and site map. Completed excavation of units while identifying features and artifacts and conducted in-field analyses. Mapped excavation units and side profiles and completed lab processing of artifacts.

2019 Consultant – Entertainment Research Consultants, May

* Researched inspiring stories that utilized technology for a Microsoft campaign. Vetted several companies for use in marketing campaigns.

2019 Forensic Case Assistant – Working with Dr. Cassandra Kuba for the Allegheny County Medical Examiner’s Office, March

* Performed skeletal analysis, biological profile assessments and took measurements of unidentified human remains in an active forensic case.

2017 Volunteer – Phase I & II, December

* Conducted pedestrian surveys and excavated test pits to locate possible artifacts. Mapped and completed forms and analyses for test pits.

2017 Field School Volunteer – California University of Pennsylvania, Deffenbaugh Site (36FA57), July

* Assisted with excavation and artifact analysis in the field. Completed a more thorough analysis in the lab and cataloged artifacts according to university standards.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Current Teaching Associate – Arizona State University

ASB 100: Introduction to Global Health (2020)

ASB 300: Food and Culture (2020)

ASM 345: Disease and Human Evolution (2021)

ASM 301: People of the World (2021)

ASB 462: Medical Anthro: Culture/Health (2021)

ASB 102: Intro to Cultural Anthropology (2021)

ASM 341: Human Osteology (2021)

ASM 104: Bones, Stones/Human Evolution (2022)

2018 Volunteer – Hands-on teaching experience at Perryopolis Historical Society, July

* Taught and instructed 20 middle school students about archaeology and anthropology. Focused discussion on local archaeology and history of the town while leading students in a mock excavation and answering questions.

2018 & 2019 Volunteer – Mock archaeological dig at Elizabeth Forward Elementary School

* Supervised and assisted students with a mock excavation of artifacts while answering student questions about anthropology, archaeology, and human osteology.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Kuba, C., & **Mihal, C.** (2019). Overcoming past challenges. Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology annual meeting, podium presentation.

**Mihal, C.** (2018). Comparing burial contents to understand social patterns and structure at Campbell Farm (36FA26). Invited guest speaker for Mon Yough Chapter of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

**Mihal, C.** (2018). Comparing burial contents to understand social patterns and structure at Campbell Farm (36FA26). PASSHE Undergraduate Anthropology Conference, poster presentation.

**Mihal, C.** (2018). Comparing burial contents to understand social patterns and structure at Campbell Farm (36FA26).Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology annual meeting, poster presentation.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2018 Joseph Linn Marino Scholarship ($1,563)

2019 & 2020 Presidential Scholar Award

2016-2020 Dean’s List, California University of Pennsylvania

2020 Anthropology Excellence Award

**LEADERSHIP**

Anthropology Club

* President, November 2019 – May 2020
* Vice President, April 2018 – November 2019

Lambda Alpha

* Vice President, March 2019 – May 2020
* Member, August 2018 – May 2020

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of Biological Anthropology, student member, 2019 – current

American Research Center in Egypt, student member, 2021 – current

American Society of Overseas Research, 2021 – current

Paleopathological Association, 2021 – current

Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, student member, 2018 – 2020

**RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

Lab Assistant, June 2018 – August 2018

History, Politics, Society and Law Department, California University of Pennsylvania

* Cataloged and prepared artifacts for storage
* Oversaw the transportation of artifacts to the state museum

**SOFTWARE SKILLS**

ArcMap, ArcGIS Pro, QGIS, SPSS, RStudio

**LANGUAGE**

Modern Standard Arabic (reading and rudimentary conversational)