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Education**Washington University, St. Louis, MO**

Ph.D. in Anthropology 2016
Dissertation Title: *Surviving Collapse: Collective Memory and Political Reorganization at Actuncan, Belize*, Advisor: Dr. David A. Freidel

A.M. in Anthropology 2011

Yale University, New Haven CT

B.A. with Honors in Archaeological Studies 2008

Academic Positions

2016- **Research Associate**, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis
2016 **Lecturer**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Central College

Publications***Scholarly Articles***

- In Review MIXTER, D. W. Political Change Expressed in Public Architecture: The Terminal Classic Maya Civic Complex at Actuncan, Belize. Submitted to *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology*.
- Accepted MIXTER, D. W. Community Reconstruction and Urban Planning Following the 9th Century Maya Collapse: A Case Study from Actuncan, Belize. Accepted by *Acta Mesoamericana*. Publication expected in 2017.
- In Press MIXTER, D. W. Collective Remembering in Archaeology: A Relational Approach to Ancient Maya Memory. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 24(1). Release anticipated for March 2017.
- 2017 MIXTER, D. W. and Edward R. Henry. Introduction to Webs of Memory, Frames of Power: Collective Memory in the Archaeological Record. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*. doi:10.1007/s10816-017-9323-5
- 2016 LeCount, L. J., E. Christian Wells, T. R. Jamison, and D. W. MIXTER. Geochemical Characterization of Inorganic Residues on Plaster Floors from the Palace Complex at Actuncan, Belize. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 5:453-464.

- 2015 Simova, B., D. W. MIXTER, and L. J. LeCount. The Social Lives of Structures: Ritual Resignification of the Cultural Landscape at Actuncan, Belize. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 12:193-204.
- 2014 MIXTER, D. W., K. A. Fulton, L. H. Bussiere, and L. J. LeCount. Living through Collapse: An Analysis of Maya Residential Modifications during the Terminal Classic Period at Actuncan, Cayo, Belize. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 11:55-66.
- 2014 Freiwald, C., D. W. MIXTER, and N. Billstrand. Burial Practices at Actuncan, Belize: A Seated Burial and Ongoing Analysis from the 2001-2013 Field Seasons. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 11:95-109.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W., T. R. Jamison, and L. J. LeCount. Actuncan's Noble Court: New Insights into Political Strategies of an Enduring Center in the Upper Belize River Valley. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 10:91-103.
- 2011 Brown, M. K., J. Cochran, L. McCurdy, and D. W. MIXTER. Preceramic to Postclassic: A Brief Synthesis of the Occupation History of Group E, Xunantunich. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 8:209-219.
- In prep MIXTER, D. W. All Politics are Local: Defining a Terminal Classic Maya Council House at Actuncan, Belize. To be submitted to *Latin American Antiquity*.
- In prep MIXTER, D. W., L. J. LeCount, B. S. Simova, D. J. Kennett, and B. J. Culleton. Dating Urban Dynamics at Actuncan, Belize. To be submitted to *Ancient Mesoamerica*.

Themed Journal Issue

- In Press MIXTER, D. W. and E. R. Henry (guest editors). *Webs of Memory, Frames of Power: Collective Remembering in the Archaeological Record*. Special issue of *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 24(1), scheduled release: March, 2017.

Technical Reports

- In Prep LeCount, L. J. and D. W. MIXTER (editors). *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Ninth Season*. Report to be submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- In Prep LeCount, L. J., B. S. Simova, and D. W. MIXTER. Preliminary Thoughts on Ceramic and Radiocarbon Data from Actuncan's 2015 E-Group Excavations. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Ninth Season*, eds. L. J. LeCount and D. W. Mixer. Report to be submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2016 LeCount, L. J. and D. W. MIXTER (editors). *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Eighth Season*. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2016 Simova, B. and D. W. MIXTER. On-going Excavations at Structure 26 in Actuncan's E-Group. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Eighth Season*, eds. L. J. LeCount and D. W. Mixer, pp. 9-39. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2015 MIXTER, D. W. Analysis of Artifacts Recovered from Group 4 and Plaza A. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Seventh Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 71-104. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2014 MIXTER, D. W. Mapping at Actuncan during the 2013 Field Season. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Sixth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 17-26. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.

- 2014 MIXTER, D. W. and B. S. Langlie. The 2013 Excavations in Plaza A. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Sixth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 27-48. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2014 MIXTER, D. W. and A. Nick. The 2013 Excavations at Group 4. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Sixth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 97-130. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2013 Eppich, K. and D. W. MIXTER. Excavaciones en Patios Residenciales. In *Proyecto Regional Arqueológico El Perú-Waka': Informe No. 11, Temporada 2013*, ed. J. C. Pérez and D. A. Freidel, pp. 34-64. Report submitted to la Dirección General del Patrimonio Cultural y Natural, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2013 LeCount, L. J. with A. H. Keller and D. W. MIXTER. The 2012 Field Season of the Actuncan Archaeological Project: Research Questions. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Fifth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 1-14. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. and C. Freiwald. Excavations at Group 8. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Fifth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 35-79. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. and K. Craiker. Sampling and Excavations in Plazas C and F. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Fifth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 119-130. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2013 Nick, A. and D. W. MIXTER. Excavations of Two Walls on the Eastern Periphery of Actuncan. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Fifth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount, pp. 131-144. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2012 MIXTER, D. W. The 2011 Excavations on Structure 41. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Fourth Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount and J. H. Blitz, pp. 60-116. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2011 MIXTER, D. W. The 2010 Excavations on Structure 41. In *Actuncan Archaeological Project: Report of the Third Season*, ed. L. J. LeCount and A. H. Keller, pp. 47-67. Report submitted to the Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2010 MIXTER, D. W. and M. K. Brown. Preliminary Excavations of Structure E-1. In *Mopan Valley Preclassic Project: Results of the 2009 Field Season*, ed. M. K. Brown. Report on file at the University of Texas, San Antonio.
- 2010 MIXTER, D. W. and M. K. Brown. Preliminary Excavations of Structure E-3. In *Mopan Valley Preclassic Project: Results of the 2009 Field Season*, ed. M. K. Brown. Report on file at the University of Texas, San Antonio.
- 2009 MIXTER, D. W., L. Hare, and M. K. Brown. Excavations in Xunantunich Plaza A-III. In *Mopan Valley Preclassic Project: Results of the 2008 Field Season*, ed. M. K. Brown. Report on file at the University of Texas, San Antonio.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

- 2015-16 **Dissertation Writing Fellowship**, Washington University in St. Louis (\$22,625)
- 2014 **Student Membership Award**, Archaeology Division, American Anthropological Association
- 2014 **Summer Research Funding**, Washington University in St. Louis (\$2,000)
- 2014 **Grant-in-Aid of Research**, Sigma Xi (\$500)
- 2013-14 **Dissertation Fieldwork Grant**, Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$20,000)

- 2013 **Summer Research Funding**, Washington University in St. Louis (\$2,000)
 2011 **Summer Research Funding**, Washington University in St. Louis (\$3,500)
 2010-15 **Teaching Assistantship**, Washington University in St. Louis (8 semesters)
 2010 **Summer Research Funding**, Washington University in St. Louis (\$2,500)
 2009-10 **University Fellowship**, Washington University in St. Louis (\$20,000)
 2007 **Josef Albers Travelling Fellowship**, Peabody Museum, Yale University
 2007 **Michael Coe Fieldwork Fund Grant**, Peabody Museum, Yale University

Symposia and Conference Panels Organized

- 2015 Lowland Maya Territories: Local Dynamics in Regional Landscapes. Organized for the 80th Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California. With Lisa J. LeCount.
 2014 The Power of the Past: Archaeologies of Collective Memory and the Negotiation of Power. Organized for the 113th Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. With Edward R. Henry.

Presented Papers at Professional Meetings and Conferences

- 2016 MIXTER, D. W. and L. J. LeCount. Palace Pragmatics and Political Change at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 115th Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN.
 2016 MIXTER, D.W. Political Change Expressed through Public Architecture: The Terminal Classic Civic Complex at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 14th Annual Belize Archaeology and Anthropology Symposium.
 2016 MIXTER, D. W. Activity Area Analysis of Terminal Classic Civic Architecture at Actuncan, Belize. Poster presented at the 81st Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL.
 2016 LeCount, L. J., K. A. Fulton, D. W. MIXTER, E. C. Wells, and T. R. Jamison. Activity Area Analysis of Elite and Commoner Spaces in the Ancient Maya City of Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 81st Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL.
 2015 MIXTER, D. W. Political Change Expressed in Public Architecture: An Activity Area Study of the Terminal Classic Maya Civic Complex at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 6th Annual South-Central Conference on Mesoamerica, San Antonio, Texas.
 2015 MIXTER, D. W. Liberty on the Periphery: How Actuncan, Belize Escaped the Classic Maya Collapse (For a Time). Paper presented at the 80th Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California.
 2015 LeCount, L. J. and D. W. MIXTER. Between Earth and Sky: The Social and Political Construction of Ancient Lowland Maya Territories. Paper presented at the 80th Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California.
 2015 Simova, B. S. and D. W. MIXTER. Resignification: Public Ritual and Changing Cultural Landscapes at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 80th Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California.

- 2014 MIXTER, D. W. Remembering Kings Past: Memory and Reorganization Following the Maya Collapse. Paper presented at the 113th Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Simova, B. S., D. W. MIXTER, and L. J. LeCount. The Social Lives of Structures: Veneration Rituals and Changing Landscapes at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 12th Annual Belize Archaeology and Anthropology Symposium.
- 2014 MIXTER, D. W. Community Politics Following the Maya Collapse: Preliminary Results from Actuncan, Belize. Poster presented at the 79th Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.
- 2014 Fulton, K. A., E. C. Wells, and D. W. MIXTER. A Chemical Comparison of Plaster Surfaces from Actuncan Belize. Poster presented at the 79th Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.
- 2014 Wells, E. C., L. J. LeCount, T. R. Jamison, K. A. Fulton, D. W. MIXTER. Ancient Maya Urban Soils as Geochemical Reservoirs: Characterization of Lime-plaster Surfaces from the Palace Complex at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers' Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida.
- 2013 Rothenberg, K. A., E. C. Wells, and D. W. MIXTER. A New Perspective on Maya Household Interactions: Chemical Analysis of Residential Plaster Surfaces from Actuncan, Belize. Poster presented at the 46th Annual Chacmool Conference, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. Surviving Collapse: Community-Level Political Reorganization in the Immediate Aftermath of the 9th Century Maya Collapse at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 18th European Maya Conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. and L. J. LeCount. Building History through Households: Contextualizing Social and Political Transitions at Actuncan. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Belize Archaeological and Anthropology Symposium, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize.
- 2013 LeCount, L. J., D. W. MIXTER, and B. S. Simova. All the King's Men: Investigating the Nature of Preclassic Maya Elite Households and Kingship at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Belize Archaeological and Anthropology Symposium, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. and L. J. LeCount. Dating Actuncan: Contextualizing Social and Political Transitions within a Long Lived Maya Center. Paper presented at the 78th Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Honolulu, HI.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. The Memory of Collapse: Considering the Role of Cultural Trauma in Societal Reorganization following the 9th Century Maya Collapse at Actuncan, Belize. Poster presented at the 29th Annual Visiting Scholar Conference, Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
- 2012 MIXTER, D. W., T. R. Jamison, and L. J. LeCount. Actuncan's Noble Court: New Insights into Political Strategies of an Enduring Center in the Upper Belize River Valley. Paper presented at the 10th Annual Belize Archaeological and Anthropology Symposium, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize.
- 2012 MIXTER, D. W., K. A. Rothenberg, and L. D. Hahn. Living during Collapse: An Analysis of Household Modification during the Terminal Classic Period at Actuncan, Cayo, Belize. Paper presented at the 77th Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, TN.

- 2011 MIXTER, D. W. Archaeology under a Microscope: Microartifact Analysis of Two Elite Complexes at Actuncan, Belize. Paper presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.
- 2010 Brown, M. K., J. Cochran, L. McCurdy, and D. W. MIXTER. Development of Political Authority in the Mopan River Valley: Recent Investigations at the site of Xunantunich. Paper presented at the 8th Annual Belize Archaeological and Anthropology Symposium, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize.

Public Lectures

- 2014 MIXTER, D. W. Chronology, Community, and Politics: The Long and Short of Political Reorganization at Actuncan, Belize. Friday Archaeology Lecture Series, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. April 4.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. Invited Keynote Speaker, Senior Investiture, Community School of Naples, Naples, Florida. November 22.
- 2013 MIXTER, D. W. The Maya and Me: A Journey from Archaeology to the Modern World. Coffee and Conversation Lecture Series, Community School of Naples, Naples, Florida. November 20.
- 2012 MIXTER, D. W. The Memory of Collapse: Considering Localized Processes of Societal Reorganization in Western Belize. Cahokia Archaeological Society Lecture Series, Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, Illinois. November 3.
- 2012 MIXTER, D. W. Memory and Power: Understanding the Manipulation of Urban Memoriscapes during Political Transition at Actuncan, Belize. Friday Archaeology Lecture Series, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. October 12.
- 2010 MIXTER, D. W. Living at the End of Time: Recent Research at Actuncan, Belize. Friday Archaeology Lecture Series, Department of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. December 10.

Research Positions

Actuncan Archaeological Project, Cayo, Belize (2010-present)

Project director: Dr. Lisa J. LeCount

2013-present: **Field Director**

2013-2014: **Laboratory Analyst**: microartifacts, ceramics, lithics

2012: **Excavation and Field School Supervisor**

2011-12: **Microartifact Laboratory Supervisor** (Washington University in St. Louis, Geoarchaeology Lab)

2011: **Excavation Supervisor**

2010: **Excavation Supervisor**

Proyecto Arqueológico Waka', Petén, Guatemala (2013-present)

Project directors: Dr. David Freidel and Lic. Juan Carlos Pérez

2013: **Excavation Supervisor**

Proyecto Machu Llaqta, Puno, Peru (2013)

Project directors: Dr. Elizabeth Arkush, Rolando Paredes Ezyaguirre, and BrieAnna S. Langlie

2013: **Excavation Supervisor**

Mopan Valley Preclassic Project, Xunantunich, Cayo, Belize (2008-09)

Project director: Dr. M. Kathryn Brown

2009: **Excavation Supervisor**

2008: **Field School Supervisor**

Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project, Caves Branch, Belize (2007)

Project directors: Drs. Jaime J. Awe and Gabriel D. Wrobel

2007: **Student Excavator**

Yale Archaeological Project at the Henry Whitfield House, Guilford, Connecticut (2006-07)

Project director: Dr. Marcello A. Canuto

2006-07: **Student Excavator and Laboratory Analyst**

Zea Harbour Project, Piraeus, Greece

Project director: Bjørn Loven

2006: **Surveyor**

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, North Central College	2016
Introduction to Archaeology, Washington University in St. Louis	2014

Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Geoff Childs)	2015
Social Landscapes in Global View (Michael Frachetti)	2014
Pharmaceutical Personhood (Ari Samsky)	2014
Kill Assessment (Derek Pardue)	2013
Vote for Pedro: A Critical Look into Youth and Popular Culture Spring (Derek Pardue)	2012, 2011
The AIDS Epidemic: Inequalities, Ethnography, and Ethics (Shanti Parikh)	2011
The Ancient Maya: Archaeology and History (David Freidel)	2010

Archaeological Field School Teaching Assistant

University of Texas, Arlington, Actuncan Archaeological Project (Angela Keller)	2012
University of Texas, Arlington, Mopan Valley Preclassic Project (M. Kathryn Brown)	2008

Mentorship

B.A. Thesis Mentor , Washington University in St. Louis	2012-13
Advised a Washington University undergraduate on a B.A. honors thesis based on Summer 2012 field research at Actuncan.	

Lab Instructor, Washington University in St. Louis 2011
 Instructed and evaluated three Washington University undergraduates participated in microartifact laboratory analysis for independent study credit.

Service

Washington University in St. Louis

Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences 2012-13

Treasurer, Friday Archaeology lecture series, Dept. of Anthropology 2010-11

Committee of Three Representative, Dept. of Anthropology 2010-11

Graduate student representative of the archaeology sub-discipline to Washington University Anthropology Department committee

Peer Mentor Coordinator, Dept. of Anthropology 2010-11, 2014-15
 Anthropology department coordinator for graduate student peer mentoring

Technical Skills

Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS), Statistical Analysis (R), Database Management (Microsoft Access), Archaeological Survey (Total Station), Microartifact Analysis, Geochemical Analysis, Bayesian Analysis of C14 Dates, Acid-Base-Acid Processing of Charcoal for C14 Dating, Landscape Analysis

Languages

English (Native), Spanish (Functional)

Professional Memberships

Society for American Archeology
 American Anthropological Association, Archaeology Division
 Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society
 Lambda Alpha, Anthropology Honor Society

Professional References

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