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Professional Profile

I am a motivated WSU Anthropology graduate student with four years of relevant work experience. I am seeking professional connections in archaeology to broaden my network and pursue future job opportunities.

Core Competencies

Organization - Observation - Analysis - Field experience - Works well under pressure

Technical Skills

Archaeological excavation methods - anthropological observation and analysis -
Disbinding - Archival preparation - Metadata analysis

Education

- Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology - *University of North Texas, 2025*
 - Minor in Art History - *UNT, 2025*
 - Applied Anthropology Certificate - *UNT, 2025*
 - Master's Degree in Anthropology - *Wichita State University, expected 2028*
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Experience

WSU Graduate Research Assistant

- Present

Researched projects, including creating an informational slideshow for the 2025 Etzana excavation to inform programmers as they created a virtual reality map of the site.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

Coordinator's Graduate Assistant

- Present

Assisted the NAGPRA coordinator in managing sensitive collections, sorting through records, and preparing letters for tribes.

WSU Etzana Field School

- Summer 2025

At this field school, I learned the basics of participating in an archaeological dig. Learned how to document and organize artifacts found in the field. I also learned to analyze soil samples and identify changes in soil.

- Denton County Bar Association Assistant* - 2025-2026
- I worked at the front desk, which included communicating with clients, scheduling appointments, and analyzing legal documents for mistakes related to low-cost mediation cases. This role allowed me to develop my organizational skills and attention to detail while working in a dynamic environment.
- UNT Student Employee at the Portal to Texas History* - 2023-2025
- I spliced and disbound old newspapers for scanning and digitization. Also worked on metadata analysis for organizing and preparing to convert into a PDF format for search on the website.
- Internship at Newton Razor Ranch Elementary* - Spring 2025
- In this internship, I was responsible for increasing the check-out retention among the school's students. I applied my anthropological knowledge to organize the library to better suit the school's culture. Some projects I worked on organizing the graphic novels to be more accessible and organizing the Spanish section for ESL students.
- Crystalogy Manager* - 2022-2023
- I was the manager for two locations at Grapevine Mills and Parks at Arlington Mall. I led a team of 5-6 people at both locations. Hired and trained new employees and stocked the store.