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### Education

- 2010–2014 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.  
Diss: *Pre-Columbian Regional Community Integration in Dominica, West Indies.*
- 2007–2009 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- 2000–2004 B.A. Anthropology Major, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

### Areas of Specialization

Interdisciplinary studies that incorporate archaeology, geography, and urban anthropology; monumentality and the politics of memory. Technical specializations include ceramic and lithic analysis; GIS-based mapping and ecological modeling; UAV/drone mapping and three-dimensional photogrammetry.

### Teaching Appointments

- 2026— Senior Lecturer. Coppin State University, Department of Applied Social and Political Science.
- 2018— Adjunct Professor. University of Baltimore, College of Arts and Sciences.
- 2021-2025 Adjunct Professor. Morgan State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.
- 2017-2025 Adjunct Professor. Coppin State University, Department of Applied Social and Political Science.
- 2015-2025 Adjunct Professor. Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), Department of Sociology and Anthropology.
- 2011–2012 Teaching Associate (Instructor). University of Florida, Department of Anthropology.

### Courses Taught

Forensic Anthropology; General Anthropology; Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; Human Origins (Introduction to Archaeology and Physical Anthropology); Human Environmental Adaptations; Human Population Dynamics; Anthropology of Religion, Myth, and Ritual; Rhetoric of Reggae; Introduction to Archaeology; Archaeology of the Future; World Archaeology; Introduction to Sociology; Social Problems

### Publications

Leck, A., Bellot-Gurlet, L., Carazzo, G., Gratuze, B., Langlade, J., Le Bourdonnec, F.-X., Leandri, C., Shearn, I., Stouvenot, C., & Queffelec, A. (2024). Obsidian in the Caribbean islands? Mysterious Ceramic Age glass artefacts in the Lesser Antilles. *Archaeometry*, 66(6): 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.1111/arcm.12980>

Shearn, I. (2023). Not Without a Fight: The Decline and Closure of Laurel Cemetery. In I. Shearn. & E. Klugh (Eds.), *A Place for Memory: Baltimore's historic Laurel Cemetery*. Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, MD.

Klugh, E., & Shearn, I. (2023). The Story of Laurel Cemetery. In I. Shearn. & E. Klugh (Eds.), *A Place for Memory: Baltimore's historic Laurel Cemetery*. Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, MD.

Shearn, I., & Klugh, E. (Eds.). (2023). *A Place for Memory: Baltimore's historic Laurel Cemetery*. Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, MD.

Shearn, I. (2020). Canoe societies in the Caribbean: Ethnography, archaeology, and ecology of precolonial canoe manufacturing and voyaging. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*, 57. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaa.2019.101140>

Shearn, I., & Heckenberger, M. (2020). Participatory mapping of mid-Holocene anthropogenic landscapes in Guyana with kite aerial photography. *Global Journal of Human-Social Science: D*, 20(4):1-15.

Shearn, I. (2018). Pre-Columbian settlement trajectories in Eastern Dominica: Report on initial radiocarbon age estimates. *Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology*, 13(1):132-146.

Shearn, I., Heckenberger, M., & Simon, G. (2017). Ceramic innovation at Dubulay, an early agricultural village in Berbice, Guyana. *Archaeology and Anthropology*, 21:4-19.

Shearn, I. (2017). Subsistence. In N. Brown, T. McIlwraith, & L. T. de González (Eds.), *Perspectives: An Open Invitation to Cultural Anthropology*. American Anthropological Association, Arlington, VA.

### **Published Conference Proceedings**

Leck, Arthur, Arthur Leck, François-Xavier Le Bourdonnec, Ludovic Bellot-Gurlet, Bernard Gratuze, Isaac Shearn, Christian Stouvenot, and Alain Queffelec. (2023) De L'obsidienne Dans Les Antilles? Circulation Des Roches Magmatiques À L'âge Céramique. In *Proceedings of the 29<sup>th</sup> International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology*.

Klugh, E., Shearn, I., & Castanzo, R. (2020). Place-Making and Memory at Baltimore's Historic Laurel Cemetery. [Published online following cancellation of conference for Covid-19 pandemic] *Society for Applied Anthropology*, 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Shearn, I. (2015). Investigating Pre-Columbian Settlement Patterns in Dominica Using a Three-Tiered Survey Strategy. In *Proceedings of the 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology*.

### **Reports**

Shearn, I., Tyler, J. L., Cochran, M., Arnold, W. B., & Ward, J. A. (2018). *Report on the 2017 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Maryland Archeology at the Calverton Site (18CV22), Calvert County, Maryland*. Calvert County Government Department of Planning & Zoning, Prince Frederick, MD.

Shearn, I., Tyler, J. L., & Ward, J. A. (2018). *Phase I Archaeological Investigation of the Patterson Park Gatekeeper's House Study Area, Baltimore City, Maryland*. Friends of Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD.

- Shearn, I. (2014). *Report on 2014 Archaeological Investigations along the Middle Berbice: Three-dimensional mapping of Amerindian landscapes with kite-based aerial photography*. Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology and the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sport, Georgetown, Guyana.
- Shearn, I. (2010). *Report on the Archaeological Excavations at the Petit Coulibri Site on the La Robe Creole Plantation*. Dominica Museum, Roseau.
- Shearn, I. (2010). *End-of-Field Letter for Archaeological Research Conducted in the Summer of 2010*. Dominica Museum, Roseau.
- Shearn, I. & Toney, J. R. (2009). *End-of-Field Letter for Preliminary Archaeological Research Conducted in the Summer of 2009*. Dominica Museum, Roseau.

### Professional Presentations

- 2023 Shearn, I, E. Klugh. Invited participants in the Restorative Arts for Community Engagement (RACE) conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 2022 Shearn, I., E. Klugh. *The Laurel Cemetery Memorial Project, Baltimore*. Invited presentation, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, conducted virtually via Zoom.
- 2022 Queffelec, A., V. Delvigne, A. Leck, M. de Parthenay, C. Stouvenot, I. Shearn. *Lithic raw materials provenance in the Caribbean islands: flint, jasper, and obsidian*. Contributed paper, 29<sup>th</sup> International Association for Caribbean Archaeology Congress, Varadero, Matanzas, Cuba.
- 2022 Shearn, I. *Public Archaeology and the Politics of Memory at Baltimore's Historic Laurel Cemetery*. Invited presentation for "Anthropology Day," Montgomery College, Rockville, MD.
- 2021 Shearn, I., R. Castanzo, E. Klugh. Invited presentation, Johns Hopkins University Anthropology Department Colloquium Series, Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 Shearn, I., E. Klugh. *Researching Baltimore's Historic Laurel Cemetery*. Invited presentation, Enoch Pratt Library Lunch and Learn Seminar Series, Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 Shearn, I., R. Castanzo, E. Klugh. *Public Archaeology and the Politics of Memory at Baltimore's Historic Laurel Cemetery*. Invited paper, 51<sup>st</sup> Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Ocean City, MD. (planned for 2020, presented in 2021)
- 2019 Shearn, I. *The Ecology of Precolonial Canoe Manufacturing Processes: Using GIS-based Habitat Suitability Models to Examine Potential Impacts to Settlement Pattern Studies*. Contributed paper, 28<sup>th</sup> International Association for Caribbean Archaeology Congress, Bridgetown, Barbados.
- 2019 Shearn, I. *Designing the Timeline Exhibit*. Invited presentation for the Laurel Cemetery Project Symposium, Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD.
- 2018 Shearn, I. *Ceramic and Agricultural Innovations of the Arawak Diaspora: Archaeological investigations in the Circum-Caribbean*, Invited presentation for the Upper Patuxent Archaeology Group, Ellicott City, MD.

- 2017 Shearn, I. *The Antiquity of Windward Settlements on Dominica: Archaeological investigations and radiocarbon chronology*. Contributed paper, Dominica Country Conference 2017: Reclaiming indigenous heritage to define Kalinago destiny, Salybia, Dominica.
- 2016 Shearn, I. *Archaeological Applications of Aerial Photography and Three-Dimensional Cartography*. Invited presentation at St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD.
- 2015 Shearn, I. *Kite Aerial Photography and 3D Mapping of Agricultural Mounds in Guyana*. Contributed paper, 26<sup>th</sup> International Association for Caribbean Archaeology Congress, St. Martin.
- 2015 Shearn, I. *Decolonizing Knowledge Production: Participatory mapping of Indigenous landscapes in Guyana*. Invited presentation, John's Hopkins Archaeological Museum, Baltimore, MD.
- 2014 Shearn, I. *Report on Archaeological Investigations along the Middle Berbice, 2011-2014: Three-dimensional mapping of Amerindian landscapes with kite-based aerial photography*. Invited presentation, Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology, Georgetown, Guyana.
- 2014 Shearn, I, M.W. Hauser. *Discerning Changes in Dominican Land Use with GIS*. Contributed paper, 79<sup>th</sup> annual Society for American Archaeology Conference, Austin, TX.
- 2014 Shearn, I. *Predictive Modeling, Settlement Patterns, and Mobility in Pre-Contact Dominica, West Indies Part 2: Another look after a year of fieldwork*. Anthropology colloquium, UFL, Gainesville, FL.
- 2013 Shearn, I. *Recent Archaeological investigations in Dominica using a three-tiered survey strategy*. Contributed paper, 25<sup>th</sup> International Association for Caribbean Archaeology Congress, Puerto Rico.
- 2013 Shearn, I. *Archaeological Excavations on the East Coast of Dominica*. Invited presentation, University of West Indies Open Campus, Roseau, Dominica.
- 2011 Shearn, I. *Predictive Modeling, Settlement Patterns, and Mobility in Pre-Contact Dominica, West Indies*. Anthropology colloquium, UFL, Gainesville, FL.
- 2010 Shearn, I. *The Archaeology of Dominica: Using GIS to develop a Predictive Model*. Contributed poster, 75<sup>th</sup> annual Society for American Archaeology Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 2010 Shearn, I. *Archaeological Investigations of Castle Bruce, Dominica*. Public presentation presented in conjunction with the Dominica Museum, Grand Fond Community Center, Dominica.
- 2009 Shearn, I, J.G. Crock. *Spatial Organization of the Late Ceramic Age Village at Rendezvous Bay, Anguilla*. Contributed paper, 74<sup>th</sup> annual Society for American Archaeology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

## Other

- 2022 External Mail Reviewer, National Geographic Society Human History and Culture Grant Review Panel.
- 2020— Designer and Content Manager for the Laurel Cemetery Memorial Project Website: <https://laurelcemetery.omeka.net/>
- 2019— Co-Chair for the Public Education Committee, Laurel Cemetery Memorial Project, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Baltimore, MD.
- 2019— *Remembering Laurel Cemetery*. Traveling Exhibit designed for the Laurel Cemetery Project Symposium, Coppin State University, University of Baltimore, and Maryland Humanities, Baltimore, MD. Formerly on display at the Parlett L. Moore Library, Coppin State University and Herring Run Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, MD. Currently (as of 2022) on display at the AIA, Center for Architecture and Design, Baltimore, MD.

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- 2025 *Historian/Scholar Honor for research, publishing, and contributions to the academic and professional community*, Baltimore City Historical Society, MD.
- 2023 *Historic Preservation Award*, Baltimore Heritage, Baltimore, MD.
- 2020–2021 *African American Heritage Preservation Program Grants for Capital Projects*, Maryland Historical Trust, Baltimore, MD (\$88,000).
- 2019 *Excellence in Teaching Award*. The National Society of Leadership and Success. University of Baltimore chapter.
- 2017–2018 *Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year*. School of Wellness, Behavioral, and Social Sciences. Community College of Baltimore County.
- 2012–2013 *Fulbright Fellowship*, Institute of International Education US student award (\$24,000).
- 2012 *Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant*, National Science Foundation, BCS-1240920 (\$27,581).
- 2010 *Grant-in-aid of Research*, Hyatt and Cici Brown endowment for circum-Caribbean research, University of Florida (\$3,000).
- 2009 *Field Research Grant*, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida (\$1,800).
- 2007–2011 *Graduate Student Fellowship (Alumni Fellowship)*, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida.

## Public Archaeology and Outreach Activities

- 2020-2021 A series of public lectures for Black History Month on the Laurel Cemetery Memorial Project, presented at three predominately African American Churches in Baltimore, MD

- 2018–2019 Archaeological Consultant and Symposium Organizer for the Laurel Cemetery Project Symposium, Coppin State University and Maryland Humanities, Baltimore, MD
- 2017 Volunteer UAV mapping consultant for the 2017 Tyler Bastian Field Session in Archeology, Calverton Site (18CV22), Calvert County, MD
- 2016 A flint knapping practicum series for Community College of Baltimore County Anthropology and Archaeology Club, Baltimore, MD
- 2015–2016 Educational activities designed to raise awareness about Archaeology and Cultural Heritage conducted on-site and at primary schools in Soufriere, Point Michel, and Roseau, Dominica.
- 2014 A three-week practicum in laboratory methods and ceramic analysis for University of Guyana (UG) students and staff of the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology in Georgetown, Guyana.
- 2014 Additional involvement and training with Guyanese community members from 2011 in archaeological techniques and collecting kite aerial imagery to produce three-dimensional maps.
- 2014 An educational activity for students of St. Lust Primary School in Wairuni, Guyana, designed to introduce archaeological aspects of local history and heritage.
- 2011–2014 On-site training with UG students and community members from the middle Berbice region of Guyana in archaeological techniques and methods.
- 2012–2013 An outreach project for primary schools in Dominica, designed collaboratively with local artists Mr. Martinez and Marcus Cuffy, to integrate archaeology with arts and crafts, making coil constructed pottery with local clay.
- 2010–2013 A series of public lectures presented jointly with Dr. Lennox Honychurch (Curator of the Dominica Museum) at schools and community centers in Dominica.
- 2011 On-site training with Guyanese students and community members in archaeological field methods and survey mapping techniques in Berbice, Guyana.
- 2010–2013 On-site training with community members in archaeological techniques and methods, leading to employment opportunities with regional archaeological projects in Grand Fond, Dominica.
- 2006 Teaching and training students from the *Université des Antilles et de la Guyane* in Dominica with Benoit Berard and the international team *Mission Sud-Dominique*.
- 2004 Activities with the University of Vermont designed to introduce the general public and students to archaeological methods and techniques.

### **Research Fieldwork**

- 2016–2023 UAV (drone) Mapping Consultant, The Cremona Archaeological Survey and Cremona Fellows Program Summer Field School, St. Mary's University, MD.
- 2015–2016 Director of Fieldwork, Northwestern University, Department of Anthropology. Archaeological Survey of Colonial Dominica (NSF Award BCS-0948578).

- 2014 Postdoctoral research appointment, University of Florida, Department of Anthropology. Participatory Mapping of Indigenous Landscapes in Guyana (NSF Award BCS-1323876).
- 2012–2013 Principal fieldwork and analysis for dissertation included leading a crew of four Dominican archaeologists over the course of a year.
- 2011 Research assistant to Drs. Michael Heckenberger and Neil Whitehead for excavations at the Dubulay site in Guyana. University of Florida, Department of Anthropology.
- 2010 Preliminary excavations in Dominica for dissertation research.
- 2010 Research assistant to Drs. Joost Morsink and William Keegan for Morsink’s dissertation fieldwork in Middle Caicos.
- 2009 Preliminary surveys in Dominica for dissertation research.
- 2008–2009 Research assistant, University of Florida, Department of Anthropology, Dr. Michael Heckenberger, supervising professor.
- 2006 Research assistant, University of Florida & *Université des Antilles et de la Guyane* for fieldwork in Dominica. Survey and data recovery for the *Mission Sud-Dominique*.
- 2003 Field school in Anguilla at the Late Ceramic Age village at Rendezvous Bay with Drs. John G. Crock and the late James B. Petersen, University of Vermont.

**Cultural Resource Management**

- 2019 Archaeological Consultant, University of Vermont (UVM) Consulting Archaeology Program (CAP). Phase III at Archaic period site VT-ES-64.
- 2017–2018 Consultant and Investigator, Applied Archaeology and History Associates, Annapolis, MD. Phase III reporting on historic Calverton Site (18CV22), Calvert County, MD and Phase I excavations and archival research on historic Patterson Park, Baltimore City, MD.
- 2009 Archaeological Field Technician, New South Associates, Gainesville, FL. Phase I.
- 2007 Archaeological Field Technician, R.C. Goodwin and Associates, Inc., Frederick, MD. Phase I and phase II (site evaluation).
- 2006 Crew Chief and Archeological Field Technician, Cultural Resources Inc., Frederick, MD. Phase I and Phase III.
- 2004–2007 Archaeological Field Technician, Louis Berger Group Inc. Phase I, II, and III.
- 2005 Archaeological Field Technician, UVM CAP. Phase I, Phase II, Phase III.
- 2005 Archeological Field Technician, The Ottery Group, Silver Springs, MD. Phase I, Phase II, Historic and Prehistoric Phase III.
- 2004 Archaeological Field Technician, University of Maine Farmington (UMF), Archaeological Research Center (ARC). Phase III at the Foote site, Cornwall, VT.
- 2004 Archaeological Field Technician, UVM CAP. Phase I, Phase II, Phase III.