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Education

- 2027 (expected) Ph.D. (Anthropology), University of Michigan
2022 M.A. (Anthropology), University of Michigan
2019 B.S. (Sociology and Anthropology, with honors and distinction), Millsaps College

Current Affiliations

- 2026 Graduate Intern, University of Missouri Research Reactor

Publications ^(†Student co-author)

- 2025 **Brown M.T.**, Weinberg C., Payntar N.D., Tsesmeli L., Larsen L.[†], and Covey R.A. "Ecological variation and early village organization in Cusco, Peru: A GIS-based Approach". *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, vol. 67.
2023 Bélisle V., Alaica A.K., and **Brown M.T.** "Private dinners and public feasts: Food as political action in Middle Horizon Cusco". In *Foodways of the Ancient Andes: Transforming Diet, Cuisine, and Society*, pp. 157-177. University of Arizona Press.

Manuscripts In Prep

- In Prep Bélisle V., Delgado González C., and **Brown M.T.** "Chanapata and Derived Chanapata pottery". In *Las Antigua Tradiciones Alfareras de la Región del Cuzco*, edited by Bauer B.S.
In Prep Bélisle V. and **Brown M.T.** "Marcavalle pottery". In *Las Antigua Tradiciones Alfareras de la Región del Cuzco*, edited by Bauer B.S.
In Prep **Brown M.T.**, Orlikoff E., Marsh G.[†], Bustamante H.Q. "Boxes for the dead: Domestic mortuary practice in Cusco, Peru"
In Prep **Brown M.T.**, Beggen I., Bustamante H.Q., and Bélisle V. "Toolstone exchange and pre-Inka use of the Rumiqlolqa Quarry"

Research Funding

External

- 2025 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Emergent Inequality in the Andes, recommended for funding. *National Science Foundation*. \$21,317
PI: Joyce Marcus, Co-PI: Matthew T. Brown
- 2025 Subsidization Grant for laboratory analysis at the Field Museum of Natural History, *National Science Foundation*.
- 2023 Lewis and Clark Exploration Fund, *American Philosophical Society*. \$5,000
- 2020 Subsidization Grant for laboratory analysis at the University of Missouri Research Reactor, *National Science Foundation*.

Internal

- 2025 Griffin Endowment Fellowship, *University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*. \$10,000
- 2024 Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Research Fund, *University of Michigan*. \$5,000
- 2023 Rackham International Research Award, *University of Michigan*. \$7,500
- 2023 Rackham Candidate Research Grant, *University of Michigan*. \$3,000
- 2022 James B. Griffin Scholarship Fund, *University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*. \$4,000
- 2022 Global Individual Grant, *University of Michigan*. \$3,250
- 2022 Rackham Precandidate Research Grant, *University of Michigan*. \$1,500
- 2022 Mary Sue and Kenneth Coleman Global Experience Fund, *University of Michigan*. \$2,500
- 2021 Summer Research Grant, *Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia*. \$1,000
- 2021 Linda Britton and John R. Halsey Great Lakes Research Fund, *University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*. \$1,000
- 2020 Latin American & Caribbean Studies - Tinker Field Research Grant, *University of Michigan*. \$2,200
- 2020 Wes and Shelley Cowan Graduate Fund for Scientific Analysis, *University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*. \$1,500
- 2020–2022 Summer Research Grant, *Dept. of Anthropology, University of Michigan*. \$12,000

Fellowships & Awards

- 2026 Rackham Doctoral Intern Fellowship, *University of Michigan*. \$21,723
- 2024 Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship, *University of Michigan*. \$25,980

2023	Rackham Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, nominated by department, <i>University of Michigan</i>
2022	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, <i>Dept. of Anthropology, University of Michigan</i>
2022–2024	International Institute Travel Grant, <i>University of Michigan</i> . \$900
2020–2025	Rackham Conference Travel Grant, <i>University of Michigan</i> . \$4,400
2019	First-Year Fellowship, <i>Dept. of Anthropology, University of Michigan</i> .
2019	Frances and L.B. Jones Award in Anthropology, <i>Millsaps College</i>
2019	Latin American Studies Award, <i>Millsaps College</i>
2019	Excellence on comprehensive exams, <i>Millsaps College</i>

Field Projects

Present	Director, PIA Muyumoqo, Cusco, Peru
2025	Excavation supervisor, PIA Machu Asillo, Asillo, Peru
2023	Excavator, Maumee Archaeological Landscape Project, Perrysburg, Ohio
2021–2023	Excavator, Belson Clovis Site, Athens, Michigan
2022	Director, Archaeological Reconnaissance of Formative Sites in Cusco, Peru
2019, 2022	Excavation Supervisor, PIA Kaninkunka, Cusco, Peru
2021	Surveyor, Post-Classic Site Survey in Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico
2021	Surveyor, Regional Archaeology in the Peja and Istog Districts, Kosovo
2018	Excavator, Bolonchén Regional Archaeological Project, Yucatan, Mexico
2017	Lab Assistant, PIA Ak'awillay, Cusco, Peru

Teaching Positions

2024	AnthrArc 386: <i>Early Civilizations</i> , Graduate Student Instructor
2023	AnthrBio 368: <i>Primate Social Behavior</i> , Graduate Student Instructor
2022	SOAN 3410: <i>Archaeology in the Land of the Inkas</i> , Fieldschool Assistant
2021–2022	Anthrcul 101: <i>Introduction to Anthropology</i> , Head Graduate Student Instructor
2020–2021	Anthrcul 101: <i>Introduction to Anthropology</i> , Graduate Student Instructor

Course Design

2023–2025	Foundational Course Initiative: Introduction to Anthropology, <i>University of Michigan</i>
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Thesis Advising

2025–2026	Jean-Philippe Lambert - Trent University, Masters
2025–2026	Patrick Phang del Pozo - University of Michigan, Undergraduate
2024–2025	Gabrielle Marsh - University of Michigan, Undergraduate Title: "Gender, Death, and Rank: An Analysis of Mortuary Contexts from Late Formative Cusco, Peru" [‡]

[‡]Winner, Excellence in honors research and academic achievement

Undergraduate Mentoring

2023–2025	Patrick Phang del Pozo Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program & Research Scholars University of Michigan
2022–2025	Leah Larsen Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program & Research Scholars University of Michigan
2024	Victoria Kvasnikov University of Michigan
2024	Melanie Pitt Michigan State University

Research Positions

Present	Database manager, Cusco Survey Database
2025	Research Assistant, Jeffrey Parsons Collection, <i>University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology</i>
2025	Research Assistant, African Archaeology Range, <i>University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology</i>
2022–2023	Research Assistant, Latin American Range, <i>University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology</i>
2022	GIS and Database Consultant, <i>University of Texas-Austin</i>

Conference Activity

Sessions Organized

2025	New Advances in Cusco Archaeology: From the Formative to Late Horizon. Co-organized with Julia Earle. Society for American Archaeology 90 th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
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Invited Papers

- 2024 **Brown M.T.** and Bustamante H.Q. "Muyumoqo: Nuevas perspectiva sobre la ocupación Formativa de Chit'apampa". Conferencia de Arqueología Regional. Cusco, PE.

Papers (†Student co-author)

- 2026 **Brown M.T.**, Orlikoff E., Marsh G.†, Bustamante H.Q. "Boxes for the dead: Domestic mortuary practice in Cusco, Peru". To be presented at Society for American Archaeology 91st Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2025 **Brown M.T.**, Beggen I., Bustamante H.Q., and Bélisle V. "Andesite exchange networks from the Formative to the Middle Horizon in Cusco". Society for American Archaeology 90th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2024 **Brown M.T.** and Bustamante H.Q. "Unraveling the political and economic complexities of Late Formative (600 BCE - 200 CE) Cusco: A view from Muyumoqo". Society for American Archaeology 89th Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2024 **Brown M.T.** "Muyumoqo: An emerging center in Late Formative (600 BCE - 200 CE) Cusco". 50th Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory.
- 2023 **Brown M.T.** "Muyumoqo: Preliminary results from a Late Formative (600 BCE - 200 CE) center in Cusco, Peru. University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Brown Bag Lecture Series.
- 2023 **Brown M.T.** "Muyumoqo: Preliminary results from a Late Formative (600 BCE - 200 CE) site in the Chit'apampa Basin, Cusco, Peru". Society for American Archaeology 88th Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2020 Bélisle V., Alaica A.K., and **Brown M.T.** "Private and public consumption: Considering diet and social inequality at the Middle Horizon site of Ak'awillay Cusco, Peru". Society for American Archaeology 85th Annual Meeting. Online AMERIND session.

Posters (†Student co-author)

- 2025 Phang del Pozo P.† and **Brown M.T.** "Obsidian trade networks in Late Formative (500 BC - 200 AD) Cusco: Insights from Muyumoqo". Society for American Archaeology 90th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2025 Gabrielle M.† and **Brown M.T.** "Gender, death, and rank: An analysis of mortuary contexts at Late Formative (600 BCE - 200 CE) Muyumoqo, Cusco, Peru". Society for American Archaeology 90th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2025 Larsen L.† and **Brown M.T.** "Understanding the evolution of social organization in pre-Inka Cusco, Peru. Society for American Archaeology 90th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2024 Larsen L.† and **Brown M.T.** "Viewshed and network analysis of Late Formative (600 BCE - 200 CE) Chit'apampa Cuzco, Peru". Society for American Archaeology 89th Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

- 2019 **Brown M.T.** and Bélisle V. "A study of social inequality at the prehistoric Andean site of Ak'awillay". Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2019 Bélisle V., Bustamante H.Q., Davis A., González C.D., and **Brown M.T.** "Evaluating Wari impact on regional trade networks: Patterns of obsidian exchange in Cusco, Peru before and during the Middle Horizon". Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM.

Selected Service

- 2024–2026 Committee on Community Life, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, *University of Michigan*
- 2024 Graduate Student Admissions Committee, *Department of Anthropology*
- 2023 Department By-Laws Committee, Department of Anthropology, *University of Michigan*
- 2020–2023 AUGMENT Mentor Program, Department of Anthropology, *University of Michigan*
- 2020–2023 Coordinator, Andean Circle, *University of Michigan*
- 2022 Curator Appointment Committee, *Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*
- 2022 Curator's Meeting Graduate Student Representative, *Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*
- 2021–2022 Student Organizing Committee, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Centennial, *University of Michigan*
- 2020–2021 Speaker Series Committee, *Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*
- 2019–2022 Organizer, Brown Bag Lecture Series, *Museum of Anthropological Archaeology*

Professional Memberships

- 2023–Pres. Society for Archaeological Sciences
- 2019–Pres. Society for American Archaeology

Languages

English - Native

Spanish - Intermediate

Skills

Statistics: R, JMP, SPSS
GIS: ArcGIS, Drone2Map

Photogrammetry: Agisoft, RealityCapture
Adobe: Illustrator, Photoshop

Version Control: Git
Drone-based imaging
Portable X-ray Fluorescence

MALDI-TOF
Stable Isotope Prep and Analysis
ZooMS

References available upon request.