THOMAS J. SNYDER

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EDUCATION

2019 – Present	University of California, Davis, California – PhD Candidate in Anthropology – Major Professor: Dr. Jelmer Eerkens
2019 – 2021	University of California, Davis, California
2015 – 2019	 Master of Arts in Anthropology Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
	 Bachelor of Arts with Highest Honors in Anthropology Honors Thesis: "Reconstructing Diet in the Aftermath of Wari Imperial Decline: Stable Isotope Analysis of Human Remains
	from Huari-Monqachayoq-Solano, Peru." (Advisor: Dr. Tiffiny A. Tung)

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Climate change, bioarchaeology, osteology, sociopolitical buffering systems, stable isotope analysis, Andean archaeology

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022	UC Davis Hemispheric Institute on the Americas Summer Research Fellowship
	(\$1500)
2021	Evolutionary Anthropology Summer Fellowship (\$3000)
2019 - 2020	UC Davis' Provost's Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities, and Social
	Sciences (\$58,302)
2019	Grant from the Vanderbilt University College of Arts and Science for
	presenting student research at the Annual Meeting of the Society for
	American Archaeology (\$400)
2018	Grant from the Vanderbilt University College of Arts and Science for
	presenting student research at the Annual Meeting of the American
	Association of Physical Anthropology (\$400)
2017	Rankin Scholar, Vanderbilt Center for Classical and Mediterranean
	Studies (\$3000)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2023	Climate change intensified violence in the south-central Andean highlands from
	1.5 to 0.5 ka. TJ Snyder , R Haas, Quaternary Research, Cambridge University
	Press. https://doi.org/10.1017/qua.2023.23
2019	The limited efficacy of 3D models for teaching students sex
	estimations based on cranial traits: A case for investment in

osteology teaching labs. SC Kuzminsky, **TJ Snyder**, TA Tung. International Journal of Osteoarchaeology. https://doi.org/10.1002/oa.2841

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020	UC Davis Rodman-Mitani Award (\$750)
2018 - 2019	Vanderbilt University's Dean List
2017	Engaged Anthropology Award, from the Vanderbilt Anthropology Department
	for anthropological research that engages the community (\$200)

PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

2023	Snyder TJ, Haas R. "Climate Change Intensifies Violence in the South Central
	Andean Highlands, 1.5–0.5 ka" Society of American Archaeology. April 2023
2022	Snyder TJ, Haas R. "Quantifying the Utility of Satellite Survey for
	Archaeological Site Discovery: An Experimental Analysis in Southern Peru"
	Society of American Archaeology. April 2022
2021	Snyder TJ, Washburn E, Hull B, Oelze V, Haas R. "Strontium and Oxygen
	Isotope Analysis Indicates Restricted Mobility Among Early Foragers in the
	Highland Andes" American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Virtual,
	April 2021

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Snyder TJ, Whittemore AF, Schach E. "Inka on the South Coast: An
osteobiographical analysis of an early imperial encounter" Western
Bioarchaeology Interest Group. Riverside, CA, October 2022
Snyder TJ, Soares S, Haas R. "Drought Induced Violence on the Andean
Altiplano 470 – 1532 CE: A Bioarchaeological Meta-Analysis of Conflict of
Climate Change" Institute of Andean Studies. Berkeley, CA, January 2022.
Snyder TJ, Vang N, Tung T.A. "Reconstructing Childhood Diet in the Aftermath
of Wari Imperial Decline: Stable Carbon Isotope Analysis of Human
Dentition from Huari-Monqachayoq Solano, Peru" Society for American
Archaeology. Albuquerque, NM, April 2019.
Snyder TJ, Kuzminksy S, Tung T.A. "The Efficacy of 3D Models for Sex-
Scoring Crania from Archaeological Contexts in Southern Peru,"
American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Austin, TX, April
2018.

LAB EXPERIENCE

2016 – 2019 Lab Assistant: Vanderbilt Bioarchaeology Stable Isotope Research Lab

- Processed archaeological and modern samples of bone and teeth chemicals for mass spectrometry and stable isotope studies of carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen.
- Managed database of human, faunal, floral, and water samples for stable isotopes studies

- Assessed cranial trauma, sex, and cranial vault modification from a variety of Andean sites; compiled a database of findings to assess patterns of violence
- Compiled database of mitochondrial DNA single nucleotide polymorphisms
- Assisted in training undergraduate and high school students in basic laboratory procedures and bioarchaeology

FIELD EXPERIENCE

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2022	Field School Teaching Assistant: University of North Carolina, Greensboro
	 Taught human osteology in Moquegua, Peru. Assisted to organize
	logistics for field analysis of archaeological artifacts and human
	remains internationally.
2021	Field School Volunteer: University of California, Davis
	 Crew chief for archaeological surveys in the western Great Basin
	 Excavated Great Basin Lithic Assemblages
	 Returned artifacts recovered through surface collection and excavation
	to their original positions per tribal organization request.
2017	Field Assistant: Proyecto Bio-Arequeológico de Arequipa
	 Inventoried, photographed, and analyzed commingled skeletal remains
	from the Peruvian archaeological sites
	 Created detailed 3D models of crania using NextEngine 3D Laser
	Scanner and ScanStudio laser scanning device and software
	 Worked with an international team of scholars to analyze salvaged
	osteological samples

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023	Associate Instructor: University of California, Davis ANT 175: Andean
	Prehistory: Archaeology of the Inka & Their Ancestors
2022	Field School Teaching Assistant: University of North Carolina, Greensboro:
	Human Osteology
2022	Head Teaching Assistant: University of California, Davis ANT 01: <i>Human</i>
	Evolutionary Biology
2022	Teaching Assistant: University of California, Davis ANT 01: <i>Human</i>
	Evolutionary Biology
2021	Teaching Assistant: University of California, Davis ANT 101: <i>Ecology, Nature</i> ,
	and Society (Virtual)
2021	Teaching Assistant: University of California, Davis ANT 01: Human
	Evolutionary Biology (Virtual)
2020	Co-Instructor: University of California, Davis FYS: Skeletons in our Closet
	Talking Diversity in the Quest for Human Origins (Virtual)
2020	Teaching Assistant: University of California, Davis ANT 15: Human Life Cycle
2019	Teaching Assistant: Vanderbilt University UNIV 3330: <i>The History and Science</i>
	of Brewing

OUTREACH & SERVICE

2021-2022 UC Davis Department of Anthropology Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member

- Organized departmental discussions on issues regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Invited guest speakers for presentations on issues ranging from the presence of on-campus policing to departmental NAGPRA compliance
- Drafted departmental DEIC statement in collaboration with other scholars

The UC Davis Department of Anthropology Museum Education Outreach Program

• Presented short lectures on archeology with hands-on activities for elementary and high school students in the greater Sacramento area

POPULAR AND UNIVERSITY PRESS

2023 Climate Change Likely Led to Violence in Early Andean Populations by Karen Nikos-Rose. UC Davis News.

https://www.ucdavis.edu/curiosity/news/climate-change-led-violence-among-early-andes-settlers

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2021 – Present	Society for Archaeological Sciences
2018 – Present	Society for American Archaeology
2017 – Present	American Association of Biological Anthropology

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH - Native SPANISH – Intermediate

REFERENCES

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