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## EDUCATION

- M.A. University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology** 2002  
"Contiguity and Continuity: The Dialectic between the Particular and the General in the Prehistoric and Historic Virginia Coastal Plain"
- B.A. Rutgers University** 1998  
Anthropology (major) and History (minor)
- Jamestown Rediscovery Project Archaeological Field School** 1997

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Washington and Lee University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology**  
*Instructor of Anthropology and Research Archaeologist* 2013-present  
Teach one or two classes during the Fall and Winter terms, and a class every Spring Term
- University of Virginia/Monticello Archaeology Field School**  
*Teaching Assistant* 2001-2012  
Taught undergraduate and graduate students all aspects of on-site field and laboratory methods, as well as the theoretical grounding of these methods within the broader archaeological, historical and social contexts within which they were situated
- Washington and Lee University/Monticello Archaeology Field School**  
*Teaching Assistant* 2009-2010  
Acted as full-time institutional liaison during W&L's excavations at Monticello during the Spring Term on site and in the laboratory supporting W&L faculty's instruction of their students in excavation, recording, analysis, and interpretive methods
- University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology**  
*Course Instructor* 2005  
Designed course and performed all aspects of instruction, mentoring, and grading  
(*The Hereafter: An Anthropology of Death*)
- University of Virginia, Department of Athletics**  
*Tutor and Mentor* 2004-2010  
Tutored and mentored student-athletes in small groups and individually in all four fields of anthropology, and study skills more broadly  
(*Archaeology, cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and linguistic anthropology*)

## **University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology**

*Grader*

2002-2004

Attended lectures and graded papers/exams

(*Vernacular Architecture, Cities in History, and Don Juan and Castaneda*)

## **University of Virginia, Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies**

*Teaching Assistant*

2001-2002

Led discussion sections and graded papers/exams

(*Introduction to African and African American History, and Current Issues in African American History*)

## **University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology**

*Teaching Assistant*

1999-2004

Led discussion sessions and graded papers/exams

(*Symbol and Ritual; Nationalism, Racism and Multiculturalism; Ecology and Society; Language and Culture; Rise of Civilization*)

## **University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology, Monasukapanough Field School**

*Teaching Assistant*

2000

Supervised excavation, taught field methods and Monacan history to undergraduate students

(*Archaeology Field School at Monasukapanough*)

## **James Madison University/Montpelier**

*Teaching Assistant*

1999

Instructed students in methods of site excavation, recording and analysis

(*Archaeological Field School at James Madison's Montpelier*)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Gaylord, Donald

Draft "The Rise of Slavery in the Valley of Virginia and its Enduring Influence on the Landscape of Lexington and Rockbridge County, Virginia" in *A Legacy of Scholarship: A Collection of Papers in Honor of John M. McDaniel by His Students and Associates*. Edited by Parker B. Potter Jr., John D. Metz, and Kurt C. Russ. *The James G. Leyburn Papers in Anthropology, Volume IV*. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Liberty Hall Press, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

Bell, Alison, Donald Gaylord, and Kristin Sharman

2019 "All My Little Might of Money": Signaling, Structure, and Mobility among the Middling in Nineteenth-Century Virginia and Kentucky. *Historical Archaeology* 53 (2): 372-392.

## **COURSES**

- SOAN 101: Introduction to Anthropology
- SOAN 181: Exploring Monacan, Scots-Irish, and African-American Socio-Cultural Landscapes in the Great Valley of Virginia (first-year seminar)
- SOAN 206: Archaeology
- SOAN 210: Field Methods in Archaeology
- SOAN 211: Laboratory Methods in Archaeology
- SOAN/HIST 230: Discovering W&L's Origins Using Historical Archaeology
- SOAN 291: The Archaeology of Virginia's Presidents (special topics in anthropology)
- SOAN 291: Collective Memory: Anthropology of Memorialization (special topics in anthropology)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Enslavement of African Americans in colonial and ante-bellum Virginia
- Anthropological analysis of the concept of property
- Anthropological analysis of mortuary practices and beliefs
- Statistical analysis of archaeological assemblages; spatial and temporal patterning
- Use of physical science methods in archaeology
- Historical research in colonial and antebellum North America
- Settlement patterns and agricultural practices (17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> centuries) in the Mid Atlantic
- Woodland and contact-period Native American social dynamics in Virginia

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

### **Washington and Lee University, Laboratory of Anthropology**

*Research Archaeologist*

2013-Present

Manage the field and laboratory work of the Sociology and Anthropology Department Archaeology program, managing our extensive collections,

### **Thomas Jefferson's Monticello**

*Archaeological Analyst*

2005-2012

Spent approximately six months of the year in the field (supervising and conducting archaeological surveys, excavating and recording archaeological sites, teaching field methods to students and junior staff), and six months a year in the laboratory (entering site and artifact data into the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery/DAACS, generating site maps and 3D –spatial renderings of landscapes and historic structures, performing historical research/web-publishing site reports, and using SAS to conduct quantitative analysis of data) at Monticello and associated properties

*Field Assistant and Lab Assistant*

2000- 2005

Split responsibilities between the field (participating in archaeological surveys and excavation/site recording) and laboratory (processing, cataloging and analyzing artifacts) at Monticello and associated properties

### **James River Institute for Archaeology, Williamsburg, Virginia**

*Archaeological Field Supervisor and Draftsman*

1998- 1999

Oversaw junior staff in field projects (survey and excavation), producing field maps for publications and assisting in producing site reports (Paleo Indian – 19<sup>th</sup> century)

*Archaeological Field Technician*

1997- 1998

Survey and excavation of archaeological sites, ensuring compliance of regulations for private firm archaeological contracting; laboratory work included artifact cataloging and flotation of soil samples (Paleo Indian – 19<sup>th</sup> century)

### **Audrey Noël Hume Center for Archaeological Research, Jamestown, Virginia**

*Archaeological Field Technician*

1998

Member of field crew excavating and recording early 17<sup>th</sup>-century sites in Virginia

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Archaeological survey and site identification using manual methods (shovel test pit surveys) as well as experience with remote sensing including resistivity, ground-penetrating radar, and magnetometry
- Excavation of archaeological sites (Phases I – III) and all aspects of horizontal and vertical site mapping including photography and drawing
- Experience in geoarchaeological field sampling and analytical techniques including soil chemistry, grain size, XRF, OSL, and magnetic resonance dating
- Collecting, processing, and sorting of flotation samples
- Ecological sampling and analysis including pollen, phytoliths and dendro-ecology
- Drafting and digital rendering techniques ranging from pen on Mylar, and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) to 3D modeling using photogrammetry for rendering site features and former structures
- Creating and manipulating graphics using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop
- Spatial distribution of data and site structure using SURFER and MicroStation
- Quality control of data entry and paperwork management
- Experience with relational databases, artifact cataloguing, and querying using Microsoft Access
- Identification of artifacts from prehistoric and historic eras (Paleo-Indian through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century)
- Statistical analyses of artifact assemblages (descriptive and inferential methods ranging from t-tests to correspondence and principal component analysis)

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2024**    **Gaylord, Donald**  
*Landscape History and the Built Environment at Liberty Hall*. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology annual meetings in New Orleans.
- 2023**    **Gaylord, Donald and Arthur Rodrigues**  
*Investigating Yard Spaces and Landscape at Liberty Hall*. Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings in Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2022**    **Gaylord, Donald and Alison Bell**  
*“Saying Their Names”: Decolonizing Interpretation of the Liberty Hall Academic and Plantation Landscape*. Paper presented via video recording at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2020**    **Bell, Alison and Donald Gaylord**  
*Painted, Molded, Printed, Sponged: Ceramics from Two Communities at One Site*. Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2019**    **Gaylord, Donald and Alison Bell**  
*A Comparative Analysis of Ceramic Assemblages from Slave Plantation Sites in the Valley and Piedmont of Virginia*. Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology annual meetings in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2018**    **Gaylord, Donald**  
*The Rise of Slavery in Lexington and its Hinterlands*. Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- 2018**    **Gaylord, Donald**  
*The Rise of Slavery in the Valley of Virginia and its Enduring Presence on the Landscape of Lexington and Rockbridge County*. Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- 2017 Ptacek, Crystal and Donald Gaylord**  
*Preparing for the Future or Investing in the Present? Assemblages from an Overseer's Site and Enslaved Laborers' Quarters.* Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 2016 Gaylord, Donald**  
*Revisiting a Stratified Random Sample of the 18th-Century Liberty Hall Campus of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.* Paper presented at the Society for American Archaeology annual meetings, Orlando, Florida.
- 2016 Gaylord, Donald**  
*Enslavement at Liberty Hall: Archaeology, History, and Silence on an Ante-Bellum College Campus and Slave Plantation in the Valley of Virginia.* Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings, Washington, DC.
- 2015 Gaylord, Donald**  
*Revisiting a Stratified Random Sample of the 18th-Century Liberty Hall Campus of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.* Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Ocean City, Maryland.
- 2014 Bell, Alison and Donald Gaylord**  
*Reading Ceramic Use Wear: A Twist in the Plot.* Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings, Quebec City, Quebec.
- 2013 Dudley, Chelsea, Karen Lyle, Donald Gaylord, and Alison Bell**  
*Measuring Diversity to Identify Residential Group Types: Buttons from the Longdale Mining Community.* Poster presented at the Virginia Social Sciences Association annual meetings, Richmond, Virginia.
- 2012 Gaylord, Donald, Alison Bell and Erika Vaughn**  
*Site Dating and Ceramic Use Wear: Factors Contributing to Variation.* Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology annual meetings, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 2012 Gaylord, Donald, Erika Vaughn and Alison Bell**  
*Quantifying Use Wear on Early 19th-Century Refined Earthenwares: Implications for Interpreting Mean Ceramic Dates and Variability in Consumer Behavior.* Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings, January, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2010 Gaylord, Donald and Derek Wheeler**  
*The Stewart-Watkins Site at Monticello: an Investigation of Site Structure at the Domestic Sites of Free White Laborers and Enslaved African Americans.* Poster presented at the Society for American Archaeology annual meetings, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2007 Gaylord, Donald**  
*Space and Place at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.* Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- 2006 Wheeler, Derek, Donald Gaylord and Fraser Neiman**  
*What Can We Learn from Sediment Chemistry About Land Use History at Monticello?* Paper presented at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meetings, Sacramento, California.
- 2001 Gaylord, Donald**  
*Contiguity and Continuity: The Dialectic between the Particular and the General in the Prehistoric and Historic, Virginia Coastal Plain.* Paper presented at the Middle-Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE REPORTS

- Draft Gaylord, Donald**  
*Revisiting a Stratified Random-Sample at the Site of Liberty Hall (44RB0175) in Advance of Parking Lot Construction.* Laboratory of Anthropology, Washington and Lee University.

- Draft Gaylord, Donald**  
*Chavis Hall Archaeology: Summary Report of Excavations at 44RB0489-004 on the Washington and Lee University Colonnade.* Laboratory of Anthropology, Washington and Lee University.
- Draft Gaylord, Donald**  
*Jordan's Point and East Lexington, Virginia: A Crossroads of Transportation and Industry in Antebellum Virginia.* Laboratory of Anthropology, Washington and Lee University.
- 1999 Fesler, Garrett, Martha McCartney and Donald Gaylord**  
*Phase I Archaeological Survey of 3.9 Acres at the Armed Forces Experimental Training Activity, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia.* James River Institute for Archaeology.
- 1999 Fesler, Garrett, Martha McCartney and Donald Gaylord**  
*Phase I Archaeological Survey of 8 Acres of the Proposed Lightfoot Miller Mart, York County, Virginia.* James River Institute for Archaeology.
- 1998 Laird, Matthew, Martha McCartney and Donald Gaylord**  
*Phase III Data Recovery Investigations at Site 44JC563 at The Governor's Land at Two Rivers, James City County, Virginia.* James River Institute for Archaeology.
- 1998 Laird, Matthew, Martha McCartney and Donald Gaylord**  
*Phase I Archaeological Survey of 11 Acres of the Proposed James Point II Nursing Home Property, James City County, Virginia.* James River Institute for Archaeology.

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

### National Science Foundation

Co-Principal Investigator on grant 1337481, "MRI: Fiber Optic Reflectance Spectrometry and Multispectral Imaging Applied to University Collections of Art and History at Washington and Lee University." **2013**

### Washington and Lee University

Lenfest Summer Research Grant **2013-2025**

### University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology

Harrison Fellowship **1999-2002**

DuPont Fellowship **1999-2002**

### Rutgers University, Department of Anthropology

Bigel Endowment **1997**

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association

Society for American Archaeology

Society for Historical Archaeology

Archaeological Society of Virginia, Chapter President: Upper James River Chapter

## MILITARY EXPERIENCE: UNITED STATES NAVY (1986 – 1992)

### EDUCATION

<u>Nuclear Power Training Unit, Windsor, Connecticut</u> <i>Quality Control Inspector Training Program</i>	1990
Nuclear Power Training Unit, Windsor, Connecticut <i>Staff Instructor Training Program</i>	1989
<u>Nuclear Power Training Unit, Windsor, Connecticut</u> <i>Submarine Nuclear Reactor Operator Qualification Program</i>	1988
<u>Naval Nuclear Power School, Orlando, Florida</u> <i>Nuclear Reactor Operator</i>	1988
<u>Naval Nuclear Field Electronics Technician 'A' School, Orlando, Florida</u> <i>Electronics Technician</i>	1987

### TEACHING

USS Key West (SSN-722), Norfolk, Virginia Training Petty Officer	1991-1992
Nuclear Power Training Unit, Windsor, Connecticut Staff Instructor and Training Petty Officer	1989-1990

### MEDALS, RIBBONS, and COMMENDATIONS

- Navy Battle "E" Ribbon for duties as a member of the top ship in Submarine Squadron Eight
- Navy Expeditionary Medal for operations of a classified nature
- Navy Good Conduct Medal for continuous, unblemished service greater than four years
- National Defense Service Medal for military service during time of war
- Navy Arctic Service Ribbon for continuous duty above the Arctic circle greater than thirty days
- Navy Sea Service Ribbon for continuous duty at sea greater than ninety days
- Letter of Commendation Commander Submarine Squadron Eight, M.C. Haley, Captain, USN
- Letter of Commendation Commanding Officer NPTU, Windsor, D.B. Hatch, Commander, USN
- Letter of Commendation Commanding Officer NPTU, Windsor, C.D. Hayes, Commander, USN