

Helen Blouet, PhD

EDUCATION:

- 2010 Ph.D.**, Anthropology, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University.
Dissertation: "Marking Life and Death on St. John, Virgin Islands, 1718-1950: An Historical Archaeology of Commemoration through Objects, Space, and Transformation."
- 2006 M.A.**, Anthropology, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University.
- 2001 B.A.**, Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, The College of William and Mary. *Magna Cum Laude*.

EMPLOYMENT:

Utica University, Utica, NY

Chair, Department of Sociology & Anthropology	2015-present
Full Professor	2020-present
Associate Professor	2013-2020
Assistant Professor	2009-2013
Adjunct Professor	2006-2009

Valencia College, Orlando, FL

Adjunct Professor, on-campus and online instruction	2013-2015
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Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

Adjunct Professor, on-campus instruction	Spring 2009
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Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Graduate Teaching Fellow and Teaching Consultant	2005-2007
Archaeology Summer Field School Teaching Assistant	2003-2006
Teacher's Assistant and Future Professoriate Program Associate	2002-2005

The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA

Technician, William & Mary Center for Archaeological Research	2001-2002
Teacher's Assistant, William and Mary Archaeology Summer Field School	1999

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Campus Service, Utica University:

- Institutional-, Program-, and Course-Level Academic Assessment, 2009-present
 - Review and revise relationships between goals at institutional, program, and course levels
 - Assess achievement of institutional-, program-, and course-level goals based on measurements of student personal and professional growth, including writing and critical thinking skills
- Search Committee Chair and Member for faculty and staff hiring, 2013-present
- Departmental Budget Development, Management, and Analysis, 2015-present
- Secretary, Advisory Council for the Institute for the Study of Integrative Healthcare, 2021-present
- Distinguished Professor Review Committee, Spring 2021
- Faculty Senate Nominating Committee, 2019-2021, elected representative and Chair
- Faculty Affairs Committee, 2017-2019, elected representative
- Middle States Review Sub-Committee, 2016-2017: Standard IV: Utica's commitment to student retention, persistence, completion, and success
- Joint Conference of Trustees, Administrators, and Faculty, 2012-2014, appointed representative
- Faculty Senate Executive Council Member, 2011-2014, elected representative

- Chair, Academic Technology Committee (ATC), 2011-2014, elected representative (Member only in 2010-2011)
- Co-Chair and planner of the 2011 meeting for the Conference on Northeast Historical Archaeology

Student and Faculty Advising, Utica University:

- Sociology and Anthropology Department Student Advisor, 2009-present
- Sociology and Anthropology Department Faculty Mentor, 2013-present
- Presenter and Advisor at Department and Career Fairs
- Presenter and Advisor at Utica University Recruitment Fairs and Accepted Student Days
- College-Bound High School Senior Mentor

Curriculum Development, Utica University:

- Responsive development, maintenance, assessment, and transformation of multidisciplinary programs across Utica's curriculum, including Sociology & Anthropology, General Education, Data Science, Health and Society, Global Citizenship, and Gender Studies

HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Since the 2009-2010 academic year at Utica, I have taught a range of courses both in person and online to students with diverse academic interests and backgrounds. I also collaborate with other faculty in course design and management. The courses I teach include:

- Introduction to Anthropology
- Introduction to Archaeology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Race and Ethnicity
- Human Beings in Evolutionary Perspective
- Caribbean Peoples and Cultures
- Native American Cultures and History
- Archaeology of North America and the Caribbean
- Cultures, Health, and Healing: Perspectives on Illness across the Globe

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

Utica University:

- Faculty Leadership Award: 2013, 2012, 2010
- Certificate of Recognition in Leadership, National Society of Leadership and Success, Utica Chapter: 2013
- Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Fostering a Diverse Campus Community: 2011
- Clark Fellowship Research Grant: 2011
- Faculty Recognition and Appreciation Award, Women's Basketball Team: 2012 and 2022

Syracuse University:

- Certificate in University Teaching: 2010
- Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs Research Award: 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004
- Friends of the Virgin Islands National Park Graduate Student Research Award: 2005, 2004
- Teacher's Assistant Scholarship: 2002-2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Inclusive, Collaborative, and Interdisciplinary Pedagogy
- Public Archaeology
- Comparative Archaeology and Anthropology of Florida, the Americas, and the Caribbean
- Death and Commemoration

TEACHING & RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS:

In Progress. "Funerary Practices and Grave Goods." A chapter to be included in the edited volume, *Oxford Handbook on the Comparative Archaeology of Slavery*.

In Progress. "Material Culture and Materialities of Decolonization." A chapter to appear in the edited volume, *Elements of Empire: Material Perspectives*.

2021. "Negotiating Tension and Change Through Religion, Mortuary Practices, and Burial Sites Within African-Descent and Moravian Communities in the Caribbean." *Historical Archaeology*. 55: 533-549. DOI: 10.1007/s41636-021-00302-7

2020. "Teaching Interdisciplinary Archaeology: Our Students as Future Agents of Change." *Advances in Archaeological Practice*. 8(1): 15-24. DOI: 10.1017/aap.2019.41

2019. "Past Reality Meets Reality Television and Social Media: Southern Charm as a Tool in Education, Outreach, and Scholarship." *Journal of African Diaspora Archaeology and Heritage*. 8(3): 273-287. DOI: 10.1080/21619441.2019.1674482

2018. "Moravian Cemeteries on Barbados: Sites of Historical, Social, and Political Change." *Journal of African Diaspora Archaeology and Heritage*. 7(3): 265-286. DOI: 10.1080/21619441.2019.1628420

2018. Book Review. John Chenoweth. *Simplicity, Equality, and Slavery: An Archaeology of Quakerism in the British Virgin Islands, 1740-1780*. University Press of Florida. 2017. 266 pages, 36 Figs., 13 Tables, Index. \$74.95 Hardcover. In *Historical Archaeology* 52(2): 528-530. Sole author. Peer-reviewed journal.

2018. "Caribbean Historical Archaeology." *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology*, edited by Claire Smith. New York: Springer Press. 1156-1160. Sole author. Peer-reviewed encyclopedia. This is a first revision of the 2014 entry listed below.

2016. "African Moravian Burial Sites on St. John and Barbados: A Comparison of Mortuary Spaces in Lived Experiences and Social Transformations from Slavery to Freedom." In *Archaeologies of Slavery and Freedom in the Caribbean: Exploring the Spaces in Between*, edited by Lynsey Bates, John Chenoweth, and James Delle. Gainesville: U. of Florida Press. Sole author. Peer-reviewed book.

2014. Spatial and Material Transformations in Commemoration on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. In *Materialities of Ritual in the Black Atlantic*, edited by Akin Ogundiran and Paula Saunders. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Sole author. Peer-reviewed book.

2014. "Caribbean Historical Archaeology." *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology*, edited by Claire Smith. New York: Springer Press. 1156-1160. Sole author. Peer-reviewed encyclopedia.

2013. "Interpretations of Burial and Commemoration in Moravian and African Diasporas on St. John, Virgin Islands." *International Journal of Historical Archaeology*. 17 (4): 731-781. Sole author. Peer-reviewed journal.

2013. Book Review: Leland Ferguson. *God's Fields: Landscape, Religion, and Race in Moravian Wachovia*. University Press of Florida. 2011. Cloth Cover, 288 pages. In the *Journal of Moravian History* 13(1): 101-106. Sole author. Peer-reviewed journal.

2011. Conference Program and Proceedings. Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, Utica, New York. Printed by the Utica College Copy Center. Co-authored with Dr. Thomas Crist.

2010. "Transitions in Moravian Burial and Commemorative Practices in the Former Danish West Indies." *Journal of Moravian History*, Number 9: 41-67. Sole author. Peer-reviewed journal.

2010. Marking Life and Death on St. John, Virgin Islands, 1718-1950: An Historical Archaeology of Commemoration through Objects, Space, and Transformation. Unpublished Dissertation. Advisor: Professor Douglas Armstrong, Syracuse University.

2007. "Grave Site Identification on St. John, Virgin Islands: The Use of Grave Markers and Commemorative Space during the Danish Colonial Period." *The African Diaspora Archaeology Network December Newsletter*. <http://www.diaspora.uiuc.edu/news1207/news1207.html#5>. Sole author. Peer-reviewed newsletter.

2007. "Symbolic Roles of Commemoration on St. John, Virgin Islands: An Examination of Lifeways and Deathways." In *Proceedings of the XXIst Congress of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology*, edited by Basil Reid, pp. 466-476. St. Augustine, Trinidad: University of the West Indies. Sole author.

2001. "Middle Woodland Settlement in the Interior Coastal Plain: Excavations at 44JC1052 and 44JC1053." *Quarterly Bulletin for the Archaeological Society of Virginia* vol. 56 (3): 127-146. Co-authored with Dr. Martin Gallivan.

TEACHING & RESEARCH CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS:

2022. "Broad Conversations about Race and Ethnicity in the Classroom." Annual Teaching Day, Utica University.

2018. "MUSAC: Multicultural Unity Strategies across the [Utica University] Campus." National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) Conference of New York State. Co-Presented a Panel Discussion with Drs. Kathleen Cullen, Terri Provost, and Ellen Smith, and Utica students. St. Lawrence University.

2018. "Religion, Tension, and Change Documented through Historic Mortuary Practices and Burial Sites on St. John and Barbados." Conference for the Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA.

2017. "Past Reality Meets Reality Television and Social Media: *Southern Charm* as a Tool in Education, Outreach, and Scholarship." Conference on Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT), sponsored in part by the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), in St. Augustine, Florida. Sole author. Peer-reviewed paper.

2016. Archeology in a Box: Teaching Archaeological Methods and Interdisciplinary Problem Solving in the Classroom. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Orlando, FL. Sole author. Peer-reviewed paper. (Also presented at the 2015 Annual Faculty Teaching Day at Utica University.)

2016. Archaeology in the College Classroom: A Tool that Promotes Personal and Professional Development across Disciplines. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. Washington, D.C. Sole author. Peer-reviewed paper.

2014. Moravian Mortuary Genealogies and Social Change in St. John and Barbados. Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. Quebec City, Canada. Sole author. Accepted peer-reviewed paper.

2012. Action, Compromise, and Transformation: Sustaining 18th and 19th Century Moravian Communities in the Virgin Islands and Barbados. 3rd Biennial Conference on Moravian History and Music. Bethlehem, PA. Sole author. Peer-reviewed paper.

2012. Burial Sites, Grave Markers, and Afro-Moravian Identities in the Caribbean. Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology. Baltimore, MD. Sole author.

~I also served as the moderator for my paper session, entitled, “Pushing Daisies.”

2010. The Circulation of Commemoration: Change and Continuity in St. John’s Grave Markers. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, LA. Sole author. Peer-reviewed paper.

2009. No End in Sight: The Utility of Mortuary Studies in the Analysis of Social Variability in St. John and the Caribbean. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, PA. Sole author. Peer-reviewed paper.