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EDUCATION

- Washington University in Saint Louis, St. Louis MO** 2008 – present
PhD Program in Anthropology.
- Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX** 2007 - 2008
PhD Program in Archaeology.
- University of Texas at Austin** 2007
MA Latin American Studies.
Major: Pre-Columbian Art History
Minor: Colonial History of Latin America
Thesis: *Ancient Maya Cosmological Landscapes: Early Classic Mural Paintings from Río Azul, Petén, Guatemala.*
- Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala** 2005
Licenciatura in Archaeology.
Thesis: *La Cerámica del Clásico Temprano de Piedras Negras (350-550 d.C.), [The Early Classic Ceramics of Piedras Negras (350-550 CE)].*
Graduated with recognition for high academic standards.
Awarded for highest departmental average during final three semesters.

FIELD AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- La Corona Regional Archaeological Project** 2008 - present
Excavation and laboratory work.
- El Peru-Waka' Archaeological Project** 2003 - present
Excavation and laboratory work.
Project administrative assistant (2003-2004)
Excavations at La Corona (2006)
- Mesoamerican Archaeological Research Laboratory at the University of Texas at Austin** 2005 – 2006
Pottery Illustration for Dr. Fred Valdez

Piedras Negras Archaeological Project Ceramic analysis and creation of site typology and chronology	2000 – 2002
Middle Motagua Archaeological Program Excavation and mapping at several sites in the valley	1998 – 2002
Archaeological Atlas of Guatemala Excavation at site of Ucanal, Petén	2001
Ermita de la Cruz del Milagro, Antigua Guatemala Archaeological salvage project Colonial ceramic analysis	1999
El Cortijo de las Flores Archaeological Project Salvage excavations in Colonial Antigua Guatemala	1999
Organización de los Derechos Humanos del Arzobispado de Guatemala (ODHAG) Laboratory work with human remains corresponding to the conflict period in Guatemala for identification of individuals.	1998

PUBLICATIONS

Acuña, Mary Jane

- 2008 Piedras Negras Entre los Años 350 a 550 d.C.: Un fragmento de su historia visto a través de la cerámica. In *Arqueología Guatemalteca* Sept., pp. 18-20. Guatemala.
- 2005 *La Cerámica del Clásico Temprano de Piedras Negras (350-550 d.C.)*. Tesis de Licenciatura, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. Available at http://www.famsi.org/research/piedras_negras/pn_project/piedras_negras.htm

Acuña, Mary Jane; Boris Beltrán, Edwin Román and Dámaris Menéndez

- 2002 Evidencia del Desarrollo Doméstico en el Grupo D de La Vega del Cobán, cuenca media del río Motagua, Teculután, Zacapa". In *XV Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala (2001)*, Vol. 2, pp. 665-672. Edited by Juan Pedro Laporte, Héctor Escobedo and Bárbara Arroyo. Museo Nacional de Arqueología y Etnología de Guatemala.

Muñoz, René; Mary Jane Acuña and Griselda Pérez

- 2002 Del Preclásico al Clásico Temprano: La Cerámica de Piedras Negras. In *Utz'ib* Vol. 3, No. 3, pp. 1-11. Asociación Tikal, Guatemala.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Acuña, Mary Jane

- 2008 Limpieza de Trinchera de Saqueo en la Estructura 13R-9. In *Proyecto Arqueológico Regional La Corona*, temporada 2008. Edited by T. Barrientos and M. Canuto. Report submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala.
- 2006 WKCR: Excavaciones de Sondeo en los Grupos A, B y C de La Corona. In *Proyecto Arqueológico El Perú-Waka'*. Report No. 4, 2006 Season. Edited by D. Freidel and H. L. Escobedo, pp. 457-477. Report submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala. Also available at: <http://www.mesoweb.com/resources/informes/Waka2006.html>
- 2005 WK-02: Excavaciones en la Estructura M12-35. In *Proyecto Arqueológico El Perú-Waka'*. Report No. 2, 2004 Season. Edited by D. Freidel and H. L. Escobedo, pp. 37-60. Report submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala. Also available at: <http://www.mesoweb.com/resources/informes/Waka2004.html>
- 2001 Excavaciones en la Estructura 2B del Grupo D del sitio La Vega del Cobán, Teculután, Zacapa. In *Programa de Arqueología del Motagua Medio*, June and November 2000 Season, Report #7 submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala.

Escobedo, Héctor and Mary Jane Acuña

- 2004 WK-02: Excavaciones en la Estructura M12-35. In *Proyecto Arqueológico El Perú-Waka'*. Report No. 1, 2003 Season. Edited by D. Freidel and H. L. Escobedo, pp. 43-70. Report submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala. Also available at: <http://www.mesoweb.com/resources/informes/Waka2003.html>

Paredes, Héctor; Mary Jane Acuña and Dámaris Menéndez

- 2001 Excavaciones en el Grupo A del sitio Los Zanjonés. In *Investigaciones del Programa de Arqueología del Motagua Medio*, June and November 2000 Season, Report #7.

Rich, Michelle; David F. Lee and Mary Jane Acuña

- 2004 Procedimiento de Registro. In *Proyecto Arqueológico El Perú-Waka'* 2003. Report No. 1, 2003 Season. Edited by D. Freidel and H. L. Escobedo, pp. 7-12. Report submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala. Also available at: <http://www.mesoweb.com/resources/informes/Waka2003.html>

Romero, Luis A. and Mary Jane Acuña

- 1999 Excavaciones en el Sitio Arqueológico La Reforma, Huité, Zacapa. In *Investigaciones del Programa de Arqueología del Motagua Medio*, June 1999. Report #6 submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala.

- 1998 Excavaciones en el Municipio de Huité, Zacapa. In *Investigaciones del Programa de Arqueología del Motagua Medio*, November-December 1998. Report #5 submitted to the Institute of History and Anthropology of Guatemala.

PRESENTATIONS

- Paisajes Cosmológicos Mayas: Las Pinturas Murales de Río Azul** 2008
Paper presented at the XXII *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas de Guatemala*. Guatemala.
- The Royal Couple Building at El Perú-Waka'** 2007
Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Austin, TX.
- Ritual and Remembrance at the Northwest Palace Complex, El Perú-Waka'** 2007
(D. F. Lee, J. Piehl, L. Gámez, M. J. Acuña, and V. Matute). Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Austin, TX.
- Period Ending: Ritual Termination at El Perú-Waka'** 2005
(O. Farr, A. L. Arroyave, M. J. Acuña, J. Piehl, and S. Guenter). Paper presented at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C.
- Excavation of a Queen's Tomb at Structure L11-38, El Perú-Waka'** 2005
(D. F. Lee, J. C. Piehl, M. J. Acuña, and V. Matute). Paper presented at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C.
- El Preclásico Terminal en Piedras Negras: La Cerámica de la Fase Pom** 2003
(A. R. Muñoz, M. J. Acuña, and G. Pérez). Paper presented at the XVII *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas de Guatemala*. Guatemala.
- Del Preclásico al Clásico Temprano en Piedras Negras** 2002
(A. R. Muñoz, M. J. Acuña, and G. Pérez). Paper presented at the XVI *Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas de Guatemala*. Guatemala.

- Desarrollo Cultural en el Grupo D del Sitio Arqueológico La Vega del Cobán, Teculután, Zacapa.** 2001
(M. J. Acuña, B. Beltrán, and D. Menéndez). Paper presented at the *XV Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas de Guatemala*. Guatemala.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

- The Maya Meetings**
March 2005 and 2006. The University of Texas at Austin.
- Archaeological Investigations in Petén, Guatemala: The Waka' Proposal** 2003
Short seminar at the School of American Research, December 2003. Santa Fe, NM
- La Industria de la Lítica en las Tierras Bajas Mayas** 2001
Organized by María Elena Ruíz Alvarez, MA.
- Foro Estudiantil Latinoamericano de Antropología, Arqueología e Historia (FELAAH)** 1998
September 1998. Mexico City.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Washington University in Saint Louis, St. Louis, MO
ANTHRO 3351: The Ancient Maya: Archaeology and History
Teaching Assistant.
- Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
ANTH 3361: Language and Culture in Society
Teaching Assistant.
ANTH 3334: Fantastic Archaeology
Teaching Assistant.

FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED

Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Graduate Fellowship University of Texas at Austin (\$12,000 stipend)	2005 – 2006
David Bruton, Jr., Graduate Fellowship University of Texas at Austin (\$1,000)	2006