

Rebecca J. Webster
Curriculum vitae

Department Address

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Advisor: Dr. Barbara J. Heath

EDUCATION

Ph.D. In Progress Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
B.A. 2016 Anthropology and History, St. Mary's College of Maryland

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Historical archaeology, Chesapeake archaeology, intercultural interactions, culture change, colonialism, historic landscapes, material culture of North America, materiality studies, public archaeology and interpretation.

GRANTS

2022 *Patricia Black Grant*, University of Tennessee (\$970.40).
2021 Heath, Barbara J., and **Rebecca J. Webster**. VDHR Threatened Sites Program, *Proposal for Archaeological Survey and Test Excavations at Boathouse Pond, Northumberland County, Virginia* (\$9,923).
2020 Heath, Barbara J., and **Rebecca J. Webster**. VDHR Threatened Sites Program, *Proposal for Archaeological Survey at Boathouse Pond (44NB111), Northumberland County, Virginia* (\$9,647).
2019 *Patricia Black Grant*, University of Tennessee (\$300).

FELLOWSHIPS

2022-2023 *University of Tennessee Humanities Center Graduate Student Research Fellowship*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$16,000).
2022 *Oscar Roy Ashley Graduate Fellowship*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$4000).
2021 *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)*, University of Tennessee (\$4,425).
2021-2022 *"Reallocation" Fellowship*, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee (\$2,361.72).
2021 *Sandra Speiden ASV Graduate Student Research Scholarship*, Archaeological Society of Virginia (\$5000).
2021 *Michael H. Logan Outstanding Teaching Associate*, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee (\$500).
2020-2021 *Graduate Fellowship for Graduate Enrichment*, University of Tennessee (\$3000).
2019 *Gloria S. King Research Fellowship*, Maryland Archaeology Laboratory, (\$2100).
2016 *Council for Maryland Archaeology Student Stipend*, Council for Maryland Archaeology (\$250).

2014 *The Society of the Ark and the Dove Centennial Scholarship*, The Society of the Ark and the Dove (\$500).

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS

2022 *Society for American Archaeology Ethics Bowl*, Society for American Archaeology, Champion.

2022 *Graduate Student Senate Travel Award*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$800).

2022 *Jamie Chad Brandon Student Paper Competition*, Society for Historical Archaeology, Runner-Up (Co-author).

2020 *Jamie Chad Brandon Student Paper Competition*, Society for Historical Archaeology, Runner-Up.

2020 *Student Conference Travel Award*, Society of Bead Researchers (\$500).

2019 *Graduate Student Senate Travel Award*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$520).

2018 *Graduate Student Senate Travel Award*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$830).

2017 *Graduate Student Senate Travel Award*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$610).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Webster, Rebecca J. and Julia A. King

2019 From Shell to Glass: A Synthesis of Beads Recovered from Seventeenth Century Native Sites in the Potomac River Valley. *Southeastern Archaeology* 38(2):142-159.

In Review

Parker, Katherine G. Jordan L. Schaefer, Brigid M. Ogden, and **Rebecca J. Webster**

2022 Climate Change and the Consequences of Underrepresentation in the Archaeological Record. *Historical Archaeology*.

Public Scholarship

Heath, Barbara J., **Rebecca J. Webster**, and Katherine G. Parker.

2021 Discovering a Palisade: Indigenous-Anglo Interactions in the Seventeenth-Century Northern Neck. *The Bulletin of the Northumberland County Historical Society* 57:5-23.

Technical Reports

Webster, Rebecca J. and Barbara J. Heath

2022 Phase I and II Archaeological Testing along the Southern Shoreline of Boathouse Pond, 44NB110, and 44NB111, Northumberland County, Virginia. Report prepared for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Threatened Sites Program. University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Webster, Rebecca J. and Barbara J. Heath

2021 Archaeological Testing at 44NB110, 44NB111, and the Eastern and Southern Shoreline of Boathouse Pond, Northumberland County, Virginia. Report prepared for the Virginia

Department of Historic Resources, Threatened Sites Program. University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

McMillan, Lauren K., Catherine C. Dye, Scott M. Strickland, **Rebecca J. Webster**, and Julia A. King

2020 Landscape of Slavery: Exploring a Portion of the Hicks-Mackall-Brome Plantation, St. Mary's City, Maryland. Report prepared for the Office of Planning and Facilities. St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City.

Webster, Rebecca J., Julia A. King, Scott M. Strickland, and Alex Flick.

2017 In Search of Josiah Henson's Birthplace: Archaeological Investigations at La Grange, New Port Tobacco, Maryland. Report prepared for Mr. L. Gordon Croft, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wilson, and the Charles County Branch of the NAACP. St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City.

Dye, Catherine, Morgan Jenkins-Houk, **Rebecca J. Webster**, and Julia A. King.

2015 The Indian Town of Secowocomoco: Archaeological Investigations at Lower Brambly. Report prepared for Ms. Nancy Wolfe and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City.

ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS

2017 Current Research at St. Mary's College of Maryland. 47th Annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. March 16-19, Virginia Beach, VA.

PAPERS/CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Webster, Rebecca J.

2022 Indigenous Community Formation along the Potomac River Valley. 87th Annual Society for American Archaeology. March 30 – April 3, Chicago, IL.

Webster, Rebecca J. and Howard Cyr

2022 Interacting with the Soil: Identifying 17th century Indigenous-Anglo Encounters Through Geomorphological Change. 52nd Annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. March 24-26, Ocean City, MA. (invited)

Webster, Rebecca J., Meghan Dadmun, Gracie Shepard, and Barbara J. Heath

2022 Identifying 17th Century Indigenous Community Formation within the Potomac River Valley. 55th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 5-8, Philadelphia, PA.

Parker, Katherine G., Brigid M. Ogden, Jordan L. Schaefer, and **Rebecca J. Webster**

2022 Impacts of Climate Change on Marginal Communities in the Archaeological Record. 55th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 5-8, Philadelphia, PA. (invited)

Heath, Barbara J., and **Rebecca J. Webster**

2022 3-Minute Climate Stories: Round 2. 55th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 5-8, Philadelphia, PA. (invited)

Webster, Rebecca J.

2021 An Archaeological Examination of Intercultural Interactions at a 17th Century Courthouse. 51st Annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. March 25-28, Virtual.

Webster, Rebecca J.

2021 Untangling a Jesuit Ring from Virginia's Coan Hall. 54th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 6-9, Virtual.

Webster, Rebecca J.

2020 Peake, Wampum, or Sewant?: An Analysis of Shell Bead Terminology in the Seventeenth Century Chesapeake. 53rd Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 8-11, Boston, MA. (invited)

Webster, Rebecca J., Barbara J. Heath, and Howard Cyr

2019 Analysis of Geomorphological Change to Understand a Persistent Place. 76th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. November 6-9, Jackson, MS.

Heath, Barbara J., and Rebecca J. Webster

2019 Pots, Pipes, and People at Coan Hall. 76th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference. November 6-9, Jackson, MS.

Hollenbach, Kandace D., Megan B. Belcher, **Rebecca J. Webster**, Katherine G. Parker, and Barbara J. Heath

2019 A Review of Paleoethnobotanical Analysis Conducted at the Coan Hall Site, Northumberland County, Virginia. 49th Annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. March 21-24, Ocean City, MD. (invited)

Webster, Rebecca J.

2019 Evidence of Anglo-Indigenous Interactions at Coan Hall. 49th Annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. March 21-24, Ocean City, MD. (invited)

Webster, Rebecca J.

2019 Anglo-Native Interactions in Context: A Discussion of "Anglo-Native Zones" at the Country's House Site. 52nd Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 9-12, St. Charles, MI.

Webster, Rebecca J.

2018 *"I WAS Born June 15, 1789, in Charles County, Maryland..."* Archaeological Investigations at the Josiah Henson Birthplace Site. 51st Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 3-6, New Orleans, LA.

King, Julia A. and **Rebecca J. Webster**.

2018 From Shell to Glass: A Synthesis of Beads Recovered from Seventeenth Century Native Sites in the Potomac River Valley. 51st Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. January 3-6, New Orleans, LA.

Webster, Rebecca J.

2017 Beads: What are they Good For? Identification of Seventeenth Century Anglo-Native Diplomacy in the Archaeological Record. 47th Annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. March 16-19, Virginia Beach, VA.

Webster, Rebecca J.

2017 The Henson Project: Difficulties in Promoting the Narrative of Josiah Henson's Birthplace. January meeting of the Archaeological Society of Maryland, St. Mary's County Chapter. January 16, St. Mary's City, MD. (invited)

Webster, Rebecca J.

2016 Re-Examining Beads from the Seventeenth Century Chesapeake. Archaeological Society of Maryland Spring Symposium. April 9, Crownsville, MD. (invited).

Webster, Rebecca J.

2016 Re-Examining Beads from the Seventeenth Century Chesapeake. 46th Annual Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference. March 10-13, Ocean City, MD. (invited)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Instructor of Record

ANTH 120 Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology (Summer 2020)
ANTH 360 North American Prehistory (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
ANTH 361 Historical Archaeology (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)
ANTH 454 Archaeology of the African Diaspora (Spring 2021)

Teaching Assistant

ANTH 120 Introduction to Prehistoric Archaeology (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
ANTH 361 Historical Archaeology (Fall 2021)
ANTH 430 Cherokee Farms Field School (Summer 2018, Summer 2019)
ANTH 435 Historical Archaeology Laboratory (Spring 2022)
ANTH 450 Current Trends in Anthropology (Fall 2019)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2021-2022 Charles H. Faulkner Historical Archaeology Laboratory, Laboratory Manager
2018-present Archaeologist, Coan Hall Project
2018 Graduate Student Research Assistant

St. Mary's College of Maryland

2016-2017 Assistant Project Archaeologist, The Henson Project
2016 Assistant Archaeologist, Torps Lament Project

- 2016 Assistant Archaeologist, St. Barbara's Project
- 2015 Assistant Archaeologist, Lower Brambly Project
- 2015 Assistant Archaeologist, Newtowne Neck Project
- 2013-2015 Lab Assistant, NEH Colonial Encounters Project

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021-2022 Student Chair, Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference
- 2020-2021 President/Faculty Representative, Anthropology Graduate Student Association
- 2019-2021 Student Chair Elect, Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference
- 2019-2020 Vice President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association
- 2018-2019 Archaeology Representative, Anthropology Graduate Student Association

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2019 The Cherokee, Anthropology, and Native American Politics. University of Tennessee, Knoxville Short Courses Program
- 2019 "2019 Summer Fieldwork at Coan Hall." Presented to the East Tennessee Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America. September 17, 2019.
- 2019 Kids U: Intro to Archaeology. University of Tennessee, Knoxville Short Courses Program
- 2019 Archaeology Merit Badge Program. Scouts of America

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- 2019 Geographical Information Systems, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2019 Particle Size Analysis, Mastersizer 3000, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2018 Total Station, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2021 Society for American Archaeology
- 2019 Society of Bead Researchers
- 2019 Council of Virginia Archaeologist
- 2019 Southeastern Archaeological Conference
- 2017 Society for Historical Archaeology
- 2016 Archaeological Society of Maryland, St. Mary's County Branch
- 2016 Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference
- 2015 Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honors Society