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EDUCATION

B.A. Cum Laude 2015 - University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).
Anthropology/History (Double Major)

PhD. (Projected Completion Date – April 2022) - University of Pittsburgh (Pitt).
Anthropology (Archaeology)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Zooarchaeology, Ritual, Human-Environment Interaction, Ancient Mesoamerica, Pacific Archaeology, Stable Isotope Analysis, Cultural Ecology, Gender, Sexuality.

ACADEMIC AWARDS, HONORS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

2019-2020	Heinz Endowment Fellowship
2021 / 2017-2018	University of Pittsburgh TA Fellowship
2016-2017	K. Leroy Irvis Fellowship
2011-2015	UTEP PayDirt Promise Grant
2011-2015	Federal Pell Grant
2014	Outstanding Peer Leader Award
2021	Delta Alpha Pi – Alpha Iota Chapter
2017	University of Pittsburgh Student Honoree
2015	UTEP Dept. Sociology and Anthropology Honoree
2013-2015	UTEP Liberal Arts Honors Program
2013-Present	Phi Alpha Theta – Gamma Epsilon Chapter
2011-2015	UTEP School of Liberal Arts Dean's List
2012-Present	National Society of Collegiate Scholars
2018	Certificate in Latin American Studies
2015	Cultural Heritage Management Certification

INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

2019 Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fund, University of Pittsburgh
2019 University of Pittsburgh Pre-Dissertation Departmental Funding from Department of Anthropology
2018 Center for Latin American Studies Graduate Student Field Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh
2018 University of Pittsburgh Pre-Dissertation Departmental Funding from Department of Anthropology
2017 Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fund, University of Pittsburgh
2017 International Studies Fund Travel Grant, University of Pittsburgh
2017 University of Pittsburgh Pre-Dissertation Departmental Funding from Department of Anthropology

FIELDWORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project (BVAR) - 2017 to Present

Fieldwork: San Ignacio, Belize

Research Institutions: Northern Arizona University / Baylor University / University of Pittsburgh

Barton Ramie Ceramic Analysis and Typology - 2019

Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology

Harvard University

Excavation at Makauwahi Cave Reserve - 2013

Kauai, Hawaii,

University of Hawaii (Manoa)

COURSES TAUGHT

Teaching Assistant

University of Pittsburgh – Dept. of Anthropology

Spring 2021 ANTH 0680 – Introduction to Physical Anthropology (97 students)

Fall 2018 ANTH 1556 – Zooarchaeology (16 students)

Spring 2018 ANTH 0717 – Magic, Witchcraft, and the Supernatural (75 students)

Fall 2017 ANTH 0582 – Introduction to Archaeology (100 students)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

University of Texas at El Paso – Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology

Fall 2015 SOCI 4301 - General Sociological Theory (42 students)

Fall 2015 SOCI 3312 / ANTH 3312 – Drug Use, Abuse, and Trafficking (35 students)

University 1301 Peer Leader

University of Texas at El Paso – Entering Student Program

Spring 2015 UNIV 1301 - University Seminar “History of Women” (25 students)

Fall 2014 UNIV 1301 – University Seminar “History of Diaspora in the Americas” (27 students)

PUBLICATIONS

Roa, Ian, N., John P. Walden, Michael Biggie and Gavin B. Wisner

2020 Faunal Report for the 2014-2019 Excavations in the Lower Dover Hinterland. In *The Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project: A Report of the 2019 Field Season, Vol. 25*, edited by Claire E. Ebert, John P. Walden, Julie A. Hoggarth and Jaime J. Awe, pp. 237-272. Institute of Archaeology, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, United States and Department of Anthropology, Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, Arizona, United States.

Walden, John P., Victoria S. R. Izzo, Emma Messinger, Michael Biggie, Olivia P. Ellis, Qiu Yijia (邱益嘉), **Ian N. Roa**, Albert Abdool & Li Xiang (李翔)

2020 The 2018-2019 Excavations at BR-180, Barton Ramie, Lower Dover. In *The Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project: A Report of the 2019 Field Season, Vol. 25*, edited by Claire E. Ebert, John P. Walden, Julie A. Hoggarth and Jaime J. Awe, pp. 149-184. Institute of

Archaeology, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, United States and Department of Anthropology, Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, Arizona, United States.

Walden, John P., Michael Biggie, Kyle Shaw-Müller, Qiu Yijia (邱益嘉), Julie A. Hoggarth, Anaïs Levin, Abel Nachamie, Jose Victor Gonzales Avendaño, Olivia P. Ellis, Kirsten Green-Mink, Rosie Bongiovanni, Victoria S.R. Izzo, **Ian N. Roa**, Amy E. Thompson, April Martinez, Richard P. Stonehouse, Claire E. Ebert, Rafael A. Guerra and Jaime J. Awe

n.d. The Roles and Strategies of Classic Maya Intermediate Elites in the Emergence of Political Authority. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*. In Preparation.

Biggie, Michael, John P. Walden, **Ian N. Roa**, Julie A. Hoggarth and Jaime J. Awe

n.d. The New Shell Game: Ritual Use of *Jute* in the Maya Lowlands. *Latin American Antiquity*. In Preparation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Roa, Ian N., John P. Walden, Michael Biggie, and Gavin B. Wisner, and Rafael A. Guerra

2021 “Reconstructing Diachronic Changes in Subsistence, Wealth, and Economic and Ritual Practices through Animal Use at the Classic Maya Polity of Lower Dover, Belize”. Poster presentation at the 85th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, California.

Roa, Ian N., John P. Walden, Michael Biggie, and Gavin B. Wisner

2020 “Sacred Deer, Snake Merchants, and Snail Leaders: Power Dynamics Evidenced Through Animal-Use Among The Ancient Maya”. Paper presentation Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference

Tappan, Katie K., Gavin B. Wisner, **Ian N. Roa**, Eric M. Gilmore, and Chrissina C. Burke

2019 “What the Shell? Taphonomic and Cultural Modifications of Freshwater and Marine Shell from the Upper Belize River Valley.” Poster presented at the 84th Annual Society for American Archaeology Meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States.

Roa, Ian N.

2015 “Savage Principles: Adopting ‘Barbarism’ to Implement ‘Civilization’”. Paper presented at the 10th annual Francis G. Harper History Conference - University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas.

Roa, Ian N.

2015 “Dismantled *‘Āina*: The Early Era of Western Colonization in the Hawaiian Islands” Liberal Arts Honors Program Undergraduate Thesis Defense. Also presented at the Liberal Arts Honors Program Symposium, University of Texas at El Paso – El Paso, TX.

Roa, Ian N.

2015 “Jack Johnson: The Fight Against Being Constrained in Jim Crow America”, presented at the Phi Alpha Theta – Gamma Epsilon Chapter Conference, University of Texas at El Paso – El Paso, TX.

Roa, Ian N.

2015 “Hatshepsut: The Foremost of Women and Female Pharaoh of Egypt”, presented at the 5th annual Women’s History Month Conference – The Naked Truth: Weaving the Stories of Women’s Lives, University of Texas at El Paso - El Paso, Texas.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University of Pittsburgh

Present Graduate Admissions and Recruitment Liaison
2019 Center for Comparative Archaeology Visiting Scholar Search Committee
2016-2017 Graduate Student Committee Library Liaison

University of Texas at El Paso Department of Sociology & Anthropology

2014-2015 UTEP Undergraduate Anthropology Association – President
2015 Undergraduate Department Representative for Faculty Applicants

PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

Present Hostile Terrain 94: Undocumented Migration Project - Exhibition Installation Committee
2015-2016 Texas Academic Decathlon - Judge
2015 UTEP History Fair - Volunteer
2015 Ysleta High School Debate Tournament – Judge

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2021-Present Aspinwall Volunteer Firefighter – Fire and Rescue Engine 102
2019-Present Carnegie Museum of Natural History – Volunteer
2015-2016 El Paso Museum of Archaeology – Intern
2015 Mustard Seed Community Café – Service Learning Volunteer

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for American Archaeology
Intercollegiate (CMU-Pitt) Students of Color