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ARCHAEOLOGIST AND RESEARCH SCIENTIST

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CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2023-current Project Archaeologist, Paisajes Arqueológicos de Pañamarca
- 2022-2024 Jones-Miller Collection Assistant, Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- 2021-2024 Co-Principal Investigator, Astor House Community Archaeology Project, Foothills Arts Center

EDUCATION

- 2020 Master of Arts, University of Colorado Denver (Anthropology)
Thesis: *Ritual Spaces Among the Classic Maya: An Exploration of Peri-Abandonment Deposits and the Ceramic Figurine Collection from Baking Pot, Belize*. Advisor Christopher Beekman
- 2020 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Certificate
- 2011 Bachelor of Arts, University of Colorado Denver (Anthropology)
- 2011 Bachelor of Arts, University of Colorado Denver (History)
Senior Thesis: *Changes in Time to Larimer Square in Denver and a History of Dana Crawford*. Advisor Christopher Agee

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Paisajes Arqueológicos de Pañamarca, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Nepeña Valley, Peru (Project Archaeologist)
- 2022 Community Connections, LLC., Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater Project, Morrison, Colorado (Archaeological Technician II)
- 2022 Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Scott Spring/Sterling Ranch, Douglas County, Colorado (Crew Chief)
- 2022 Paleocultural Research Group, Chancellor Ranch project, Colorado (Assistant Project Archaeologist)
- 2021 Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands and Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Remains Recovery Mission 21-4F, Nord Pas-de-Calais, France (Crew Chief)
- 2021 Foothills Art Center, the Astor House Community Archaeology Project, Golden, Colorado (Principal Investigator)
- 2019-2020 Community College of Denver, Historic Wootton Site, Denver, Colorado (Crew Chief)
- 2018 Paleocultural Research Group, Molander Village Site, Oliver County, North Dakota (Field Tech)

- 2017-2018 Magic Mountain Community Archaeology Project, Magic Mountain, Morrison, Colorado (Field Tech)
- 2017-2018 Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project, Cahal Pech, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize (Graduate Research Staff and Field Tech)
- 2010 Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project, Lower Dover and Baking Pot, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize (Field Student)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022-current Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Jones-Miller Site, Collection and Research Assistant
- 2021-current Astor House Community Archaeology Project, Principal Investigator
- 2021-2022 Paleocultural Research Group, Assistant Project Archaeologist
- 2020 Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Reserve Area Archaeological Project, Lithic Analyst
- 2017-2020 Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project, Baking Pot Ceramic Figurine Collection, Graduate Research Staff, Ceramic Figurine Analyst
- 2017-2019 Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Paleocultural Research Group, Magic Mountain Community Archaeology Project, Archaeology Lab and Curation Intern, Lithic Analyst, Photographer, Accessioning

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Denver

- 2023 Lecturer, ANTH 3320: Southwestern Archaeology
- 2019 Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor, ANTH 1303: Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- 2018-2019 Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor, ANTH 1302: Introduction to Archaeology

Community College of Denver

- 2019-2020 Academic Support Professor, ANT 231: Cultural Resource Management

Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project

- 2018 Graduate Research Staff at Cahal Pech with BVAR undergraduate field students

MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, Colorado

- 2022-2024 Jones-Miller Collection Assistant
- 2019 North American Ethnology Collections Assistant
- 2017-2018 Archaeology Lab and Curation Intern
- 2016-2017 Anthropology Collections Assistant
- 2014 Paleontology Lab Fossil Preparator
- 2012-2013 Prehistoric Journey Docent
- 2012 Education Collections Volunteer

Auraria Higher Education Center

- 2020-2022 AHEC Collections Repository Committee

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- In Press **GILLASPIE, AMY**, ELIZABETH KRIEBEL Caring for Archaeological Legacy Collections: How the Museum is Restoring and Revealing the WS Ranch and Jones-Miller Collections. *Catalyst* Spring 2024, electronic document
- 2023 PATTON, NATALIE A., **AMY M. GILLASPIE** Museum Insider: Caring for the Jones-Miller Legacy Collection. *Catalyst* Spring 2023, electronic document
<https://www.dmns.org/join/catalyst/spring-2023/museum-insider/>
- 2022 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, MICHELE KOONS The People Make the Place: The Astor House of Golden, Colorado. *Historically Jeffco 2022: People and Places that Matter* 43:55-57.
- 2022 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Current Research - The Astor House Community Archaeology Project. *Newsletter of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists* 44(1):20-23.
- 2021 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Community Archaeology at The Astor House, Golden, Colorado. *Colorado Archaeological Society Denver Chapter All Points Bulletin* 59(3):1-3.
- 2020 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, JULIE A. HOGGARTH, JAIME J. AWE Ritual Spaces and Site Abandonment as Understood by Classic Maya Figurines at the Site of Baking Pot, Belize. *El Conejo* 3:5-19.
- 2020 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** "Ritual Spaces Among the Classic Maya: An Exploration of Peri-Abandonment Deposits and the Ceramic Figure Collection from Baking Pot, Belize." Unpublished Master's thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado Denver, Denver.
- 2019 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Preliminary Research of the Baking Pot Ceramic Figurine Collection. In *The Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project: A Report of the 2018 Field Season*, Edited by Claire E. Ebert, John P. Walden, Julie A. Hoggarth & Jaime J. Awe, Volume 24, pp. 101-114. Department of Anthropology, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff; Institute of Archaeology, Baylor University, Waco.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- In Press KOONS, MICHELE, JESSICA ORTIZ ZEVALLOS, LISA TREVER, J. ANTONIO OCHATOMA CABRERA, **AMY GILLASPIE** *Unearthing Painted Worlds: 2023 Discoveries at the Moche Center of Pañamarca, Peru*. Paisajes Arqueológicos de Pañamarca. Submitted to Ministerio de Cultura, Permit No. xxxxx.
- In Press **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, MICHELE KOONS *Excavations of the 2021 Astor House Community Archaeology Project (5JF.182)*. Submitted to The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, History Colorado, Permit No. 79940.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED PAPERS

- 2024 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, STEVE NASH, NATALIE PATTON, MAGEN HODAPP, CHRISSINA BURKE The Jones-Miller Legacy Collection: Reexamining the 10,800 Year Old Bison Butchery Site, The 89th Annual Society for American Archaeology Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 18, 2024
- 2023 KOONS, MICHELE, JESSICA ORTIZ ZEVALLOS, LISA TREVER, J. ANTONIO OCHATOMA CABRERA, **AMY GILLASPIE**, GABRIELA DE LOS RIOS *Unearthing Painted Worlds: 2023 Discoveries at the Moche Center of Pañamarca, Peru*, The 8th Annual Rocky Mountain

- Pre-Columbian Association Research Colloquium, Denver, Colorado, September 29, 2023
- 2023 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, NATALIE A. PATTON Rethinking the Jones-Miller Collection, Invited Guest Lecture for the Jones-Miller 50th Anniversary Party, Wray Museum, Wray, Colorado, May 13, 2023
- 2023 PATTON, NATALIE A., **AMY M. GILLASPIE**, Jones-Miller: How to Care for 41,000 Bison Bones, Science Department Pop-Up Lecture Series, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver, Colorado, April 3, 2023
- 2023 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, NATALIE A. PATTON Why Care for 41,000 Bison Bones? The Jones-Miller Collection at Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, 45th Annual CCPA Meeting, Ouray, Colorado, March 10, 2023
- 2023 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Archaeology with Amy, Invited Lecture for EUREKA! Treasure Hunters Club, Centennial, Colorado, February 11, 2023
- 2022 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** The Astor House Community Archaeology Project, Colorado Archaeological Society, Invited Guest Lecture for the Denver Chapter CAS Member's Night, Denver, Colorado, December 12, 2022
- 2022 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Archaeology in Denver, Colorado, National Jewish Health DEI Talk Series for National Native American Heritage Month, Virtual, November 11, 2022
- 2022 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** MICHELE KOONS Public Archaeology at the Astor House, Golden, Colorado, 44th Annual Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 5, 2022
- 2021 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** DPAA/CEMML France Mission 21-4FR, Colorado Archaeological Society, Invited Guest Lecture for the Denver Chapter CAS Member's Night, December 13, 2021. Presentation was given virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2021 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Working with the DPAA: Remains Recovery Missions and How to Volunteer with the DPAA, University of LaVerne, California, Invited Guest Lecture for Dr. Lisa DeLance, ANT 360L - Archaeology Lab, September 21, 2021. Presentation was given virtually due to travel constraints.
- 2021 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, GENE WHEATON Explorations in Urban Archaeology at the Wootton Site (5DV35112) in Denver, Colorado, The 43rd Annual Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting, March 12, 2021. Conference was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2020 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Denver's Early History: Uncovering Colorado History at the Wootton Site, 85th Annual Society of American Archaeology Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, April 25, 2020. Conference was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2020 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** The Baking Pot Ceramic Figurine Collection: Understanding Ritual Spaces During the Classic Maya Collapse at Baking Pot, Belize, Colorado Archaeological Society Monthly Member's Meeting, Denver, Colorado, January 13, 2020
- 2019 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Magic Mountain: An Intern's Experience, Colorado Archaeological Society Member's Night, Denver, Colorado, December 9, 2019
- 2019 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Ritual Spaces and Social Memory Among the Classic Maya: Findings of the Baking Pot Figurine Collection Study, 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Precolumbian Association Research Colloquium, Denver, Colorado, October 26, 2019

- 2018 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Tossed Aside with the Trash? A Peri-Abandonment Deposit Study of Late Classic Maya Figurines from the Site of Baking Pot, Cayo District, Belize, 4th Annual Rocky Mountain Pre-Columbian Association Research Colloquium, Denver, Colorado, October 13, 2018
- 2017 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.** Late and Post Classic Maya Terminal Deposit Research in the Belize River Valley, 3rd Annual Rocky Mountain Pre-Columbian Association Research Colloquium, Denver, Colorado, September 30, 2017

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- 2023 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, NATALIE A. PATTON The Jones-Miller Site Collection: The Past 2 Years, 80th Annual Plains Anthropological Society Conference, Rapid City, South Dakota, October 18-21, 2023
- 2022 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, NATALIE A. PATTON, CARLTON SHIELD CHIEF GOVER The Jones-Miller Site Collection: The Next 50 Years, 79th Annual Plains Anthropological Society Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 12-15, 2022
- 2022 OBERDIER, ROGER, **AMY GILLASPIE** The Faunal Remains of Astor House: Butchered Bones and Backyard Mice, 44th Annual Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 3-6, 2022
- 2019 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, JULIE A. HOGGARTH, JAIME J. AWE Understanding the Ritual of Peri-Abandonment Behavior Evidenced by Late Classic Maya Figurines at the Site of Baking Pot, Cayo District, Belize, The 22nd Annual UCD Student Research and Creative Activities Symposium, Denver, Colorado, April 26, 2019
- 2019 **GILLASPIE, AMY M.**, JULIE A. HOGGARTH, JAIME J. AWE Understanding the ritual of peri-abandonment behavior evidenced by Late Classic Maya figurines at the site of Baking Pot, Cayo District, Belize, The Society for American Archaeology 84th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico April 10 – 14, 2019
- 2019 BENTON, CAMERON D., BRIANNA DALESSANDRO, **AMY M. GILLASPIE** Understanding Comparative Lithic Data from the 2017 and 2018 Excavations at Magic Mountain, The 41st Annual Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Meeting, Durango, Colorado, March 14 – 17, 2019
- 2018 BENTON, CAMERON D., ERICA JOAN BRADLEY, **AMY M. GILLASPIE**, AMY L. MAES From Field to Lab: Early Interpretations of the 2017 Magic Mountain Artifact Assemblage, The 2018 Biennial Southwest Symposium, January 5-7, 2018

SERVICES

- 2024 Volunteer Coordinator, 2024 International Archaeology Day Planning Committee
- 2024 Board Director, Colorado Archaeological Society, Denver Chapter
- 2022-current Graduate Student Mentor, University of Colorado Denver Anthropology Department
- 2022-2024 Co-Chair, Education Committee, Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists
- 2023 Vice President, Colorado Archaeological Society, Denver Chapter

- 2023 Committee Member, Plains Anthropological Society Sensitive Imagery Policy Committee
- 2023 Committee Member, 2023 International Archaeology Day Planning Committee
- 2022-2023 Member, Colorado Archaeological Society, Swallow Site Oversight Committee
- 2022 Program Committee Co-Chair, Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists
- 2021-2022 Secretary, CRM Certificate Advisory Committee, Community College of Denver and Auraria Higher Education Center
- 2021 Member, Displaced Aurarian Initiative Committee, Community College of Denver
- 2020-2022 At-Large Board Member, Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists
- 2020-2022 State Representative and Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) Coordinator, Colorado Archaeological Society, Denver Chapter
- 2019-2020 Academic Mentor, Community Resources, Inc.
- 2018-2019 Vice President of The Anthropology Club, University of Colorado Denver, Anthropology Department

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FUNDING

- 2022 Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists At-Large Board Member Recognition
- 2021 Astor House Community Archaeology Project Funding (\$14,200)
- 2020 Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society
- 2020 University of Colorado Denver Chancellor’s Retention and Completion Fellowship (\$1,119)
- 2019 Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Student Poster Runner-Up (\$100)
- 2018 University of Colorado Denver Anthropology Department Travel Award (\$400)
- 2018 University of Colorado Denver Graduate School Travel Award (\$500)
- 2018 University of Colorado Denver College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Award (\$500)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Anthropological Association
- Canadian Latin American Archaeology Society
- Colorado Archaeological Society
- Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists
- Paleocultural Research Group
- Register of Professional Archaeologists
- Society for American Archaeology

COMPUTER SKILLS

Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, ArcGIS, EMu, HTML, Microsoft Office Suite, QGIS, SPSS

REFERENCES - Upon Request

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