

## ***Curriculum Vitae***

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### **EDUCATION**

M.A. Student, East Tennessee State University, August 2016-Present  
Department of Geosciences with Concentration in Paleontology

B.A., Macaulay Honors College at CUNY Hunter College, 2011-2015  
Department of Anthropology

Senior Thesis Title: The Plesiadapiform-Euprimate Relationship: Revisiting Bloch et al. 2007

### **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

2013-2016 Morrison, Lance, and Fort Union formations, Bighorn Basin, Wyoming and  
Montana, U.S.A. (Jurassic, Late Cretaceous, and earliest Paleocene, respectively)  
2014 Wayan Formation, Idaho, U.S.A.

### **EXPERIENCE**

***Intern, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University***, Philadelphia, PA, September 2015-  
January 2016

- Prepare vertebrate fossils (air scribe, surface cleaning, fossil repairs)
- Educate visitors on fossil preparation techniques, processes of excavation and fieldwork, and current preparation lab projects
- Explain methods, processes, and principals of paleontology to museum visitors including topics such as evolution, taxonomy, geology, etc.
- Organize museum collections database

***Intern, New Jersey State Museum***, Trenton, NJ, January 2016- June 2016

- Lead lab fossil preparation projects
- Assist with museum's educational programming in natural history
- Plan, organize, and advertise for the museum's annual field program, the Bighorn Basin Dinosaur Project (BBDP)
- Manage social media for NJSM and BBDP including Twitter, Facebook, and Blogger

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Assistant, East Tennessee State University**, Johnson City, TN, August 2016- Present

- Teach GEOL 1051: Earth Through Time Lab
- Cover topics including plate tectonics, invertebrate and vertebrate classification, taxonomy, osteology, and evolution

## **SELECTED SERVICE, FUNDING, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

**Treasurer, Undergraduate Anthropology Club**, Hunter College, Fall 2012- Spring 2015

- Manage fund allocation
- Schedule and lead trips to local museums and educational institutions such as the American Museum of Natural History
- Organize film screenings and meetings with guest lecturers in the field of anthropology

University Scholar (four-year merit scholarship to Macaulay Honors College)

Peter Vallone Academic Achievement Award

Dorothy Keur Memorial Scholarship for Anthropology Majors with High GPA- \$1000

Hunter College Dean's List (7 semesters)

Blood Services Scholarship- \$250

Class of 1938 Scholarship- \$2500

Tuition scholarship and graduate assistantship at ETSU

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology