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Education

PhD. in Anthropology, August 1972, Columbia University.
Dissertation: Prehispanic Urbanism at Tzintzuntzan, Michoacan.

A.B. in Anthropology, June 1967, Barnard College, Columbia University

Employment History

1996 - 2012 Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

1991 - 1996 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

1986 - 1991 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

1985 - 1986 Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology-Sociology, State University of New York, Oswego.

1975 - 1985 Assistant Professor of Anthropology (Adjunct), Department of Anthropology, State University of New York, Plattsburgh.

1973 - 1977 Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Residential research semester-Miner Center, Institute for man and Environment, State University of New York, Plattsburgh.

1976 - 1981 Associate Director Research project: Development of the Prehistoric Tarascan State.

1972 - 1973 Instructor in Anthropology, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, State University of New York, Plattsburgh.

1972 Field director Lerma River Basin Survey, Acambaro, Mexico.

1970 Teaching assistant Department of Anthropology, Columbia University.

1969 - 1970 Teaching assistant Department of Anthropology, Barnard College, Columbia University.

1967 Laboratory assistant Department of Anthropology, Columbia University.

1966 Laboratory assistant Department of Anthropology, Columbia University.

1965 Staff archaeologist Highway salvage program, State of California.

1965 Crew chief UCLA Archaeological Field School, Chico, California.

Field and Laboratory Experience

2012 – 2013 Cacao Use and Function in Prehispanic Tarascan Pottery. In collaboration with A. Daniel Jones, Director, MSU Mass Spectrometer Lab.

2009 – 2010 Human Ecodynamics and the Formation of the Tarascan State in the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Mexico, NSF Archaeology Program, Key Senior Investigator, Expansion of pilot project to full coverage survey in SE portion of Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Michoacan, Mexico and coring and trenching of former lake floor.

2006 Human Ecodynamics and the Formation of the Tarascan State in the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Mexico, with Co-Director Christopher T. Fisher, Colorado State University, supported by the Heinz Foundation. Survey and test coring in southeast portion of the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Michoacan, Mexico designed as pilot project to test results of research on western side of the Basin.

2001- 2006 Emergence of the Tarascan State: Survey and excavation at Erongarícuaro, Michoacan, Mexico. Survey and excavation in secondary center under the Tarascan State took place May 15-July 10 2001. Included excavation of Late Preclassic and Classic Period residential deposits (Loma Alta phase- 100 BC-AD 550) and Late Postclassic elite residential/ritual deposits (AD 1300-1525). Supported by Heinz Foundation Research Grant and Wenner-Gren Research Grant. The collection was exported for 2 years supporting laboratory research in McDonel Hall. The return of the collection and laboratory research took place in Michoacan, Mexico, May 21, 2003-July 6, 2003. An expansion of the excavations and use of GPR took place May 15, 2005-July 15, 2005, with final laboratory analysis in 2006.

2002 Consultant field project: Cliff Paintings and pyramids of Paranguaricutiro, Michoacan, Mexico. Dr. T. Gabany-Guerrero, Director. Involved two weeks field research June 2002 and identification of artifacts and subsequent evaluation of reports.

1994 - 1998 Emergence of the Tarascan State: the Urichu, Xaracuaro, and Pareo polities. Excavation, survey, and laboratory analysis of material from late Preclassic-Protohistoric sites in the southwest zone of the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Michoacan, Mexico.

1990 - 1992 Development of the Tarascan State: excavations at Urichu. Site survey

and excavations at secondary administrative center in Lake Pátzcuaro basin, Protohistoric, Postclassic, Classic, Michoacan, Mexico.

1989 Archaeoastronomy at Ihuatzio, Lake Patzcuaro Basin, Michoacan, Mexico.

1986 - 1991 Director. Obsidian sources of the Prehispanic Tarascan State. Department of Geological Sciences, Michigan State University.

1980 - 1981 Co-director. Development of the Tarascan State: Phase 2 reconnaissance, Protohistoric and Postclassic, Michoacan, Mexico.

1976 - 1981 Associate director. Development of the Tarascan State: The Lake Patzcuaro Basin, Protohistoric, Historic and Modern, Michoacan, Mexico.

1972 Field director and ceramic consultant. Lerma River Basin survey as part of The Aztec/Tarascan Frontier: the Acambaro Focus (director: S. Gorenstein), Preclassic, Classic, Postclassic and Protohistoric, Guanajuato, Mexico.

1970 Director. Urbanization at Tzintzuntzan, dissertation research, Postclassic and Protohistoric, Michoacan, Mexico.

1968 - 1969 Graduate field assistant. Early Man in the Andes (director E. P. Lanning), Paleoindian (Lithic) through Historic, Atacama Desert, Chile.

1966 Laboratory assistant. Reanalysis and classification of Paracas burials from Columbia University expedition to Peru, 1951-1952.

1965 Field and laboratory crew. Highway salvage program, prehistoric shell middens, Monterey, California.

1965 Crew chief. UCLA Archaeological Field School, prehistoric and historic pit house villages, hunting camps, Oroville dam survey, Chico, California.

1964 Student. UCLA Archaeological Field School, prehistoric Puebloid village, Cedar City, Utah.

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

2008 Collaborative Research: Water, politics, and the built environment: Human Ecodynamics and the Origin of the Tarascan State in the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Michoacán, Mexico, NSF Archaeology Program, Key Senior Investigator, March 2009-March 2010. Total grant: \$212,705; MSU subcontract: \$45,903.

2006 The Social Evolution of Tarascan Civilization. Ecology, Power, and History in Prehispanic Highland Michoacán, Mexico. MSU IRGP, Scholarly and Creative Activities, Small Grant, Budget \$24,590 for August 16, 2007-May 15, 2008.

2006 Human Ecodynamics and the Formation of the Tarascan State in the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Mexico, Heinz Foundation, \$10,000. Co-PI Christopher T.

Fisher, Colorado State University.

- 2002 Special Foreign Travel Grant, International Studies and Programs, MSU, for attendance at conference on West Mexican prehistory in Guadalajara, Mexico, October 2002.
- 2000 Emergence of the Tarascan State: Survey and excavation at Erongarícuaro, Michoacan, Mexico; Heinz Foundation; \$7960.00.
- 2000 Emergence of the Tarascan State: Survey and excavation at Erongarícuaro, Michoacan, Mexico; Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research; \$14,110.00.
- 2000 From Periphery to Core: The Emergence of the Prehistoric Tarascan State; Dumbarton Oaks Residential Fellowship; \$12,317.50.
- 1996 Undergraduate participation in scientific research, supplement to National Science Foundation Grant, Summer 1996.
- 1995 Emergence of the Tarascan State: the Urichu, Xaracuaro and Pareo polities, National Science Foundation. July 1995-June 1997.
- 1994 Emergence of the Tarascan State: Excavations at Urichu, National Endowment for the Humanities. May 1994-May 1997.
- 1993 Michigan State University. Dept. of Anthropology Outstanding Teaching Award
- 1992 All University Research Grant, Michigan State University. Emergence of the Tarascan State: Technical Analyses. January-June 1992.
- 1992 ISP Global Competence Grant, Michigan State University. Emergence of the Tarascan State: Field Lab Analysis. June-July 1992.
- 1991 National Geographic Society, Supplementary Research Grant. Summer 1991.
- 1991 Michigan State University, National and International Diversity Undergraduate Course Development Grant. Anthropological Perspectives on Gender 1991-1992.
- 1990 Michigan State University Teacher-Scholar Award.
- 1990 All University Research Support grant - Michigan State University.
- 1989 Wenner-Gren Foundation Regular Grant-In-Aid. Excavations at Urichu. 1990-1992.
- 1989 National Geographic Society Research Grant. Emergence of the Tarascan State: Excavations at Urichu. 1990-1991.

- 1988 Special Foreign Travel Fund Award, International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University.
- 1988 All University Research Initiation Grant. Obsidian sources of the prehispanic Tarascan State.
- 1987 Michigan State University. Dept. of Anthropology Outstanding Teaching Award
- 1986 All-University Research Support grant - Michigan State University.
- 1982 American Council of Learned Societies. Travel Grant.
- 1976 - 1980 National Science Foundation, Anthropology Division, research grant. Associate Investigator.
- 1976 - 1980 National Endowment for the Humanities, research grant. Associate Investigator.
- 1972 Ford Foundation Fellow (summer).
- 1970 - 1971 Woodrow Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1970 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, predoctoral grant.
- 1970 Columbia University Travel Fellowship.
- 1970 Latin American Institute, Columbia University, summer field research grant.
- 1967 - 1972 Faculty Fellow, Columbia University.
- 1967 - 1968 Woodrow Wilson Graduate Fellowship.
- 1967 A. B. in Anthropology, magna cum laude with honors in anthropology, Barnard College, Columbia University.
- 1967 Phi Beta Kappa, Barnard College, Columbia University.
- 1966 Barnard College Undergraduate Summer Research Grant.
- 1963 - 1967 New York State Regents Scholarship.

Publications

(1) Works in progress:

Documenting a Prehispanic Aquatic Lifeway in Michoacán; The Lake Pátzcuaro Basin 200 BC – AD 1522 Conference on *the Mesoamerican Aquatic Lifeway*, Coordinadors Erika Sofia Blanco Morales (IIA-UNAM), Guillermo Acosta Ochoa (IIA-UNAM) and Eduardo Williams (ColMich), May 6, 2021. (accepted and volume under production)

El Uso de Cacao en el Posclásico Tardío de Tzintzuntzan, Michoacán, México.
Conference: *Fuimos cacaoteros. El consumo de cacao en los periodos prehispánico y moderno temprano*. Coordinadores Edith Ortiz Díaz of Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas-UNAM, Verónica Velasquez of UAEH. El 9 de septiembre de 2021.
(accepted and volume under production)

Design symmetry analysis of Michoacán ceramics: Monitoring design structure for social change and variation. Helen Perlstein Pollard and Dorothy K. Washburn (in prep.)

(2) Books and monographs:

1993 *Tariacuri's Legacy The Prehispanic Tarascan State*. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.

1983 *The Tarascan Civilization: A Late Prehispanic Cultural System*. Vanderbilt University Publications in Anthropology, 28, Nashville (co-authored with S. Gorenstein).

(3) Book chapters:

2019 El entendimiento de la producción e el intercambio de cerámica prehispánica dentro de la cuenca del lago de Pátzcuaro (with Amy Hirshman). For: *El Primer Coloquio de Tecnología Cerámica*, 9-10 de junio de 2011, Pomedio, C. and Daneels, A. (eds.), Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM, Mexico.

2018 Tula of the Toltecs and Tzintzuntzan of the Tarascans, *City, Craft, and Residence in Mesoamerica: Research Papers Presented in Honor of Dan M. Healan*, edited by Ronald K. Faulseit, Nezahualcoyotl Xiutecutli, and Haley Holt-Mehta, pp. 161-177, Middle American Research Institute #42, Tulane, New Orleans.

2016 Ruling 'Purépecha Chichimeca' in a Tarascan World. *Political Strategies in Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica*, edited by Joanne Baron and Sarah Kurnick, pp. 217-240, University of Colorado Press.

2016 La jerarquía y heterarquía en el mundo prehispánico tarasco: la transformación dentro de una tradición. *Nuevas contribuciones al estudio del antiguo Michoacán*, edited by Sarah Albiez-Wieck and Hans Roskamp, pp. 51-72, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora.

2016 Ceramics, Social Status, and the Tarascan State Economy. *Cultural Dynamics and Production Activities in Ancient Western Mexico*. Eduardo Williams and Blanca Maldonado, editors. British Archaeological Reports International Series, pp. 163-178, Archaeopress, Oxford, UK.

- 2015 The Prehispanic Heritage of the Tarascans (Purépechas), *Histories of Communal Sovereignty: The Tarascan and Caxcan Territories in Transition*, eds. Andrew Roth-Seneff, Robert Kemper, and Julie Adkins, pp.92-110, University of Arizona Press.
- 2012 Del corazón imperial a la periferia colonial. La cuenca del Lago de Pátzcuaro, 1400-1800. *Abriendo caminos. El legado de Joseph Benedict Warren a la historia y a la lengua de Michoacán un Homenaje al Dr. J. Benedict Warren*, ed. Louise Enkerlin Pauwells, pp. 219-239, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico, D.F.; El Colegio de Michoacán, A.C.; Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas de la Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo Morelia; Grupo Kwanískuyarhani de Estudios del Pueblo Purépecha; Editorial Morevalladolid, Morelia. (available 2013, ISBN: 978-607-424-350-5)
- 2012 The Tarascan Empire: Postclassic Social Complexity in West Mexico. *Oxford Handbook of Mesoamerican Archaeology*, edited by Deborah L. Nichols and Christopher Pool, pp. 434-448, Oxford University Press.
- 2012 La economía política del almacenaje en el Estado tarasco prehispánico. *Almacenamiento prehispánico, del Norte de México hasta el Altiplano central*, editors D. Michelet, S. Bortot, and V. Darras, pp. 131-144, Laboratoire d'Archéologie des Amériques of the CNRS (Paris), Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, and CEMCA (Centro francés de estudios mexicanos y centroamericanos, México).
- 2011 Una Larga Caminata: El Análisis Regional En La Arqueología Tarasca. *Patrones de Asentamiento y Actividades de Subsistencia en el Occidente de México, Reconocimiento a la Dra. Helen P. Pollard*. Pp. 21-34, Eduardo Williams y Phil C. Weigand, Organizadores, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora.
- 2011 La Economía Política en la Metalurgia Tarasca Prehispanica, reprint and update of article published in 1994. *Patrones de Asentamiento y Actividades de Subsistencia en el Occidente de México, Reconocimiento a la Dra. Helen P. Pollard*. Pp, 281-296, Eduardo Williams y Phil C. Weigand, Organizadores, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora.
- 2009 Un modelo para el surgimiento del Estado tarasco, for *Las Sociedades Complejas del Occidente de México en el Mundo Mesoamericano*, Homenaje al Dr. Phil C. Weigand, edited by Eduardo Williams, Lorenza López Mestas, and Rodrigo Esparza, pp. 225-253, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, México.
- 2005 From Imperial Core to Colonial Periphery: The Lake Pátzcuaro Basin 1400-1800. For: *The Late Postclassic to Spanish Era Transition in Mesoamerica*, eds. Rani Alexander and Susan Kepecs, pp. 65-76, The University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque.
- 2005 Michoacán en el mundo mesoamericano prehispánico: Erongarícuaro, Michoacán y los estados teotihuacano y tarasco. *El antiguo occidente de Mexico. Nuevas perspectivas sobre el pasado prehispánico*. Pp. 283-303, Editores

Eduardo Williams, Phil C. Weigand, Lorenza López Mestas, David C. Grove, El Colegio de Michoacán-INAH Guadalajara.

- 2005 LA-ICP-MS as a Supplement to Abbreviated-INAA for Obsidian Artifacts from the Aztec-Tarascan Frontier. In *Laser Ablation ICP-MS: A New Frontier in Archaeological Characterization Studies*, edited by R.J. Speakman and H. Neff, pp. 28-37, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque. Glascock, M.D., R.J. Speakman, and H.P. Pollard.
- 2005 Exchange, elites and the emergence of the Tarascan core: With A. Hirshman, H. Neff and M. D. Glascock, *Archaeology Without Limits: Papers in Honor of Clement W. Meighan*, eds. B. Dillon and M. Boxt, pp. 295-307, Labyrinthos Press, Lancaster, CA.
- 2004 La fase Loma Alta en la cuenca de Pátzcuaro: Unas raíces del pueblo purépecha. *Las tradiciones arqueológicas del Occidente de México*, ed. Efraín Cárdenas García, pp. 183-193, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico.
- 2003 El Gobierno del Estado Tarasco Prehispánico. In *Autoridad y gobierno indígena en Michoacán. Ensayos a través de su historia*, 2 vols., Carlos Paredes Martínez y Marta Terán (coordinadores), Vol. 1, pp. 49-60, El Colegio de Michoacán-CIESAS- DEH INAH- Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas de la Universidad Michoacana, México.
- 2003 Central places and cities in the Core of the Tarascan State. In *Urbanization in Mesoamerica*, eds. William T. Sanders and Alba Guadalupe Mastache, pp. 345-390, INAH and Pennsylvania University Press. Bilingual edition: *El Urbanismo en Mesoamérica*, Lugares Centrales y Ciudades en el Núcleo del Estado Tarasco.
- 2003 West Mexico Beyond the Tarascan Frontier. *The Postclassic Mesoamerican World*, eds. F. Berdan and M. E. Smith, pp. 55-57, University of Utah Press.
- 2003 The Tarascan Empire. *The Postclassic Mesoamerican World*, eds. F. Berdan and M. E. Smith, pp. 78-86, University of Utah Press.
- 2003 Development of a Tarascan core: The Lake Pátzcuaro Basin. *The Postclassic Mesoamerican World*, eds. F. Berdan and M. E. Smith, pp. 227-237, University of Utah Press.
- 2003 The Aztec/Tarascan Border. *The Postclassic Mesoamerican World*, eds. F. Berdan and M. E. Smith, pp.87-90, Pollard and Michael E. Smith, University of Utah Press.
- 2001 Las elites, el intercambio de bienes y el surgimiento del area nuclear tarasca: analisis de la ceramica de la cuenca de Patzcuaro. H.P. Pollard, A. Hirshman, H. Neff, and M. Glascock. *Estudios ceramicos en el occidente y norte de Mexico*, eds. E. Williams and P. Weigand, pp. 289-309, El Colegio de Michoacan, Zamora, Mexico.

- 2001 West Mexico Postclassic. *Encyclopedia of Prehistory*, Volume 5: Middle America, pp. 416-435, Human Relations Area Files, Inc., Kluwer Academic\Plenum Publishers.
- 2001 Tarascan. In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Cultures*, Oxford University Press.
- 2001 Tzintzuntzan. In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Cultures*, Oxford University Press.
- 2001 Ihuatzio. In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Cultures*, Oxford University Press.
- 2001 Tzintzuntzan. In *The Archaeology of Ancient Mexico and Central America: an Encyclopedia*, edited by S. Evans and D. Webster, Garland Publishing.
- 2001 Tarascan Culture and Religion. In *The Archaeology of Ancient Mexico and Central America: an Encyclopedia*, edited by S. Evans and D. Webster, Garland Publishing.
- 2001 Michoacan. In *The Archaeology of Ancient Mexico and Central America: an Encyclopedia*, edited by S. Evans and D. Webster, Garland Publishing.
- 2000 Tarascan External Relationships. *Greater Mesoamerica: The Archaeology of West and Northwest Mesoamerica*, edited by M. Foster and S. Gorenstein, pp. 71-80 University of Utah Press.
- 2000 Tarascans and Their Ancestors: The Prehistory of Michoacan. *Greater Mesoamerica: The Archaeology of West and Northwest Mesoamerica*, edited by M. Foster and S. Gorenstein, pp. 59-70, University of Utah Press.
- 1998 Proyecto Los señoríos Urichu, Xarácuaro, y Pareo: un método para investigar el desarrollo del estado tarasco. *El occidente de México: arqueología, historia y medio ambiente*. Perspectivas regionales, Actas del IV Coloquio de Occidentalistas, edited by R. Avila, J. Emphoux, L. Gastélum, S. Ramírez, O. Schondube, F. Valdez, pp. 211-220, Universidad de Guadalajara and Orstom, Mexico.
- 1998 Cambios en las costumbres funerarias de Urichu. *El occidente de México: arqueología, historia y medio ambiente*. Perspectivas regionales, Actas del IV Coloquio de Occidentalistas, edited by R. Avila, J. Emphoux, L. Gastélum, S. Ramírez, O. Schondube, F. Valdez, pp. 375-386, Universidad de Guadalajara and Orstom, Mexico. (co-authored with Laura Manrique Cahue)
- 1996 Prehispanic Tarascan Art. In *The Grove Dictionary of Art*, Vol. 30, pp. 340-342, MacMillan Publishers Ltd., London. (Web version 1998)
- 1996 La transformación de élites regionales en Michoacán central. *Las cuencas del Occidente de México: época prehispánica*, edited by E. Williams and P. C. Weigand, pp. 131-156, Colmich-Cemca-Orstom, Zamora, Mexico.

- 1995 Estudio del Surgimiento del Estado tarasco: Investigaciones Recientes. In *Arqueología del Occidente y Norte de México*, edited by E. Williams and Phil C. Weigand, pp. 29-63, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico.
- 1994 Late Postclassic imperial expansion and economic exchange within the Tarascan domain. In *Economies and Politics in the Aztec Realm*, edited by M. Smith and M. Hodge, pp. 447-470, Studies on Culture and Society, Vol. 6, Institute for Mesoamerican Studies, SUNY, Albany, distributed by University of Texas Press. (co-authored with T. Vogel)
- 1994 Ethnicity and political control in a complex society: The Tarascan State of prehispanic Mexico. In *Factional Competition and Political Development in the New World*, ed. E. Brumfiel and J. W. Fox, pp. 79-88, Cambridge University Press.
- 1994 Las consecuencias políticas e económicas del intercambio de obsidiana dentro del estado Tarasco. In *Estudios recientes en la arqueología del occidente de México*, E. Williams y R. Novella, pp. 159-182, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico. (co-authored with T. Vogel)
- 1994 Factores de Desarrollo en la Formación del Estado Tarasco. 1. La Economía Política en la Metalurgia Tarasca Prehispanica, 2. Etnicidad y Control Político en una Sociedad Compleja: E; Estado Tarasco en el México Prehispánico, 3. La Construcción de Ideología en el Surgimiento del Estado Tarasco Prehispánico. In *El Michoacán Antiguo*, edited by B. Boehm de Lameiras, pp. 187-250, El Colegio de Michoacán y El Gobierno del Estado de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico.
- 1991 Xanhari: Protohistoric Tarascan Routes In: *Ancient road networks and settlement hierarchies in the New World*, editor C. Trombold. Cambridge University Press, pp. 169-185. (co-authored with S. Gorenstein)
- 1985 The Lerma River Basin Survey. In *Acámbaro on the Tarascan-Aztec Frontier*. Vanderbilt University Publications in Anthropology, 32, Nashville.

(4) Articles, reports:

- 2019 *Cahequa* Del Rey: Evidencia Arqueológica y Lingüística del Uso de Cacao en el Posclásico Tardío de Tzintzuntzan, Michoacán, México. Joshua Lieta, Helen Perlstein Pollard, A. Daniel Jones, *Arqueología Iberoamericana* 41: 30-40.
- 2017 Markets, tribute, and class in Tarascan commodity consumption: The Lake Pátzcuaro Basin. *Americae* [online] 2, 2017, published 27 July 2017.
URL: <http://www.mae.u-paris10.fr/articles-articles/markets-tribute-and-class-in-tarascan-commodity-consumption-the-lake-patzcuaro-basin/>
- 2010 Specialization of Ceramic Production: A Sherd Assemblage Based Analytic Perspective. Amy J. Hirshman, William A. Lovis, Helen P. Pollard, *Journal of*

Anthropological Archaeology. 29 (3): 265-277, on-line supplement at [doi:10.1016/j.jaa.2010.03.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaa.2010.03.003) .

- 2008 A Model of the Emergence of the Tarascan State, *Ancient Mesoamerica*, 19 (2): 217-230.
- 2007 *Manual Visual de la Cerámica Prehispánica. Cuenca de Pátzcuaro*. Unpublished manuscript on file, available from the author, Michigan State University. (55 pp.)
- 2006 *Una Investigación Geoarqueológica en el Sureste de la Cuenca de Pátzcuaro: Un Estudio Piloto Informe Técnico Parcial, Temporada 2006*. Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico. 28 pp. Christopher Fisher co-PI.
- 2006 *Proyecto Erongaricuaro*. Informe Técnico Parcial al Consejo de Arqueología, INAH. Temporada II: 2005. With David Haskell.
- 2006 Desarrollo del Estado Tarasco: Proyecto Erongaricuaro. *El Boletín del Consejo de Arqueología del INAH*, Julio. On-line journal at <http://www.inah.gob.mx/index.html>
- 2005 Lake level change, climate, and the impact of natural events: the role of seismic and volcanic events in the formation of the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Michoacán, Mexico. I. Israde-Alcántara, V.H. Garduño-Monroy, C.T. Fisher and, H.P. Pollard *Quaternary International* 135 (1): 35-46.
- 2005 *Proyecto Erongaricuaro*. Informe Técnico Parcial al Consejo de Arqueología, INAH. Temporada 1 (Campo) 2001, Temporada 2 (Laboratorio) 2002-2004. Mayo 2005.
- 2004 El Imperio Tarasco en el Mundo Mesoamericano. *Relaciones XXV* (99): 115-142 (Zamora, Michoacán, Mexico).
- 2003 A reexamination of human induced environmental change within the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Michoacán, Mexico. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, vol. 100, no.8: 4957 -4962, supplementary tables on line. Christopher T. Fisher, Helen P. Pollard, Isabel Israde, Víctor Hugo Garduno, Subir K.Banerjee
- 2003 Proyecto Erongaricuaro. Informe Técnico Parcial al Consejo de Arqueología, INAH. Temporada de Campo Mayo-Julio 2001.
- 2001 Ofrendas de peces asociadas a entierros del Clásico-Epiclásico en Urichu, Michoacán, Mexico. Ana Fabiola Guzmán, Oscar Polaco, and Helen P. Pollard. *Archaeofauna* 10: 149-162.
- 2001 Informe Final al Consejo de Arqueología, INAH. Proyecto Desarrollo del Estado Tarasco: Los Señoríos Urichu, Xaracuaro, y Pareo (1990-1998). Volume 3. La Cerámica. (128 pages) February 2001.

- 2000 Informe Final al Consejo de Arqueología, INAH. Proyecto Desarrollo del Estado Tarasco: Los Señoríos Urichu, Xaracuaro, y Pareo (1990-1998). Volume 2. (406 pages)
- 1999 Mortuary Patterns of Regional Elites in the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin of Western Mexico. (With L. Cahue) *Latin American Antiquity* 10(3): 259-280.
- 1999 Intensive Agriculture and Socio-Political Development in the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin, Michoacán, Mexico. *Antiquity* 73 (281): 642-649. (with C.T. Fisher and C. Frederick)
- 1999 Final Report to the National Science Foundation, Grant 9507673, Emergence of the Tarascan State: The Urichu, Xaracuaro, and Pareo Polities. June, ms and NSF website.
- 1999 Final Performance Report to the National Endowment for the Humanities; Grant RK-20087-94, Emergence of the Tarascan State: Excavations at Urichu. June, ms.
- 1998 Lip plug (bezote) Abrasion Facets in a Tarascan Burial from Urichu, Michoacán (abstract). *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* Supplement 26: 117 (Cahue L, Sauer NJ, Pollard HP).
- 1997 Recent Research in West Mexican Archaeology. *Journal of Archaeological Research*, 5 (4): 345-384.
- 1996 Progress report to the National Science Foundation on the 1995 and 1996 field seasons of "Emergence of the Tarascan State: the Urichu, Xaracuaro, and Pareo polities." ms.
- 1996 Interim report to the National Endowment for the Humanities on the 1995 and 1996 field and laboratory seasons of "Emergence of the Tarascan State: Excavations at Urichu." ms.
- 1996 Informe Final al Consejo de Arqueología, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, México. Proyecto Desarrollo del Estado Tarasco: Los Señoríos Urichu, Xaracuaro, y Pareo (1990-1998), Tomo 1. Registro de Piezas Arqueológicas Entregadas al Museo Michoacano del Centro del INAH-Michoacan.
- 1996 Proyecto los señoríos Urichu, Xaracuaro, y Pareo, 1994-1995. Informe técnico parcial de las temporadas de campo 1994 y 1995 al Consejo de Arqueología, INAH, México. ms.
- 1994 Desarrollo del Estado tarasco: excavaciones en Urichu. *Anales del Museo Michoacano* 5, tomo I, tercera época, pp. 45-61, Centro INAH Michoacán, Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. [printed april 1995]
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- 1995 Co-Organizer of symposium for Society for American Archaeology, May 1995, Minneapolis. Symposium title: "The Classic to Postclassic Transition in Western Mexico."
- 1995 The Transformation of Regional Elites in Central Michoacán. Presented in the symposium on The Classic to Postclassic Transition in Western Mexico, Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Minneapolis, May 1995.
- 1995 El Proyecto Urichu: Cuenca de Pátzcuaro. Simposio sobre arqueología y etnohistoria de las cuencas del Occidente de México, Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico, May 15-17, 1995.
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- 1990 The political and economic implications of obsidian trade within the Tarascan state. For: Symposium at American Anthropological Association annual meeting,

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- 1988 Irechequa Tzintzuntzan: Variation on a Mesoamerican Theme. For: International Congress of Americanists, Symposium on Imperial Structures in Prehispanic Mesoamerica, organizers P. Carrasco, E. Florescano, F. Hicks, Free University, Amsterdam.
- 1988 Recent research in central Michoacan. Annual meeting of the Midwest Mesoamericanists, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 1987 Tarascan Civilization within Prehispanic Mesoamerica. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Toronto.
- 1987 Acerca de la Cuenca de Patzcuaro. El Hombre y los Lagos en el Centro y Occidente de Mexico, first interdisciplinary conference, CEMCA and the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropologicas-UNAM, Mexico, D.F.
- 1985 The political economy of prehispanic Tarascan mining. 50th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver.
- 1982 Tarascan territorial routes: their role in politics, war and economy. For symposium on Prehispanic transport networks in the New World, Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. (with S. Gorenstein)
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