

# Curriculum Vitae

## FRANCIS “JESS” WANTON ROBINSON IV

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### **Office Address:**

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### **Research Interests:**

Ritual and Ceremony, Long-Distance Exchange and Interaction, Ritual Economy, Mortuary Studies, the Emergence of Complexity, Situations of Crisis, Land Use and Landscape Identification, Hunter-Gatherer Studies, Paleoindian Studies, Early Woodland Native Groups, the Emergence of Agriculture, the Eastern Woodlands, The Far Northeast, Vermont

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### **Education History:**

**September 2010-** *Advanced to Ph.D. Candidacy, Anthropology:* University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)

- Dissertation Title: *The Initiation and Maintenance of the Early Woodland Interaction Sphere: A Multiscalar Analysis of Northeastern Mortuary Sites* (ca. 3,000-2,000 B.P.)
- Hetty Jo Brumbach, Ph.D., advisor
- Expected date of completion- Fall 2013

**December 2008-** *Graduate:* University at Albany- SUNY

- Master of Arts degree, Anthropology

**2001-** *Graduate:* University of Kent; Canterbury, England

- Master of Arts degree, English

**1999-** *Graduate:* University of Vermont; Burlington, Vermont

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology
  - Bachelor of Arts degree in English
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### **Current Positions:**

#### **Research Supervisor**

University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program  
Delehanty Hall, 180 Colchester Ave., Burlington, Vermont, 05405  
Phone #: (802)-656-4310  
2001-present

#### **Lecturer**

University of Vermont, Department of Anthropology  
509 Williams Hall, 72 University Place, Burlington, Vermont 05405  
Telephone: (802)-656-3884  
2010-present

**Relevant Past Positions:**

**Part-Time Faculty**

Johnson State College, 337 College Hill, Johnson, VT, 05656  
Telephone: (800)-835-2356  
2007- Spring Semester

**Assistant Field Supervisor/ Laboratory Manager**

University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program  
Delehanty Hall, 180 Colchester Ave., Burlington, Vermont, 05405  
Phone #: (802)-656-4310  
2000-2001

**Archaeological Technician**

University of Maine at Farmington Archaeology Research Center  
139 Quebec St., Farmington, Maine, 04938, U.S.A.  
Phone #: (877)-863-2720  
1998- (August to October)

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**Grants, Gifts and Academic Awards:**

**2012** -National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (BCS-1215730)- \$7,250.00

**2012**- FOSA- (Friends of the State Archaeologist of Connecticut) radiocarbon fund- \$595.00

**2012** -Albany Graduate Student Organization Dissertation Research Award- \$185.00

**2007/2008**- The James B. Petersen Gift- Granted from the estate of James B. Petersen- \$1,500.00

**2001**- University of Kent; Canterbury, England- awarded a partial academic scholarship

**1999**- University of Vermont- Buckham Overseas Scholar Award scholarship

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**Courses Taught:**

Prehistoric Archaeology (AANT 024), University of Vermont, Department of Anthropology,  
Spring 2013

Natives of North America (AANT 160), University of Vermont, Department of Anthropology,  
Fall 2011 and Fall 2012, scheduled for Fall 2013

Archaeological Theory (AANT 210), University of Vermont, Department of Anthropology,  
Spring 2010

Native American History and Culture (Humanities 3110), Johnson State College, Spring 2007

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### **Refereed Publications:**

Robinson IV, Francis W.

- 2012 Between the Mountains and the Sea: an Exploration of the Champlain Sea and Paleoindian Land Use in the Champlain Basin. In *Late Pleistocene Archaeology and Ecology in the Far Northeast*, edited by Claude Chapdelaine, pp. 191-218. Peopling of the Americas Publication, Michael R. Waters and Ted Goebel, general editors. Texas A&M University Press, College Station.

Crock, John G., and **Francis W. Robinson IV**

- 2012 Maritime Mountaineers: Paleoindian Settlement Patterns on the West Coast of New England. In *Late Pleistocene Archaeology and Ecology in the Far Northeast*, edited by Claude Chapdelaine, pp. 48-76. Peopling of the Americas Publications, Michael R. Waters and Ted Goebel, general editors. Texas A&M University Press, College Station.

Francis W. Robinson IV

- 2011 The Thurman Station Site: A Probable Late Paleoindian Ceremonial Artifact Deposit in the Lake George Region of New York. *Archaeology of Eastern North America* 39: 67-92.

Robinson IV, Francis W.

- 2009 The Reagen Site Revisited: A Contemporary Analysis of a Formative Northeastern Paleoindian Site. *Archaeology of Eastern North America* 37:85-147.

Crock, John G., and **Francis W. Robinson IV**

- 2009 Jackson-Gore: An Early-Paleoamerican Occupation in the Green Mountains of Vermont. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 26:40-42.

### **Non-Refereed Publications:**

Robinson IV, Francis W.

- 2011 *Powerful History: The Archaeology of Native People in the Champlain Lowlands*. Native American Archaeological Sites along the VELCO Northwest Reliability Project Corridor in Chittenden, Addison and Rutland Counties. Vermont Electric Power Company, Rutland, VT.

Robinson IV, Francis W.

- 2010 A Brief History of the Reagen Site since its Discovery. *Journal of Vermont Archaeology* 11:1-14.

Robinson IV, Francis W.

- 2008 *The Reagan Site: A Reanalysis, Recontextualization, and Reappraisal of a Formative Northeastern Paleoindian Site*, University at Albany- SUNY, unpublished MA thesis.

Robinson IV, Francis W., and John G. Crock

- 2008 The Fairfax Sandblows site (VT-FR-64): New evidence about a Michaud/Neponset Paleoindian site in the Champlain Basin. *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* 9:13-28.

Robinson IV, Francis W., and John G. Crock  
2007 "Jackson-Gore: An Early Paleoindian site in the Southern Green Mountains of Vermont", paper distributed at the 74th annual Eastern States Archaeological Federation Conference, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, Burlington, VT.

Robinson IV, Francis W., and John G. Crock  
2006 From Choppers to Tabular Knives: The Morphologies, Functions and Implications of an Early Holocene Tool Class. *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* 7: 20-39.

Robinson IV, Francis W., John G. Crock, and James B. Petersen  
2004 Notched Oblique Scrapers in Vermont Paleoindian Lithic Assemblages. *The Journal of Vermont Archaeology* 5: 29-41.

Francis W. Robinson IV  
2003 An Introduction to Vermont Archaeology: Native American Archaeological Sites and the Chittenden County Circumferential Highway. University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program, Burlington, VT.

#### **In Progress Publications:**

"Lend me thy Devil': Shamans and Crisis in New France". Accepted for inclusion in the edited volume *An Archaeology of Fear*, edited by Kevin B. Smith and Christopher Wolff. Publication date to be determined.

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#### **Select Unpublished Technical Reports:**

Robinson IV, Francis W., and John G. Crock  
2013 *BTV at A.D. 1315: Archaeological Phase III Data Recovery at Native American Site VT-CH-994 for the proposed 158th Fighter Wing Security Forces Building Project, Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont.* The University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program. Report #688, Burlington, VT.

Robinson IV, Francis W., John G. Crock, Jennifer J. Robbins and Geoff Mandel  
2009 *Archaeological Phase I Site Identification and Phase II Site Evaluation Conducted along the VELCO High Voltage Transmission System Upgrade, Northwest Vermont Reliability Project, 345kV, Rutland and Addison Counties, Vermont.* The University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program, Report #541, Burlington, VT.

2009 *Archaeological Phase III Data Recovery Excavations along the VELCO High Voltage Transmission System Upgrade, Northwest Vermont Reliability Project, 345kV, Rutland and Addison Counties, Vermont.* The University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program, Report #558, Burlington, VT.

Robinson IV, Francis W., Andrew Fletcher and John G. Crock  
2007 *Archaeological Phase I Site Identification Survey of the Proposed Vermont Army National Guard Air force Base Expansion Project, South Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont.* The University of Vermont, Report No. 500, Burlington, VT.

Robinson IV, Francis W., and John G. Crock

2005 *Archaeological Phase I Site Identification Survey of the Proposed Lathrop Gravel Pit Project, Bristol, Addison County, Vermont*. The University of Vermont, Report No. 421, Burlington VT.

Robinson IV, Francis W., Katherine Kenny, Prudence Doherty, and John G. Crock

2005 *Archaeological Reassessment for the Marble Island Planned Unit Development*, University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program, Report No. 410, Burlington, VT.

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#### **Conference Sessions Chaired and Organized:**

2007- *Archaeology of the Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene in the Far Northeast*, at the 74th annual Eastern States Archaeological Federation Conference, Burlington, VT, November 10<sup>th</sup>

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#### **Conference Papers Presented:**

2012- “Ceremonialism and Inter-Regional Exchange Two Millennia before the Fur Trade: a View from the East Creek Site”. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Algonquian Peoples Seminar, New York State Museum, Albany, New York, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

2012- “The Unrealized Periphery: a Multiscalar Investigation of the Native Americans of the Early Middle Woodland in Vermont and Beyond”. Paper presented at the 2012 Canadian Archaeological Association Conference, Montréal, Québec, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

2012- “Paleoindians and the Inland Sea”. Paper presented at the 2012 Society of American Archaeology Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, April 22nd.

2011- “Late Woodland Period Settlement and Subsistence in the Lower Winooski Valley: a View from National Guard Road”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Vermont Archaeological Society, Montpelier, VT, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

2011- “Between the Mountains and the Sea: an Exploration of the Champlain Sea and Paleoindian Land Use in the Champlain Basin”. Paper presented at the 2011 Canadian Archaeological Association Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

2011- “Between the Mountains and the Sea: an Exploration of the Champlain Sea and Paleoindian Land Use in the Champlain Basin”. Paper presented at the 2011 Northeast Natural History Conference, Albany, New York, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

2010- “Early Woodland Mortuary Ceremonialism and Interaction Spheres: a view from Three Middlesex Mortuary Sites in Vermont”. Paper presented at the 75<sup>th</sup> annual Society of American Archaeology Conference, St. Louis, MO, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 2009- “The Reagen site Revisited”, paper presented at the Archaeological Association of Québec Annual Meeting, Sherbrooke, Québec, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2008- “Paleoindians and the Champlain Sea: New Evidence of a Direct Association”, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Vermont Archaeological Society, Burlington, VT, October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 2008- “The Reagan site: New Insights into Old Questions”, paper presented at the annual AGSO graduate student symposium, University at Albany- SUNY, Albany, New York, February 29<sup>th</sup>
- 2007- “Jackson-Gore: An Early Paleoindian site in the Southern Green Mountains of Vermont”, paper presented at the 74th annual Eastern States Archaeological Federation Conference, Burlington, VT, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2007- “The Alburg Cluster: a Probable St. Lawrence Iroquoian Occupation in the Northern Lake Champlain Area of Vermont”, paper presented at the Archaeological Association of Québec Annual Meeting, Pointe-à-Callière Museum, Montreal, Quebec, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2006- “Vermont’s Earliest Pioneers: New Glimpses into Vermont’s Paleoindian Occupations”, paper presented in “New Discoveries and Current Issues in Vermont Archaeology: A Symposium Honoring the Legacy of James B. Petersen,” University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2006- “Recent Archaeology in the Central Champlain Lowlands of Vermont: A Brief Report on the Initial Results of Archaeological Studies Conducted for VELCO’s Northwest Reliability Project, West Rutland to New Haven”, The annual meeting of the Vermont Archaeological Society, St. Johnsbury, VT, October 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2006- “The Mazza Site and the Champlain Valley’s Early Occupants: Current and Future Research”, New Hampshire Archaeological Society Meeting, Enfield, NH, April 8<sup>th</sup>

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**Public Talks and Class Guest Lectures:**

- 2012- “Archaeology in Vermont”, presented to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class of Bristol Elementary School, February 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2012- “Humanity and Geology in the Champlain Basin”, presented for the Middlebury College Honors geology class, January 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2011- “An Archaeological History of Vermont’s Original Natives (with a focus of the archaeological evidence of spirituality),” presented for Melody Walker’s *Vermont Natives* class, Community College of Vermont, St. Albans campus, September 25<sup>th</sup>
- 2011- “Archaeology in Vermont”, presented to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class of Bristol Elementary School, February 10<sup>th</sup>

- 2011-** “The Reagen Site and the Paleoindian Occupations of Vermont,” presented for Vermont Archaeology Month at the Bixby Library, Vergennes, VT, September 22nd
- 2010-** “The Champlain Bridge Project: 9,000 years on Chimney Point”, presented at the Hubbardton Battlefield Historic Site, Hubbardton, VT, July 8th
- 2008-** “Paleoindians at the Margin”, presented for Vermont Archaeology Month at the Goodrich Library, Newport, VT, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2007-** “Paleoindians in the Northeast: A view from the Jackson Gore site”, presented for Vermont Archaeology Month at the Cavendish Historical Society, Cavendish, VT. September 9<sup>th</sup>
- 2007-** “Material Culture and its Interpretation by Archaeologists”, Guest Lecturer for Jay Dickenson, Material Culture and Modernity, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, February 16<sup>th</sup>
- 2006-** “Basic Archaeological Methodology and its Application in the Recovery of Human Remains”, Guest Lecturer for Cullen Black, Forensic Osteology, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, October 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2006-** “A Brief History of Vermont Archaeology”, presented for Vermont Archaeology Month, Essex, VT, September 27<sup>th</sup>
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**Public Service:**

- 2013-** Volunteer coordinator for the William Ross collection reanalysis project at the Bixby Library, Vergennes, Vermont
- 2012-** Volunteer archaeologist for the Chimney Point Bridge reopening ceremony, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2011/2012-** Volunteer Pottery Analyst for a sacred vessel recovered by the Western Abenaki
- 2012-** Worked with the Stockbridge/Munsee Mohican to rediscover the location of the East Creek Cemetery, Orwell, Vermont
- 2010-** Presenter at the Youth Conservation Field Days, New Haven, VT, September 12th
- 2007-** Assistant Conference coordinator and Bookroom and Exhibit Coordinator for the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern States Archaeological Federation Conference in Burlington, Vermont, November 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2007
- 2005-2007-** President of the Vermont Archaeological Society
- 2004- 2007-** Executive board member of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation
- 2006-** Organizational board member of the Center for Research on Vermont’s Symposium, “New Discoveries and Current Issues in Vermont Archaeology: A Symposium Honoring the Legacy of James B. Petersen,” November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, University of Vermont

**2006-** Judge and co-organizer of the Annual Atlatl Competition at Chimney Point State Park

**2005-** Assistant coordinator of Vermont Archaeology Month, September, 2005

**2005-** Assistant editor of the Journal of the Vermont Archaeology

**2005** – Judge and co-organizer of the annual Atlatl Competition at Chimney Point State Park

**2003-2005-** Board member of the Vermont Archaeological Society

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**Memberships:**

- The Society for American Archaeology
- The Society of Economic Anthropologists
- The Eastern States Archaeological Federation
- The Vermont Archaeological Society
- Lambda Alpha Anthropology honors society