

# Matthew Oliver James

Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

**B.A., University of Maine, Anthropology - *cum laude***

May 10th, 2019

## Work Experience

**Holmes Point Field School, University of Maine - *Undergraduate Field Assistant***

May 2019 - June 2019

- Field Assistant for Dr. Bonnie Newsom. Aided in the excavation and data recovery of a multi-component archaeological site. Established site grids and aided in survey measurements. Presented materials to school groups, media personnel, members of local indigenous communities, and other visitors. Oversaw and conducted site photography, as well as audio and video recordings. Supervised student field work and team work.

**Department of Anthropology, University of Maine - *Student Laboratory Aid I, II***

October 2017 - May 2019

- Laboratory aid for Kendra Bird and Dr. Bonnie Newsom. Created and organized a library, including a digital archive using Microsoft Excel. Catalogued artifacts and photographed archaeological materials and petroglyphs. Inventoried field supplies. Conducted a scientific study and co-authored a paper on indigenous ceramics in Maine with Dr. Newsom (see *Publications* section below)

## Publications

Newsom, Bonnie D., and Matthew James. 2019. "Beyond Grit and Shell: Evidence of Conifer Needle Temper in Archaeological Ceramics from Maine." *Archaeology of Eastern North America* 47: 135-155.

## **Other Academic Experience**

### **The Sondor Bioarchaeology Project**

July 2018 - August 2018

- Bioarchaeological field school at an Andean Late-Intermediate Period Site, Andahuaylas, Peru. Human anatomy course, excavation of human remains, extensive unit mapping, site photography, cataloguing of human remains, community engagement in rural Peru. Worked at over 10,000 feet of elevation in rugged conditions.

### **National Eagle Scout Association World Explorer, Rising Star and Malapa**

July 2016

- Paleoanthropology work at the Rising Star Cave and Malapa sites, Gauteng, South Africa. Cave mapping, water and geological sample collection, site excavation and mapping, and bioarchaeological lab work. Intense conditions, spelunking, low visibility.

## **Awards**

### **Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, 2014**

- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Den Chief training, community service projects, Order of the Arrow, and Bronze Palms.
- 200-plus hour Eagle Scout Project, landscaped electrical unit outside of Hingham Public Library's children's department.
- National Eagle Scout Association World Explorer (2016)