

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Education:**

Doctor of Philosophy. State University of New York at Buffalo, 2007.  
Anthropology

Thesis Title: *“Success and Competence will have Crowned their Efforts”:  
The Farmstead Archaeology of Western New York, 1810 – 1910.*

Master of Arts. State University of New York at Buffalo, 2001.  
Anthropology

Bachelor of Arts. State University of New York College at Geneseo, 1998.  
Anthropology

**Employment History:** Senior Research Support Specialist / Project Director - Historic Sites. Archaeological Survey, Department of Anthropology, State University of New York at Buffalo. Buffalo, New York. September, 2002 to Present (2013). Responsibilities include direction of field and laboratory work, as well as historical artifact analysis, archival/historical data collection and report writing. Focus on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century historical archaeology.

Research Aide. State University of New York at Buffalo Archaeological Survey. October, Buffalo, New York. 1998 to August, 2002. Duties included field excavation and laboratory processing (sorting, tabulating, cataloguing, and archival data collection).

Field Technician. Pratt & Huth, Associates, Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group. Buffalo, New York. July to August, 1999

**Professional Memberships and Activities**

2006 – Present: Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA)  
2000 – Present: Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology.  
2000 – 2005: Society for American Archaeology.

1997 – Present: Society for Historical Archaeology.

**Professional:**

*Teaching Assistantship 2001 – 2003, including:*

**School Service** 2003 UGC 112 World Civilizations II – 3.0 credit undergraduate course. Teaching Assistantship, Undergraduate College, University at Buffalo, Spring Semester, Professor Warren T.D. Barbour.

2002 UGC 111 World Civilizations I – 3.0 credit undergraduate course. Teaching Assistantship, Undergraduate College, University at Buffalo, Fall Semester, Professor Warren T.D. Barbour.

2002 APY 328 Biology, Society and Culture – 3.0 credit undergraduate course. Teaching Assistantship, Department of Anthropology, University at Buffalo, Spring Semester, Professor A. Theodore Steegman.

2001 APY 108 Introduction to Archaeology – 3.0 credit undergraduate course. Teaching Assistantship, Department of Anthropology, University at Buffalo, Fall Semester, Professor Ezra Zubrow.

**Professional:** June to July, 2003 2<sup>nd</sup> Field School. University of Maryland Field School in Urban

**Training** Archaeology. Eastport and Wye Island, Maryland. Directed by Dr. Mark P. Leone & Mathew M. Palus.

May to June, 2001 Volunteer Archaeological Technician. Old Fort Niagara Archaeology Project. Lewiston, New York. Directed by Dr. Elizabeth Peña. State University of New York at Buffalo.

May to June, 1999 1<sup>st</sup> Field School. Eaton Archaeological Project. West Seneca, New York. Directed by Dr. William Engelbrecht. Buffalo State College.

**Community Outreach:** Summer 2013: *Asa Ransom Gristmill Archaeology Project* (Town of Clarence, Erie County, New York; Directed by Joseph McGreevy, B.A., Clarence Central High School and the UB Archaeological Survey). Public archaeology / high school student oriented volunteer participation. Excavation of an early 19<sup>th</sup> century grist

mill owned and operated by Asa Ransom, one of the earliest settlers in the present-day Town of Clarence, New York.

Summer 2012 - Present: *Canalside Archaeology: Digging for the Story of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.* (City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York; Directed by Nathan Montague, M.A., UB Archaeological Survey). Public outreach, archaeology demonstration and historical exhibition. Excavation of several mid-19<sup>th</sup> to late-20<sup>th</sup> century mixed-use commercial, industrial, residential tenements located at the foot of Main Street, within Buffalo's Erie Canal Terminus district.

2012: Designer / Author of the New York Archaeology Council's 2012 Archaeology Season Poster: "*War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier*", Sponsored by the SUNY at Buffalo Archaeological Survey.

Summer - Fall 2010: Bowmansville Historical Society Volunteer at the Bowmansville Mill, an early - mid 19<sup>th</sup> century gristmill located in the Village of Bowmansville, Erie County, New York.

Summer - Fall 2010: Sardinia Historical Society Volunteer Dig at the Waldron-Hall Site, an early 19<sup>th</sup> century domestic farmstead located in the northeastern corner of the Town of Sardinia, Erie County, New York.

**Community Outreach:**  
**Cont.**

2009 - 2010: Exhibit at the Buffalo Museum of Science of the Blackmar -Eaton (MDS 1001) site (Village of Springville and Town of Concord, Erie County and Towns of Ashford and Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, New York). The display consisted of Artifacts, maps and informational graphics that illustrated the excavation of a mid-to-late 19<sup>th</sup> century rural tenant farm / residential complex, including the physical remains of a dwelling, a privy and an agricultural outbuilding.

2004 to Present: Hull House Archaeology Project (Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York). Directed by Ryan F. Austin, Ph.D., RPA, UB Archaeological Survey. Public outreach, adult volunteer program, annual summertime children's history and archaeology day camp. Excavation of an early 19<sup>th</sup> century-mid 20<sup>th</sup> century multi-occupation Euro-American farmstead owned by Warren Hull, an Revolutionary War Veteran and one of the earliest settlers in the present-day Town of Lancaster, New York.

Summer 2017: William Hart Gas Well Project (Village of Fredonia, Chautauqua County, New York. Directed by Douglas J. Perrelli, Ph.D. RPA and Ryan F. Austin, Ph.D., RPA, UB Archaeological Survey. Public Outreach, Adult Volunteer Dig. Excavation searching for the first commercial natural gas well east in the United States east of the Mississippi River, built in 1825 by William Hart on the banks of Canadaway Creek, south of Fredonia's business district.

**Publications:**

Academic Works:

Austin, R.F.

2007 "Success and Competence will have Crowned their Efforts": *The Farmstead Archaeology of WNY, 1810 – 1910*. Doctoral Dissertation. SUNY at Buffalo. University Microfilms, Inc. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Book Chapters:

Perrelli, D. J. and R.F. Austin

2010 The Hull House Archaeology Project. In: *Hull Family Home and Farmstead, a Bicentennial Celebration*. Ed. by Hull House Foundation. Western New York Heritage Press, Inc. Cheektowaga, New York, pp. 37-44.

Technical Reports:

Austin, Ryan F., J. Hartner and K. Whalen

2018 Combined Phase 2 Site Examination / Phase 3 Archaeological Data Recovery of the Almer White site (UB 4478), Village of Springville, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 49, No. 20.

Austin, Ryan F., J. Hartner and K. Whalen

2017 Phase 1 Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Emerling Auto Dealership on South Cascade Drive, Village of Springville, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 49, No. 8.

Technical Reports, cont.:

Hartner, J., D. Snyder and R.F. Austin

2016b Phase 3 Data Recovery of the STAMP 3 site (UB 4379), Town of Alabama, Genesee County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 48, No. 12.

Hartner, J., D. Snyder and R.F. Austin

2016a Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the STAMP 5 site (UB 4381), Town of Alabama, Genesee County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 48, No. 11.

Hartner, J., R.F. Austin and D. Snyder

2016 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the John Deters Site (UB 4435), City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 48, No. 7.

Austin, R.F.

2016 Technical Archaeological Report in Support of the Cultural Landscape Report for the Hull Family Home and Farmstead, 5976 Genesee Street (NY Route 33) (*aka* Hull-Peterson Site, UB 2708), Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 48, No. 6.

Austin, R.F.

2014 Construction Monitoring of Sign Installation at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site (THRI, UB 3747), City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 46, No. 19.

Austin, R.F.

2014 Construction Monitoring of the Replacement of the NY Route 5 / Route 20 Bridge over Cattaraugus Creek, Seneca Nation of Indians, Cattaraugus Territory, Erie County, and Town of Hanover, Chautauqua County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 46, No. 13.

Perrelli, D., J. Hartner, D. Snyder and R.F. Austin

2014 Phase 3 Data Recovery Plan for Meetinghouse Run 2 (UB 831), Old Pines (UB 4218), Uncle Bill (UB 4221), Blacksnake Cemetery (UB 4223), Bear Tooth (UB 4224), Beaver Den (UB 4226), and Olive Wing 2 (UB 4229) Sites, Allegany Indian Reservation, Towns of Cold Spring, Red House and Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 46, No. 11

Snyder, D., J. Hartner and R.F. Austin

2014 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the Tuscarora Elementary School Site (UB 4434), Town of Adison, Steuben County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 46, No. 10.

Harner, J., D. Snyder, R.F. Austin and M.L. Pipes

2014 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of Scajaquada 4-6 and 8-14 Sites, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 46, No. 9.

Austin, R.F.

2014 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the Amos Burrows Site (UB 4410) and the George Crouch Site (UB 4409), City of Rochester, Monroe County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 46, No. 3.

Austin, R. F., J. Hartner

2013 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the Amherst Central High School Site, Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 45, No. 26.

Austin, R.F.

2013 THRI 2012 A Bank of America Land Acquisition and Landscape Restoration at THRI Archeological Investigations and THRI 2012 A Bank of America Land Acquisition and Landscape Restoration at THRI Archeological Investigations Additional Excavations and Cataloging 2 at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site (THRI, UB 3747, A02940.023708), City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 45, No. 5.

Austin, R.F.

2013 Phase 2 Site Examination / Construction Monitoring for the Mortimer Street Transit Center, City of Rochester, Monroe County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 45, No. 2.

Austin, R. F., and D. J. Perrelli

2012 Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey for the Proposed Improvements at the Joseph Davis State Park, Town of Lewiston, Niagara County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 44, No. 16.

Austin, R. F., J. Hartner

2012 Construction Monitoring Report for the Replacement of the Sprague Street Bridge over the Chadakoin River (BIN 2258530), City of Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 44, No. 11.

Austin, R. F., N. Montague and J. Hartner

2012 Archaeological and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey of the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of NY Route 19 Bridge over Wiscoy Creek (BIN 1015080), Hamlet of Pike, Town of Pike, Wyoming County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 44, No. 8.

Austin, R. F., J. Hartner

2012 Addendum Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Mortimer Street Transit Center Area D, City of Rochester, Monroe County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 44, No. 3.

Hartner, J. and R. F. Austin

2012 PIN 5758.79.101, Phase 2 Site Examinations for the Replacement of Red House Bridge over Allegheny River (BIN 6012230) and Rehabilitation of Old NY Route 17 from Bunker Hill Road to Breeds Run Road, Seneca Nation Allegany Reservation, Towns of Cold Spring, Red House, Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 42, No. 17.

Austin, R.F.

2011 Addendum Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the Cole-Truesdale site (UB 3792, A05505.000253) for PIN 4753.07, the Reconstruction / Rehabilitation of Mill Road, Town of Greece, Monroe County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 43, No. 14.

Austin, R.F.

2011 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examinations of Amherst State Park Prehistoric Site 2 (UB 4336) and Amherst State Park Prehistoric Site 3 (UB 4337) for the Amherst Veterans Memorial Project at the Amherst State Park, Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 43, No. 13.

Austin, R. F., J. Hartner, M. Houston, A. Mitchell and D. J. Perrelli

2011 Phase 3 Archaeological Data Recovery of the Ninemile Road Site (OPRHP 00934.000044, NYSM 10722, UB 2993) for PIN 5754.36.121, the Replacement of the Cotton Road Bridge over the Allegheny River, Town of Allegany and Allegany Reservation, Seneca Nation, Cattaraugus County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 43, No. 4.

Austin, R. F. and N. Montague

2010 Phase 1A Archaeological Resources Sensitivity Assessment and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey for PIN 4260.05.101, the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of NY Route 260 from NY Route 18 to the Lake Ontario State Parkway, Town of Hamlin, Monroe County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 42, No. 21.

Austin, R. F. and N. Montague

2010 Phase 1A Archaeological Resources Sensitivity Assessment and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey for PIN 4019.69.101, the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of NY Route 19 from NY Route 360 to the Lake Ontario State Parkway, Town of Hamlin, Monroe County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 42, No. 18.

Austin, R. F., J. Hartner, and N. Montague

2010 Phase 2 Site Examinations of the J. Benedict Site (NYSM 11777, SUBi-2865, UB 4233) and the L. B. Young Site (NYSM 11778, SUBi-2866, UB 4234) for PIN 6804.02.101, the Replacement of Culvert 610079 over an unnamed tributary of the Genesee River along NY Route 19, Town of Scio, Allegany County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 42, No. 5.

Austin, R.F.

2010 Addendum Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the B. Holmes Site (UB 4194) for PIN 5268.50.101, NY Route 240 (SH 715) Safety Improvements at Pilger's Curve, Town of Colden, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 41, No. 27.

Austin, R. F. and N. Montague

2009 Addendum Reconnaissance Survey / Phase 2 Site Examination of the B. Holmes Site (NYSM 12162; UB 4194; SUBi-2795) for PIN 5268.50.101, NYS Route 240 (SH 715) Safety Improvements at Pilger's Curve, Town of Colden, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 41, No. 22.

Kleinmartin, H. and R. F. Austin

2009 Phase 1A Archaeological Resources Sensitivity Assessment of the Improvements to Interstate-90, New York State Thruway MP 438.5 - 451.5 and Wetland Mitigation Area, Towns of Brant, Eden, Evans and Hamburg, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey* Vol. 41 No. 24.

Austin, R.F.

2009 Demolition Cleanup Monitoring and Foundation Recording at the Reist Mill Site (UB 3562), Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 41, No. 3.

Austin, R.F.

2008 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the Neff and Gampp Cheese Factory Site (A00902.000096, NYSM 11658, UB 3830) and the Wilson-Folts Site (A00902.000097, NYSM 11659, UB 3831) for PIN 5101.72.121, US Route 219 Construction Segment 6, from Edies Road to Neff Road in the Town of Ashford, Cattaraugus County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 40, No. 23.

Austin, R.F.

2008 Phase 1B Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Reist Mill Site (UB 3562), Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 40, No. 19.

Austin, R.F.

2008 Phase 1B Archaeological Investigation and Monitoring in Support of the Carriage House Construction and for Underground Utility Installation beneath the Parking Lot at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site (THRI, UB 3747), City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 40, No. 18.

Austin, R. F., A. M. Mitchell and D. J. Perrelli

2008 Phase 1B Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Tourist Welcome Center Relocation Project, Village of Lewiston, Niagara County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 40, No. 14.

Technical Reports, cont.:

Austin, R. F. and M.L. Pipes

2008 Phase 3 Data Recovery of the Blackmar-Eaton (MDS 1001) site (UB 3660), for PIN 5101.53.121, US Route 219 Construction Segment 5, Town of Concord, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 40, No. 12.

Montague, N., R. F. Austin, and K. Traynor

2007 Phase 1 Archaeological and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey for the Middlesex Sidewalk Project. Hamlet and Town of Middlesex, Yates County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey* Vol. 39 No. 14.

McSweeney, E., K. O'Connell, and R. F. Austin

2007 Archaeological and Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey for the Department of Transportation Land Acquisition for New Maintenance Building, Town of Farmersville, Cattaraugus County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey* Vol. 39 No. 11.

Austin, R. F. and K. T. O'Connell

2006 Phase 2B Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Niagara Falls Intermodal Transportation Center, Whirlpool, Main, Ontario and Bath Streets; Old Customs House, 2245 Whirlpool Street (OPRHP 01PR2070), City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 38, No. 22.

Austin, R. F., K. T. O'Connell and R. Putnam

2006 Phase I A & B Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Proposed Condominium Facility at 33 Gates Circle, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 38, No 9.

Austin, R.F.

2006 Phase 3 Data Recovery Excavation of the Hamburg Village Blacksmith Shop (HVBS) Site (NYSM 11246, UB 3335), for PIN 5308.03.101, the Reconstruction of NY Route 491 (Main Street) and US Route 62 (Buffalo Street) in the Village of Hamburg, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 38, No. 7.

Austin, R.F.

2006 Phase 1 Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Hull-Peterson Site (UB 2708), 5976 Genesee Street (NY Rte. 33), Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 37, No. 39.

Austin, R.F.

2005 Phase 1B/2 Archaeological Site Examination at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site (UB 3747), City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 37, No. 4.

Austin, R. F., D. J. Perrelli, F. Cowan and C. Tinsley

2005 Phase 3 Archaeological Data Recovery at the Dirschberger Site (UB 3096, NYSM 11061, A02901.000039) for PIN 5512.38.101, the Reconstruction and Realignment of NY Route 33 (Genesee Street), Towns of Alden and Lancaster, Erie County, New York (PIN 5512.38.101, 00PR4053). *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 36,



No. 24.

Austin, R. F., J. Hartner and D.J. Perrelli

2004 Phase 2 Site Examinations of the Dorothy Scott 1-4 Sites (UB 3640-3643, NYSM 11338-11341), Fredrick Hofmann Site (UB 3649, NYSM 11347), Willard Miller 1-2 Sites (UB 3648 and 3650, NYSM 11346 and 11348), Robert Obenauer 1-5 Sites (UB 3651-3655, NYSM 11349-11353), and Map Documented Structure 1001 (Blackmar-Eaton) Site (UB 3660, NYSM 11358) for PIN 5101.53.121, US Route 219 Construction Segment 5, Village of Springville and Town of Concord, Erie County; Towns of Ashford and Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 36, No. 11.

Technical Reports, cont.:

Hartner, J. and R. F. Austin

2003 Phase 1 Archaeological and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey. Addendum to Intersection Improvements on Ridge Road (NY Route 104) at Warrens Corners in the Towns of Cambria and Lockport, Niagara County, New York (PIN 5045.26.101). *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 34, No. 15.

Austin, R.F.

2002 Phase 2 Archaeological Monitoring and Addendum Site Examination for PIN 5806.80.101 Pedestrian Access Improvements at the Niagara Reservation State Park; City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 34, No. 24.

Perrelli, D. J. and R.F. Austin

2002 Phase 2 Archaeological Site Examination of the Dirschberger Site, Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York (UB 3096, NYSM 11061, A02901.000039). *Reports of the Archaeological Survey* Vol. 34 No. 20.

Hartner, J., R. Salisbury and R. F. Austin

2002 Phase 1 Archaeological and Architectural Reconnaissance Survey for Addendum to Widening and Improvement of Sweet Home Road, Town of Amherst, Erie County, New York, PIN 5803.35.122. *Reports of the Archaeological Survey*, Vol. 34, No. 19.

PowerPoint Presentations:

Montague, N. and R. F. Austin

2013 *Visual Chronology of Landscape Changes in the Vicinity of the New York Gateway Connections Improvement Project in the United States Peace Bridge Plaza, City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York (PIN 5760.80.101)*. Archaeological Survey, Department of Anthropology, State University of New York at Buffalo. Buffalo, New York.

Symposium / Conference Papers:

Austin, R. F.

2008 *Recent Archaeological Investigations at the c. 1804 – 1989 Hull-Peterson Farmstead: 5976 Genesee Street, Town of Lancaster, Erie County, New York.* Paper presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, Lockport, New York.

Austin, R. F.

2008 *Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Blackmar-Eaton (MDS 1001) Site, Town of Concord, Erie County, New York.* Paper presented at February NYAC – Houghton Chapter Meeting, Buffalo, New York.

Austin, R. F.

2007 “*Success and Competence will have Crowned their Efforts*”: *The Farmstead Archaeology of WNY, 1810 – 1910.* Paper Presented at the 2007 Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Meetings, Buffalo, New York.

Austin, R. F.

2002 *Neighborhoods and Necro-Geography: Spatial Connections in a Rural 19th Century Cemetery.*

Paper Presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Mobile, Alabama.

Austin, R. F.

2001 *Cultural Group Identity in the Temple Hill Cemetery, Genesee, New York.* Paper presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Council for North East Historical Archaeology, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

**Research Interests:**

My professional research is directed towards the investigation of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century rural domestic sites located in the northeastern United States. In particular, I am interested in studying the effects of agricultural change and commercial development on the manner in which rural Americans acquired, used and disposed of their material culture. At present, I work as a project director for the investigation of historic sites for the SUNY at Buffalo Archaeological Survey, a position that I have held since 2002. My responsibilities include direction of field and laboratory work, historical artifact analysis, archival/historical data collection and report writing. In addition, I am responsible for several public outreach and volunteer archaeology programs conducted on behalf of the Archaeological Survey throughout Western New York, including the Hull House, a 19<sup>th</sup> century farmstead site in Lancaster, New York, and as Canalside, a 19<sup>th</sup> – early 20<sup>th</sup> century mixed residential / commercial / industrial tenement located in the heart of Buffalo’s historic Erie Canal district. In addition, I am also responsible for the creation and maintenance of historic museum displays that are organized by the SUNY at Buffalo Archaeological Survey.