

Erin McMenamain

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Master of Arts in Anthropology, August 2008

- Department of Geography and Anthropology
- Thesis: "Databasing the Disappeared and Deceased: A Review of the Resources Available in Missing and Unidentified Persons Cases"

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, May 2003

- Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Course work in Summer 2002 and Fall 2003

EXPERIENCE

T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History, Louisiana State University Libraries Special Collections

Manuscript Processor, February 2009 - Present

- Responsible for the creation of finding aids and for the final auditing, editing, and transfer of collections for eventual cataloging and deposit into the LLMVC.
- Managing and transferring edits completed by independent contractors.
- Updating information in the center's database as necessary.
- Handling and fulfilling patron requests.

Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services (FACES) Lab, Louisiana State University

Laboratory Assistant, August 2007 - May 2008

- Completed inventory that included: ~200 forensic human remains case; ~100 historic and prehistoric remains cases; 1000+ x-rays of ~320 cases; clothing, other evidence, and animal remains. Used inventory to update information in 500+ case Microsoft Access database.

Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University

Graduate Assistant, August 2005 - June 2007

- As Teaching Assistant, led class discussions for 30-100 students; held review sessions for 30-50; graded exams, papers, and other assignments; created exam questions; scanned slides and images into PowerPoint; managed course assignments in Excel; and posted grades online.
- As Lab Assistant in both Osteology and FACES Labs, supervised students; assisted with identification of skeletal anatomies; ensured proper handling and storage of skeletal material; participated in field recovery of human remains; assisted in preparation and forensic anthropological analysis of human remains.

Barthco International, Philadelphia, PA

Customs Clerk, January 2000 - August 2005

- Sent electronic entries to U.S. Customs to clear freight for several clients including IKEA, KB Toys, and various fruit and vegetable importers.
- Outsourced to IKEA North America's Customs Department in Summers 2002 and 2003.
- Organized and maintained database of over 30,000 Powers of Attorney.
- Trained and supervised new employees.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

FACES Lab Community Outreach Program

Volunteer / Program Coordinator, September 2005 - May 2008

- Volunteer (in 1st year) and Program Coordinator (in last two) of outreach program providing information on forensic anthropology to groups of 10-100 elementary, high school, and college students.

Family Assistance Center

Volunteer, October - December 2005

- Assisted various agencies helping with FEMA's effort to locate missing individuals, identify unknown decedents, and reunite families displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Southern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting, September 2008

Talk: "Missing and Unidentified Persons Investigations: DNA, Dental Records and Databases"

Also poster presentation

American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting, February 2008

Poster: "Databasing the Disappeared and Deceased: The Use of Internet Resources in Resolving Missing and Unidentified Persons Cases"