

**Megan E. Belcher**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

New World archaeology (Southeastern US and Eastern Woodlands), paleoethnobotany, ethnobotany, foodways studies, plant domestication, public archaeology. gender, social organization, culture change, food sovereignty.

**EDUCATION**

**Washington University in St. Louis** Current  
Ph.D. in Anthropology

**University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN** 2020  
*BA, Honors Anthropology*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis: “A Paleoethnobotanical Analysis of Wild Plant Utilization at Coan Hall (44NB11).”

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Outstanding Graduate in Honors Anthropology, UTK	2020
Distinction in Undergraduate Research, UTK	2020
Excellence in Undergraduate Research, UTK	2020
Jonathan C. Spear Scholarship Award for the Prehistoric Archaeology of the Americas, UTK	2020
Office of Research & Engagement Gold Award, 2019 Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, UTK	2020
Award of Excellence in the Social Sciences, 2019 Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, UTK	2020
Phi Beta Kappa, UTK	2018
Alpha of Tennessee Chapter of Lambda Alpha	2018
Undergraduate Research Travel Grant, UTK	2018
Undergraduate Anthropology Association Academic Grant, UTK	2017
Dean’s List, UTK	2016-2020

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Paleoethnobotany Lab Assistant**

Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville,  
Supervisor: Dr. Kandace Hollenbach. 2019-2020

**Museum Technician** 2019

Volunteers in Parks (VIP) and New River Gorge National River (NERI) Project  
Archaeological Research Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee,  
Knoxville.

Supervisors: Dr. Ellen M. Lofaro and Valerie K. Altizer.

**Undergraduate Researcher** 2019

NSF-REU site “Long Term Perspectives on Human-River Dynamics at the Confluence  
of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers,” Center for American Archaeology, Kampsville, IL.  
Supervisors: Jane E. Buikstra, Jason L. King, Natalie G. Mueller, Andrew Flachs, and Jake  
Lulewicz.

**Notetaker** 2019

Student Disabilities Services  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** 2018-2019

Department of Anthropology  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**REPORTS**

**Belcher, Megan E.** and Kandace D. Hollenbach.

2020 Plant Remains from 1MA1789, a Multicomponent Site in Madison County,  
Alabama. Report submitted to Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research, Huntsville,  
Alabama. Archaeological and Environmental Research Laboratory, University of  
Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Belcher, Megan E.** and Kandace D. Hollenbach.

2020 Plant Remains from 1MA26, a Multicomponent Site in Madison County,  
Alabama. Report submitted to Tennessee Valley Archaeological Research, Huntsville,  
Alabama. Archaeological and Environmental Research Laboratory, University of  
Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Belcher, Megan E.** and Kandace D. Hollenbach.

2020 Plant Remains from Oakville Mounds (1LA111), a Middle Woodland Site in  
Lawrence County, Alabama. Report submitted to Oakville Indian Mounds Education  
Center, Danville, Alabama. Archaeological and Environmental Research Laboratory,  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

## LAB VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<b>Lab Volunteer</b>	2019-2020
Gary D. Crites Paleoethnobotanical Lab McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Supervisor: Dr. Kandace D. Hollenbach.	
<b>Lab Volunteer</b>	2018-2019
Historical Archaeology Lab, Department of Anthropology University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Supervisor: Katherine Parker.	
<b>Lab Intern</b>	2018-2019
Paleoethnobotany Lab, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Supervisor: Dr. Kandace Hollenbach.	
<b>Lab Volunteer</b>	2017-2018
Topper Site Archaeological Lab, Department of Anthropology University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Supervisor: Dr. David G. Anderson.	
<b>Processor</b>	2017
Forensic Anthropology Center, Department of Anthropology University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Supervisor: Christine Bailey.	

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

<b>Field School Student</b>	2018
Coan Hall Field School, Heathsville, VA May 31-June 29	
<b>Field Volunteer</b>	2018
Cherokee Farms Field School, Knoxville, TN May 21-25	
<b>Field School Student</b>	2017
Topper Site Field School, Allendale, SC, May 11-June 2.	

## SKILLS

Geographic Information System (GIS): proficient in ArcMap and QGIS  
Total Station: proficient  
Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR): basic  
R Programming: basic

## PRESENTATIONS

2019 **Megan E. Belcher**, Barbara J. Heath, Kandace D. Hollenbach. "A Taste of the Past: A Paleoethnobotanical Analysis of Foodways at the Coan Hall Site (44NB11)." Paper presented at

the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, November 6-9, Jackson, Mississippi.

2019 **Megan E. Belcher**, Daniel R. Williams, and Natalie G. Mueller. “Testing the Soil Preferences of Erect Knotweed (*Polygonum erectum*) in a Common Garden Experiment.” Poster presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference, October 10-12, Mankato, Minnesota.

2019 **Megan E. Belcher** and Martin P. Walker. “Pipe(ing) Up about Pipe Fragments: An Analysis of Woodland Period Pipes from the Topper Site (38AL23).” Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EUR̄CA), April 15-18, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

2019 **Megan E. Belcher** and Martin P. Walker. “Pipe(ing) Up about Pipe Fragments: An Analysis of Woodland Period Pipes from the Topper Site (38AL23).” Poster presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, April 10-12, Atlanta, GA.

2019 Kandace D. Hollenbach, **Megan E. Belcher**, Rebecca J. Webster, Katherine G. Parker, and Barbara J. Heath “A Review of Paleoethnobotanical Analyses Conducted at the Coan Hall Site, Northumberland County, Virginia.” Paper presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, March 21-24, Ocean City, MD.

2019 **Megan E. Belcher**. “Getting Down to Brass Tacks.” 3-Minute Artifact Forum Participant at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, January 9-12, St. Charles, MO.

2018 **Megan E. Belcher** and Martin P. Walker. “Pipe(ing) Up about Pipe Fragments: An Analysis of Woodland Period Pipes from the Topper Site (38AL23).” Paper presented at the 75<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, November 14-17, Augusta, GA.

2018 **Megan E Belcher**. “Exploring Virginia’s Origins: Excavations at Coan Hall Field School 2018.” Student Fieldwork Night Speaker, Archaeological Institute of America- East Tennessee Society, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Knoxville, TN.

2018 Cayla B. Colclasure, **Megan E. Belcher**, Jon Russ, Stephen B. Carmody, and Martin P. Walker. “Analyzing Late Woodland Pipe Fragments from the Topper Site (38AL23): Exploring the Botanical, Social, and Ritual Intersections of Smoking” Paper presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 11-15, Washington, D.C.

2017 **Megan E. Belcher**, Cayla B. Colclasure, Anna Breeden, Martin P. Walker, and David G. Anderson. “Smokin’ Hot Artifacts: Contextualizing Pipe Fragments at the Topper Site (38AL23)” Poster presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, November 8-11, Tulsa, OK.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### **Fossil Fest at Norwood Elementary, Knoxville, TN, Hosted by McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture**

Fossil Pollen Table Worker, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

### **Can You Dig It? Archaeology and Fossil Day, Hosted by McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture**

Paleoethnobotany Table, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Historical Archaeology Table, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Prehistoric Archaeology Table, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Roane State Community College Boy Scout Merit Badge College**

Archaeology Merit Badge Counselor

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Harriman, TN.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights Conference**

Registration Desk and Technology Volunteer

February 9th-11th, 2018, Knoxville, TN.

## **SERVICE POSITIONS**

Vice President, Undergraduate Anthropology Association, UTK	2019-2020
President, Undergraduate Anthropology Association, UTK	2018-2019
Secretary, Undergraduate Anthropology Association, UTK	2017-2018

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Society for American Archaeology

Southeastern Archaeological Conference

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