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**EDUCATION**

Present      **Ph.D. Candidate** (Anthropology), Washington University in St. Louis, MO  
Ph.D. defense expected Fall 2012  
Dissertation Title:  
“Archaeology of the Afar Salt Caravan Route of Northeastern Ethiopia”  
2006      **M.A.** (Anthropology), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Master’s Paper:  
“Zooarchaeology in Southern Somalia: A Study of Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherers  
Subsistence from Guli Waabayo Rock Shelter.”  
2002      **B.A.** Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**First Major:** (History)  
Distinguished Majors Thesis: “Social History of Traditional Women Dirge  
Singers in Northern Ethiopia”  
**Second Major:** (Archaeology)

Foreign Languages: Arabic, Amharic, French

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

African archaeology, zooarchaeology, ethnoarchaeology, human-environment interactions, the beginnings of food production, pastoralism, mobility, economic anthropology, caravan archaeology

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2012      Inducted into Bouchet Graduate Honor Society  
2011      Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$ 21,252)  
2010      The Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$ 14,860)  
2006-2009      Washington University Graduate Fellowship  
2009      National Science Foundation: Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$12,078)

- 2009 Washington University in St. Louis, Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence
- 2008 Washington University International and Area Studies: Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (\$1,000)
- 2007 Washington University: Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$4,000)
- 2004-2006 University of Florida: Title VI FLAS (Foreign Language Area Studies)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2010 Fall *Instructor*, Introduction to Archaeology
- 2012 Spring *Teaching Assistant*, Ancient Africa: Social Mosaics and Environmental Challenges
- 2012 Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Zooarchaeology
- 2011 Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Zooarchaeology
- 2010 Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Zooarchaeology
- 2010 Fall Teaching Assistant, Human Evolution
- 2009 Spring *Teaching Assistant*, Bones to Behavior
- 2009 Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Zooarchaeology
- Teaching Assistant*, Seminar in African Archaeology
- 2008 Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Bones to Behavior
- 2008 Spring *Teaching Assistant*, Zooarchaeology
- 2007 Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Human Osteology

### **FIELD AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE**

- 2011 *Washington University*, zooarchaeological study of fauna from Turkmenistan. Site: AMMD Turkmenistan
- 2011 Ethiopian-German project. Zooarchaeological study of fauna from the Almaqah temple of Meqaber GaKewa (Tigray, Ethiopia)
- 2007-2009 Simon Fraser University, *Eastern Tigray Archaeological Project (ETAP)*, Ethiopia, Faunal Specialist
- 2008 French Center for Ethiopian Studies, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, *Gendebelo/Nora Program*, Ethiopia, Africa: Excavation Supervisor and Faunal Specialist
- 2005 *Southeastern Archaeological Research Inc. (SEARCH)*, Florida, USA: Survey and Excavation crew
- 2005 Assisted Dr Fiona Marshall on zooarchaeological study of fauna from Guli Wabayo, Somalia.
- 2004 *Silver Creek Archaeological Research Project*, University of Arizona field school; participated in "mapping of Pueblo and Apache sites, archaeological survey, surface collection, damage assessment, stabilization and preservation of architecture and looter-damaged deposits, laboratory processing and analyses, and excavation".
- 2003 *University of Florida*, zooarchaeological study of fauna from St. Augustine, Florida. Site: SA-30-3 (Block 30 lot 3).

## PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2012 SAA General Africanist Session: “The Afar Caravan Route: insights into Aksumite (150 C.E-C.E 900) trade and exchange from the low deserts to the North Ethiopian plateau” (77th Annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology – Memphis, TN, April 18 – April 22, 2012)
- 2012 Session Organizer. SAfA Symposium on Mobility and interactions in Africa’s recent past, in honor of Diane Gifford-Gonzalez. “The Salt Trade of the Afar: Insights into interactions among Ethiopians of the highlands and low deserts” (20th Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists – Toronto, Canada, June 21 – June 25, 2012)
- 2012 9th Annual Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity in Graduate Education  
Invited paper: “The Afar Caravan Route: insights into Aksumite (150 C.E-C.E 900) trade and exchange from the low deserts to the North Ethiopian plateau.” (Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – New Haven, Connecticut, March 30 – 31, 2012)
- 2011 Archaeozoology of Holocene Africa: “Animal remains from the pre-Aksumite site of Mezber (Ethiopia)” (11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of International Council for Archaeozoology – Paris, France, August 23 – August 28, 2010)
- 2010 Guest Lecturer: “Architectural Archaeology”  
Unity College (Architecture Department), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2008 Friday Archaeology Seminar Series: “Pre-Aksumite and Aksumite settlement of Northeastern Tigrai, Ethiopia” (Washington University in Saint Louis)
- 2008 Friday Archaeology Seminar Series: “Medieval Archaeology in Ethiopia”
- 2005 SAA Symposium on Parsing out Mobility and Raw Material Accessibility  
Invited paper: “Chipped stone technological organization and early agricultural settlements” (70th Annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology – Salt Lake City, UT, March 30 – April 3, 2005)

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2011 D’Andrea, Catherine A., Michael P. Richards, Laurence A. Pavlish, Shannon Wood, Andrea Manzo, and Helina S. **Woldekiros**. Stable Isotopic Analysis of Human and Animal Diets from Two Pre-Aksumite/Proto-Aksumite Archaeological Sites in Northern Ethiopia. *Journal of Archaeological Science* 38: 367-374.

**Woldekiros**, Helina S., and Catherine A. D’Andrea. Early Farming Communities in the Horn of Africa: New Evidence from Mezber on Pre-Aksumite Livestock Management. In preparation for submission to *Antiquity*.

**Woldekiros**, Helina S. Intangible Cultural Heritage: Traditional Women Dirge Singers (*Alqâshoch*) in Northern Ethiopia, in Urban Setting. In preparation for submission to *Azania*.

## **UNPUBLISHED REPORTS**

- 2011 Results from Zooarchaeological Analysis at Mezber, Ethiopia. Report prepared for “Eastern Tigray Archaeological Project” (ETAP), a collaborative project between Simon Fraser University, Canada and Mekelle University, Ethiopia.
- 2010 Results from Zooarchaeological Analysis at Mezber, Ethiopia. Report prepared for “Eastern Tigray Archaeological Project” (ETAP), a collaborative project between Simon Fraser University, Canada and Mekelle University, Ethiopia.
- 2009 Results from Zooarchaeological Analysis at Mezber, Ethiopia. Report prepared for “Eastern Tigray Archaeological Project” (ETAP), a collaborative project between Simon Fraser University, Canada and Mekelle University, Ethiopia.
- 2008 Results from Zooarchaeological Analysis at Nora, Ethiopia. Report prepared for “Gendebelo/Nora Program”, French Center for Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa; Agence Nationale de la Recherche; Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.
- 2007 Results from Zooarchaeological Analysis at Mezber, Ethiopia. Report prepared for “Eastern Tigray Archaeological Project” (ETAP), a collaborative project between Simon Fraser University, Canada and Mekelle University, Ethiopia.

## **SERVICE**

- 2010 Representative of Graduate students in Arts and Science to *Board of Trustees Research-Graduate Affairs Committee meeting*. Washington University in Saint Louis.
- 2009 Member of the Advisory board for *The Center for the Study of African and Africa Diaspora Museums and Communities* (CFSAADMC), Maryland, USA.
- 2007-2009 *Washington University in Saint Louis, Anthropology Department*, Leadership position for Graduate Students. Served on the Committee of Three for the subfield- Archaeology.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ)  
Society of Africanist Archaeologists (SAFA)  
Society for American Archaeology (SAA)  
National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology, (Lambda Alpha)  
Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Lifetime Membership

## **PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY: MEDIA COVERAGE**

**Woldekiros, Helina.** New Perspectives: Graduate Students in Arts and Sciences. *Art and Science Magazine*, Washington University. Spring 2011: 20-21.

Girma. 2010. Female Archaeologist Working in the Danakil Depression. *The Reporter News Paper*. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. June 20, Women section.

Woman the Toolmaker: Hideworking and Stone Tool Use in Konso, Ethiopia. *An Educational Film Series*. **Directors:** Steven Brandt, Kathryn Weedman, Justin Shipley. **Producer:** Tara Belkin. **Voiceover:** Helina **Woldekiros**. 2006. Left Coast Press Inc.