

## John C. Blong

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2016, Anthropology, Texas A&M University  
Dissertation: *Prehistoric Landscape Use in the Central Alaska Range*.
- M.A. 2010, Anthropology, Texas A&M University  
Thesis: *Paleoindian Toolstone Provisioning and Settlement Organization at the Higgins Site (18AN489)*.
- B.A. 2004, Anthropology, Temple University

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Hunter-gatherer adaptations and landscape use, prehistory of Alaska and North America, peopling of the Americas, environmental archaeology, lithic artifact analysis, geoarchaeology, paleoecology.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (Summer 2013), Anthropology 415W Anthropological Writing.

**Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Fall 2011), Anthropology 205 Peoples and Cultures of the World.

**Co-Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (Summer 2012, Summer 2011), Anthropology 330 Field Research in Anthropology.

**Fellow**, Texas A&M University Graduate Teaching Academy (2011-2012)

**Co-Instructor**, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (Fall 2010), Anthropology 205 Peoples and Cultures of the World.

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (Fall 2010), Anthropology 205 Peoples and Cultures of the World, Anthropology 210 Social and Cultural Anthropology.

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, Temple University (Summer 2004) Anthropology 320 Field Session in Archaeology, Anthropology 321 Methods in Archaeology.

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## STUDENT MENTORING

Graduate-Undergraduate Mentoring Program, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (2011-2014).

First Americans Scholars Program, Center for the Study of the First Americans, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (2012-2013).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed

**Blong, John C.**, Lyndsay M. DiPietro (2014) Stratigraphy, Dating, and Lithic Assemblages from Middle- to Late-Holocene Sites in the Ewe Creek Drainage, Denali National Park and Preserve. *Alaska Journal of Anthropology* 12(2):74-90.

**Blong, John C.** (2013) Paleoindian Toolstone Provisioning and Settlement Organization at the Higgins Site (18AN489). In *In The Eastern Fluted Point Tradition*, edited by Joseph A. Gingerich, pp. 259-279. University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City.

**Blong, John C.** (2011) An Early Holocene Site in the Upper Susitna Basin, Central Alaska. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 28:25-26.

Graf, Kelly E., **John C. Blong**, and Ted Goebel. (2010) A New Projectile Point Form from Renewed Excavations at the Owl Ridge Site, Central Alaska. *Current Research in the Pleistocene* 27:88-91.

### Public Outreach

**Blong, John C.** (2013) Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherers in the Savage River Uplands, Denali National Park and Preserve. *Alaska Parks Science* 12(1):20-25.

### Technical Reports

**Blong, John C.**, Kenneth P. Cannon (2015) *Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the Mapleton City Park Communication Facility Expansion Project, Utah County, Utah*. USUAS Technical Report Number USUAS-2015-023. USU Archaeological Services, Logan, UT.

**Blong, John C.**, Kenneth P. Cannon (2015) *Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the SAL Otto Berger Communication Facility Project, Weber County, Utah*. USUAS Technical Report Number USUAS-2015-022. USU Archaeological Services, Logan, UT.

**Blong, John C.**, Jonathan M. Peart, and Kenneth P. Cannon (2015) *Class III Cultural Resources Inventory for the Vernal Airport Mitigation, Uintah County, Utah*. USUAS Technical Report Number USUAS-2015-016. USU Archaeological Services, Logan, UT.

**Blong, John C.** (2011) *Prehistoric Upland Use in the Alaska Range: Archaeological Research in the Savage Basin*. Center for the Study of the First Americans, Texas A&M University. Prepared for the Murie Science and Learning Center, Discover Denali Fellowship Program.

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**RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED**External Research Grants

**Blong, John C.** (2012) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: Prehistoric Upland Use in the Central Alaska Range. National Science Foundation, Arctic Social Sciences Program (Grant # 1217575), Washington, D.C., \$19,929.

**Blong, John C.** (2010) Prehistoric Upland Use in Denali National Park: A Proposal to Conduct Archaeological Field Research Along the Savage River. Murie Science and Learning Center Discover Denali Fellowship, Denali National Park and Preserve, National Park Service, \$3,500.

**Blong, John C.** (2015) Ecological and Demographic Change in Response to Tephra Fall in the Upper Susitna River Basin, Alaska. George C. Frison Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology Patrick Orion Mullen Fund for Archaeological Science, \$1,000.

**Blong, John C.** (2011) Human Colonization and Prehistoric Upland Use of the Alaska Range, Central Alaska. Grants-in-Aid Program, Arctic Institute of North America, \$1,000.

**Blong, John C.** (2012) Paleoenvironmental Change in the Central Alaska Range Uplands. Grants-in-Aid of Research Program, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, \$990.

Institutional Research Grants

**Blong, John C.** (2013) Paleoenvironmental Change in the Central Alaska Range Uplands. Department of Anthropology Research Grant, Texas A&M University, \$200.

**Blong, John C.** (2012) Proposal to Conduct Research at the University of Alaska Museum of the North. Department of Anthropology Research Grant, Texas A&M University, \$250.

**Blong, John C.** (2012) Prehistoric Upland Adaptations in the Upper Susitna Basin, Central Alaska. Department of Anthropology Research Grant, Texas A&M University, \$950.

**Blong, John C.** (2008) Lithic Analysis of the Paleoindian Component at the Higgins Site. Department of Anthropology Research Grant, Texas A&M University, \$400.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Blong, John C.** (2016) Late Glacial Hunter-Gatherers in the Central Alaska Range. Presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL.

**Blong, John C.** (2015) Prehistoric Foragers in the Central Alaska Range, Presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA.

**Blong, John C.** (2014) Human Adaptation to High-Latitude Upland Landscapes in the Central Alaska Range. Presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, TX.

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**Blong, John C.** (2014) Hunter-Gatherer Adaptations in the Central Alaska Range. Presented at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Fairbanks, AK.

**Blong, John C.** (2013) Prehistoric Upland Adaptations in the Upper Susitna Basin, Central Alaska: Results of the 2012 Field Season. Presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Anchorage, AK.

**Blong, John C.** (2012) Prehistoric Upland Adaptations in the Upper Susitna Basin, Central Alaska. Presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA.

**Blong, John C.** (2011) Prehistoric Upland Use in the Alaska Range. Presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Fairbanks, AK.

**Blong, John C.** (2010) Prehistoric Upland Use in the Central Alaska Range. Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Arctic Conference, Bryn Mawr, PA.

**Blong, John C.** (2010) Paleoindian Toolstone Provisioning and Settlement Organization at the Higgins Site, 18AN489. Presented at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, St Louis, MO.

Graf, K. and **John C. Blong.** (2009) Reinvestigations of the Owl Ridge Site in Central Alaska: A First Look. Presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Arctic Conference, Boulder, CO.

#### **CONFERENCE POSTERS**

**Blong, John C., F. Gonzalez.** (2014) Human Colonization of the Central Alaska Range. Presented at Texas A&M University Student Research Week, College Station, TX.

**Blong, John C., F. Gonzalez.** (2013) Human Colonization of the Central Alaska Range. Presented at the Paleoamerican Odyssey Conference, Santa Fe, NM.

**Blong, John C.** (2012) Prehistoric Upland Adaptations in the Upper Susitna Basin, Central Alaska. Presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, TN.

**Blong, John C.** (2011) Prehistoric Upland Use in the Central Alaska Range. Presented at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.

Graf, K., **J. C. Blong**, J. Halligan, T. Goebel, and V. Bryant. (2009) Revisiting Owl Ridge, A Nenana-Complex Site in the Northern Foothills of the Alaska Range. Presented at 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, GA.

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**RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Center for the Study of the First Americans, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (Fall 2012 - Spring 2013).

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Owl Ridge Project. Center for the Study of the First Americans, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University (Fall 2009 - Spring 2010).

**INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES**

**Blong, John C.** (2012) Prehistoric Upland Adaptations in the Upper Susitna Basin, Central Alaska. Texas A&M University Anthropology Club, College Station, TX.

**Blong, John C.** (2010) Prehistoric Upland Use in Denali National Park and Preserve. Murie Science and Learning Center, Denali National Park and Preserve, AK.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2016 Texas A&M Department of Anthropology Travel Award to present at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL, \$1000.

2015 Texas A&M Department of Anthropology Travel Award to present at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA, \$745.

2014 Texas A&M Department of Anthropology Graduate Student Research Prize, \$250.

2014 Texas A&M Department of Anthropology Travel Award to present at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, TX, \$500.

2014 Texas A&M University Student Research Week Poster Award, College Station, TX, \$300.

2013-2014 Texas A&M University Office of Graduate Studies Dissertation Fellowship, \$15,000.

2013 Texas A&M Department of Anthropology Travel Award to present at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Fairbanks, AK, \$1,000.

2013 Texas A&M University College of Liberal Arts Vision 2020 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Texas A&M University, \$5,000.

2013 Texas A&M University Office of Graduate Studies Award to present at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association, Anchorage, AK, \$350.

2012 Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Award to attend Russian language classes at St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, \$3,595.

2011 Texas A&M Department of Anthropology Travel Award to present at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, CA, \$250.

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2010 Center for the Study of the First Americans Roy J. Shlemon Student Field Geoarchaeology Award, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$2,500.

2010 Texas A&M University Department of Anthropology Travel Award to present at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, \$395.

2008-2009 Center for the Study of the First Americans Scholarship, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, \$1,000.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE**

I have twelve years of research, laboratory, and cultural resource management experience. I have worked at over 45 sites in 16 states in the Northeast, Southeast, Southern Plains, Rocky Mountain, Great Basin, and Subarctic regions of the United States.

### Research

Co-Principal Investigator and Field Supervisor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Archaeological and geoarchaeological survey and testing in the upper Susitna River basin for the Alaska Range Uplands Survey, central AK (2010-2012). Ted Goebel, supervisor.

Co-Principal Investigator and Field Supervisor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Archaeological and geoarchaeological survey in Denali Park and Preserve and the Nenana River Valley for the Alaska Range Uplands Survey, central AK (2010). Ted Goebel, supervisor.

Crew Chief, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Excavation of late Pleistocene through Holocene components at the Owl Ridge site, central AK (2009-2010). Kelly Graf, supervisor.

Crew Chief, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Excavation of late Pleistocene fluted-point component at the Serpentine Hot Springs site, western AK (2009). Ted Goebel, supervisor.

Field Crew, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Archaeological survey and testing for five projects in TX, AK, and NV (2007-2012).

Field Crew, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Archaeological survey and testing for two projects in CO and VA (2006-2008).

Field Crew, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Archaeological survey and testing for two projects in PA (2003-2004).

### Laboratory

Laboratory Supervisor, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Directing the processing, cataloging, and curation of prehistoric cultural material from the Alaska Range Uplands Survey, central AK (2010-present). Ted Goebel, supervisor.

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Laboratory Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Processing, cataloging, and curating prehistoric cultural material from the Owl Ridge Project, central AK (Fall 2009 – Spring 2010). Kelly Graf, supervisor.

Laboratory Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Processing sediment samples and analyzing the prehistoric lithic assemblage from the Manna Site (36PI4), Pike Co., PA (2003-2004). Michael Stewart, supervisor.

#### Cultural Resource Management

Project Director, USU Archaeological Services, 980 West 1800 South, Logan, Utah 84321, 435-213-9258 (2014-present).

*Projects: 8 Phase I-II in UT, ID*

Field/Laboratory Technician, KSK Architects Planners Historians Inc., 123 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19109, 215-790-1050 (2007).

*Projects: 2 Phase III in DE and PA.*

Field/Laboratory Technician, Lithic Analyst, URS Corporation, 437 High Street, Burlington, NJ 08016, 609-386-5444 (2004-2006).

*Projects: 26 Phase I-III in AR, FL, GA, MD, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, TN.*

Field/Laboratory Technician, Cultural Resources Inc., 710 Littlepage St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, 540-370-1973 (2005).

*Projects: 3 Phase I-III in VA.*

Field Technician, KCI Technologies, Inc., 5001 Louise Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, 717-691-1340 (2004-2005).

*Projects: 5 Phase I-III in PA, VA, WV.*

Field Technician, Thunderbird Archaeological Associates, 126 East High Street. Woodstock, VA 22664, 703-459-4017 (2003).

*Projects: 4 Phase I-II in VA.*

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Alaska Anthropological Association  
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