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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Archaeology, cultural evolution, human ecology, and settlement patterns of Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, and the Caribbean

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1981

M.A. in Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1976

B.A. in Anthropology, Rice University, 1972

EXPERIENCE IN DOCTORAL EDUCATION

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Senior Research Scientist, Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, Columbia University, 2001-present

Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, 1992-present

Academic tenure awarded, 1988

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut, 1986-1991

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut, 1981-1986

Visiting Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut, 1980-1981

COURSES TAUGHT

Archaeology of Pre-State Societies, Columbia University

Evolution of Complex Societies, Columbia University

Ecological Studies in Anthropology, Columbia University

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

Luca Casparis, Ph.D. candidate, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 2000-present

GRADUATE ADVISEES

Dr. Raphael Gasson, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 1998

Dr. Lilliam Arvelo, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, 1996

RESEARCH GRANT SUPPORT

National Science Foundation, "Investigating the Decline of the Zapotec State: The Classic to Postclassic Transition at the Jalieza Subregional Center (Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico)" (Co-PI with C. Elson), \$85,694, April 15, 2004 – March 31, 2007

RECENT ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

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- Flannery, Kent V., Andrew K. Balkansky, Gary M. Feinman, David C. Grove, Joyce Marcus, Elsa M. Redmond, Robert G. Reynolds, Robert J. Sharer, Charles S. Spencer, and Jason Yaeger. 2005. Implications of New Petrographic Analysis for the Olmec "Mother Culture" Model. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 102:11219-11223.
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- Spencer, C. and E. Redmond. 2004. Primary State Formation in Mesoamerica. *Annual Review of Anthropology* 33:173-199.
- Spencer, C. and E. Redmond. 2004. A Late Monte Albán I Phase (300-100 B.C.) Palace in the Valley of Oaxaca. *Latin American Antiquity* 15:441-455.
- Spencer, C., and E. Redmond. 2006. Informe Técnico para el Consejo de Arqueología del

- Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: "Proyecto de Investigación Arqueológica en San Martín Tilcajete: Un Centro Subregional del Período Formativo en el Valle de Oaxaca, Temporada 2005: Análisis de Laboratorio."
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION/AWARDS

Society of Sigma Xi; Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan 1977-78; Faculty Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut 1985; Colaborador Visitante, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas (IVIC), Caracas