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Education

2019: PhD, Archaeology

University of Groningen

- Dissertation Title: The Process of Death: A Bioarchaeological Approach to Mycenaean Burial Traditions of Achaia, Greece
- Supervisors: Sofia Voutsaki, Jane E. Buikstra
- Committee: John Bennet, Chris Knüsel, Iphiyenia Tournavistou

2006: MA, Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean

University College London

- Thesis title: The Changing Face of the Dead: Evidence for Mycenaean Ancestor Cults
- BA Anthropology and History

2005: BA (*cum laude*), Anthropology & History

West Virginia University

- Double major in anthropology and history, minor in classics
- 2003-2004: Study Year Abroad: Cardiff University School of History, Archaeology and Religion
- 2002: Field school at Akrotiri, College Year in Athens

Teaching Experience

Summer 2010, 2011: Teaching assistant, Astypalaia Bioarchaeology Fieldschool

2011- 2012: Adjunct Anthropology Instructor, West Virginia University

Spring 2016: Co-Instructor, Groningen Institute of Archaeology & Netherlands Institute in Athens

Fall 2017-present: Adjunct Anthropology Instructor, West Virginia University

Work Experience

2006: Student Intern: Museum of London, Center for Human Bioarchaeology

2006-2007: Archaeology Apprentice: USDA Forest Service

Summer 2007, 2008: Field Archaeologist & Crew Supervisor: Knossos Urban Landscape Project

2007-2009: Archaeology Field Technician: GAI Consultants, Pittsburgh, PA

2009: Archaeologist: Archaeological Consultants of the Midwest, Wheeling, WV

Summer 2009: Lab Technician: Astypalaia, Kylindra Cemetery Project

2019-present: Lead Curator: Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville WV

Archaeological Projects

2012-2019: Bioarchaeological analysis of Mycenaean tombs at Chalandritsa, Portes, and Petroto in Achaia.

2014- present: Bioarchaeological analysis of intramural graves at Mygdalia in Achaia.

2015-present: Bioarchaeological analysis of Mycenaean tholos tombs at Rhodia in Achaia

2018-present: Bioarchaeological analysis of Roman graves in Karditsa.

2018-present: Bioarchaeological analysis of the Mycenaean chamber tombs at Trapeza in Achaia.

2018-present: aDNA analysis of skeletal material and dental calculus from Achaia, Greece (in cooperation with Greek excavators and Max Planck Institute for Science of Human History).

2018-present: Bioarchaeological analysis of intramural graves at Kopais.

2019-present: West Virginia legacy collections & NAGPRA coordination.

Grants & Awards

- 2014: Malcolm H. Wiener Laboratory of Archaeological Science: Associate Laboratory Fellow (\$3500)
ARCHON Conference Subsidy (€500)
- 2015: AIA Student Travel Award (\$250)
Institute for Aegean Prehistory Research Grant (\$4300 to fund C14 analysis of human remains)
Visiting Scholar at Arizona State University
- 2016: ARCHON Conference Subsidy (€300)
- 2017: AIA Student Travel Award (\$250)
Netherlands Institute at Athens Research Fellow (€1400)
Catherine van Tussenbroek Foundation (€2500)
Institute for Aegean Prehistory Research Grant (under the direction of Dr. Lena Papazoglou) (€1000)
- 2018: AIA Student Travel Award (\$250)
Institute for Aegean Prehistory Research Grant (under the direction of Dr. Lena Papazoglou) (€1000)
Udine University (under the direction of Prof. Elisabetta Borgna) (€5000)
- 2019: AIA Student Travel Award (\$250)

Publications

- Jones, O.A.** 2013. Mycenaean Burial Traditions of Achaea: An Anthropological and Bioarchaeological Approach. *Tijdschrift voor Mediteranne Archeologie*, 49. 71.
- Jones, O.A.** 2014. The Study of Secondary Burial in Mycenaean Mortuary Traditions: A New Approach to the Evidence. *Tijdschrift voor Mediteranne Archeologie*, 51. 8-13.
- Aktypi, K. (with contribution by **O.A. Jones**). 2014. "Finds of the Geometric Period in the Mycenaean Cemetery at Agios Vasileios, Chalandritsa, Achaea. *Annual of the British School at Athens*, 109. 129-157.
- Jones, O.A.** 2017. "A Bioarchaeological Approach to the Human Remains and Burial Practices" in K. Aktypi *The Mycenaean Cemetery at Agios Vasileios, Chalandritsa, in Achaea*. Archaeopress: Oxford.
- Jones, O.A., J. van der Plicht, L. Papazoglou-Manioudaki, and M. Petropoulos.** 2018. "Timing is Everything: Radiocarbon Dating the Multiple Levels in a Mycenaean Tholos". *STAR: Science & Technology of Archaeological Research* 3:2. Open access: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/20548923.2018.1428408>.
- Jones, O. A.** 2018. "Burial Exclusion or Inclusion: The Demography of Mycenaean Mortuary Practices in Achaia, Greece". *Journal of Greek Archaeology* 3: 75-93.
- Jones, O.A.** 2018. "Mycenaean Secondary Burial Revisited: legacy data, taphonomy, and the process of burial in Mycenaean Achaia, Greece." *Bioarchaeology International* 2 (4): 217-239.
- Aktypi, K., **O.A. Jones**, and M. Gazis. 2019. "Use and Reuse of the Past: Case Studies from Mycenaean Achaea" *Mneme: Past and Memory in the Aegean Bronze Age* edited by E. Borgna, I. Caloi, F. Carincia and R. Laffineur. 17th International Aegean Conference Venice, Italy.
- Papazoglou-Manioudaki, L. K. Paschalidis, and **O.A., Jones** 2019. "Community and Memory in the Periphery of the Mycenaean world: Incidents in the Life of the Mygdalia Settlement near Patras, in Achaea" *Mneme: Past and Memory in the Aegean Bronze Age* edited by E. Borgna, I. Caloi, F. Carincia and R. Laffineur. 17th International Aegean Conference Venice, Italy.
- Aktypi, K., M. Gazis, and **O.A. Jones.** 2021. "One Century of Research in Mycenaean Western Achaea: A Review of Old and New Evidence from Mortuary Contexts" in *Periphery of the Mycenaean World: Recent Discoveries and Research Results* edited by Efi Karantzali. pp. 489-502. Ministry of Culture and Sports: Athens.

Conference Presentations

- 2014: Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: Chicago, USA
Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting: Austin, USA
European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting: Istanbul, Turkey

2015: Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: New Orleans, USA
2016: International Symposium on Archaeometry: Kalamata, Greece
2017: Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: Toronto, Canada
2018: Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: Boston, USA
17th International Aegean Conference (Aegaeum): Venice & Udine, Italy
Η Περιφέρεια Του Μυκηναϊκού Κόσμου: Πρόσφατα ευρήματα και πορίσματα της έρευνας (Periphery of the Mycenaean World): Lamia, Greece
2019: Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: San Diego, USA
2020: Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: Washington D.C., USA

Research Mentorship

2020: Undergraduate Capstone supervisor: Tessa Shaffer
2020-2022: Masters thesis committee: Amanda Goush (George Mason University)
2021-2024: Masters thesis committee: Daniel D. Dillon (Mississippi State University)
2021-2022: Faculty Mentor, WVU Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (RAP): Wesley Nelson
2021-present: Director, WVU Archaeology Lab

Invited Lectures

2013: University of Leiden, Lecture Series
2014: American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Tea Talk
2015: Arizona State University, Anthropology Department Brown Bag
2017: Kampsville Field School, Evening Lecture Series
2018: West Virginia University, Anthropology Club
2019: West Virginia University, Anthropology Day, Forensic Anthropology Workshop
2020: California University Pennsylvania/Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Lecture Series
2022: Mississippi State University, Anthropology Department Brown Bag

Professional Memberships

Archaeological Institute of America	Register of Professional Archaeologists
Society for American Archaeology	Council for West Virginia Archaeology (President)
Society for Aegean Prehistory	West Virginia Archaeological Society (Lifetime member)

Academic Service

Journal reviewer: International Journal of Osteoarchaeology