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Summary of Research Interests

Collections management of vertebrate fossils; paleoecology; systematics; evolutionary biology.

Professional History

July 2025 - PRESENT

University of Kansas Natural History Museum, Lawrence KS – *Visitor Experience Team*

- Knowledgeable in Museum workings and Museum History
- Greeting of Staff and Visitors, handling donations

February 2024 - PRESENT

University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute, Lawrence KS – *Undergraduate Researcher*

- Conducted micro-CT analysis of fossil specimens, isolating and studying fossilized teeth
- Processed sediment samples and identified microfossils using microscopy
- Researched Eocene rodent fossils; identified and cataloged three isolated teeth

September 2025 - PRESENT

University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute, Lawrence KS – *Collections Volunteer*
Vertebrate Paleontology

- Assisted in organizing and cataloging the Vertebrate Paleontology Collection
- Work on specimen storage and preparation for storage
- Organization of the Vertebrate Paleontology Division Library

June 2025

University of Kansas Field Herpetology, Lawrence KS

- Conducted ecological field surveys of Kansas herpetofauna
- Identified amphibian and reptile species in natural habitats
- Gained hands-on experience with field methods in herpetology and ecological monitoring

June-July 2023

Archeotek Osteology Field School, Odorheiu Secuiesc Romania

- Intensive four-week program on medieval Transylvanian burials (Székler population)
- Excavated, mapped, and documented graves; recovered and analyzed skeletal remains
- Assisted with cemetery restoration and conservation efforts

Educational History

August 2022 - May 2026

University of Kansas, Lawrence KS – *Anthropology*

- Coursework in Anthropology, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
- Strong background in biology with focus on paleontology and evolutionary sciences

Skills

Fossil and microfossil identification

Micro-CT analysis

Museum collections management (introductory experience)

Public engagement & science communication

Field excavation, mapping, and osteological analysis