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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

July 2023 – present	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Boston University, Anthropology and Archaeology
August 2021 – December 2021	<i>Lecturer</i> , University of Miami, Anthropology
August 2017 – July 2022	<i>NSF Graduate Research Fellow</i> , University of Florida
August 2016 – May 2020	<i>Graduate Student Fellow</i> , University of Florida

EDUCATION

PhD in Anthropology	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32603
April 2018 – August 2023	Doctoral Program in Biological Anthropology Dissertation Title: <i>Reframing Diaspora: Southeastern African contributions to biosocial variation in Atlantic Afro-descendant groups</i> Committee Chair: Dr. Valerie Burke DeLeon Date of PhD Candidacy: October 21, 2019 Date of PhD Defense: June 23, 2023
M.A. in Anthropology	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32603
August 2016 – March 2018	Doctoral Program in Biological Anthropology Thesis Committee Chair: Dr. Valerie Burke DeLeon Thesis Title: <i>Hyoid morphological diversity across ontogeny, sex, and matriline in Macaca mulatta</i>
B.A., <i>cum laude</i>	University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 33146
May 2016	Anthropology and Criminology, Civic Scholar

SCHOLARLY RESEARCH

Peer-reviewed Publications

In Revision. Cunningham A.S. (2023). Postmortem Racialization: Reconceptualizing Frantz Fanon's Black Subject.

Dwyer I., Justinvil, D., **Cunningham, A.S.** (2023). Caribbeanist casualties: Examining the Intersections of Migration and Forensic Identification through Critical Biocultural Approaches to Structural Violence. *Forensic Science International: Synergy*, 6.

Cunningham A.S. (2020). Growth and sexual dimorphism of the hyoid body in *Macaca mulatta*. *International Journal of Primatology*, 41(3), 538-557.

Articles/Chapters in Preparation

In Prep. Shuler K.A., **Cunningham, A.S.** (2023). African Diasporas: Bioarchaeological Approaches to Intercontinental and Global Legacies of Displacement.

In Prep. Cunningham, A.S. (2024). The journey toward equitable bioarchaeological research practices in the South Atlantic. In Felicia Fricke and Eduardo Herrera Malatesta (Eds.), *Ethics in Caribbean Archaeology: Past, Present, and Future*. University Press of Florida.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Spring 2022 – present

Rupert’s Valley Burial Ground Project

- Site: Jamestown, St. Helena
- Project Contact: Dr. Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Helena Bennett
- Coordinate and lead project of morphological data collection, heritage preservation, historical facial approximation, and ongoing community outreach

Fall 2020 – present

Biosocial health and experiences in 19th century enslavement contexts

- Site(s): Barbados, St. Helena, Cape Town
- Coordinate data collection and analysis of archival and bioarchaeological datasets

FUNDING

2022	University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship
2021	“Doctoral Dissertation Research: Morphological biodistances as indicators of slave trade migration histories in the African Diaspora” NSF BCS-2041182 Role: Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Dr. Valerie Burke DeLeon)
2020	University of Florida Department of Anthropology Travel Grant
2020	University of Florida Office of Research Travel Grant
2019	James C. Waggoner Grant-in-Aid Research Award
2019	University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Travel Award
2017-2022	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Research featured in UF Explore magazine
2018	Graduate Student Council Travel Grant
2017	Graduate Student Council Travel Grant
2016-2020	University of Florida Graduate Student Fellowship

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023-2024	Boston University D&I STARS (Supporting Thriving, Achievement, Retention, and Success)
2023	Selected for induction to the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Cunningham, A.S., Shuler, K.A. (2022). *Biocultural interpretations of skeletal and archival indicators of health in enslavement in Barbados*. Poster presented at the American Association of Biological Anthropologists annual conference, Denver.

Cunningham, A.S. (2021). *Positioning enslaved persons in 19th century Barbados fugitive slave advertisements*. Poster presented at the University of Florida Graduate Student Diversity Research Symposium, virtual.

DeLeon, V.B., **Cunningham, A.S.**, Haynes, L., Smith, T.D. (2021). *Effects of nasal capsule cartilage in shaping the primate face*. Paper presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists annual conference, virtual.

Cunningham, A.S. (2020). *Geographic distance from central slave trade ports as a measure of cranial morphological similarity between Barbados and the United States*. Published abstract for the American Association of Physical Anthropologists annual conference. (Conference canceled)

Cunningham, A.S. (2019). *Cranial morphological distribution of African descent peoples as reflectors of migration, variation, and race construction*. Paper presented at the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology biannual conference, Barbados.

Cunningham, A.S., DeLeon, V.B. (2019). *Patterns of cranial morphological diversity among peoples of African descent*. Poster presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists annual conference, Cleveland.

Cunningham A. S., DeLeon, V.B. (2018). *Morphological integration of hyoid and skull through ontogeny in *Macaca mulatta**. American Association of Physical Anthropologists annual conference, Austin.

Cunningham A. S., Smith, T. D., & DeLeon, V.B. (2017). *Hyoid proportions, growth, and spatial placement in non-human primates*. Poster presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists annual conference, New Orleans.

Cunningham, A. S., Hunt, D. R., & Coolidge, R. H. (2016). *Biocultural evidence through taphonomic observations in the Karluk Salmon Cannery Chinese of Kodiak Island, Alaska*. Poster presented at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists annual conference, Atlanta.

Cunningham, A. S., Hunt, D. R., & Coolidge, R. H. (2016). *Analyzing the patterns of health, trauma, and disease in 19th century Chinese salmon cannery workers in Kodiak Island, AK*. Poster presented at the Paleopathology Association annual conference, Atlanta.

(Conference poster PDFs and papers available [here](#))

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2022 **Department of Anthropology, University of Florida**

Teaching Assistant - Served as Teaching Assistant for undergraduate Quest course “Becoming Black”

Fall 2021 **Department of Anthropology, University of Miami**

Lecturer - Served as instructor of record for online “Introduction to Anthropology” course

Spring 2021 **Department of Anthropology, University of Florida**

Teaching Associate - Designed and served as lead instructor for new undergraduate course, “Slavery and the In-Between”

Spring 2020

Department of Anthropology, University of Florida

Teaching Associate

Served as instructor of record for undergraduate Human Osteology course
- Developed 3D virtual osteological collection to serve as interactive learning resource for students enrolled in the course

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

Department of Anthropology, University of Florida

Teaching Assistant

- Served as Teaching Assistant for undergraduate Human Osteology course

INVITED LECTURES

Fall 2022

Institute of Learning in Retirement, Oak Hammock

Guest Speaker

- Summer 2022 Speaker Series
- Lecture Title: "St. Helena and the Slave Trade: What we can learn from this remote island"

Summer 2022

Museum of St. Helena, St. Helena

Guest Speaker

- Fieldwork community public talk
- Lecture Title: "Biocultural approaches to slave trade migration history"

Fall 2021

Digital Library of the Caribbean (Virtual)

Workshop Facilitator

- "Exploring the Caribbean in DH: A dLOC as Data workshop series"
- Lecture Title: "Text analyses of fugitive slave advertisements in Barbados"

Fall 2020

Department of Anthropology, University of Arkansas (Virtual)

Guest Speaker

- "Paradigm in Biological Anthropology" speaker series
- Lecture Title: "Cranial variation and the slave trade: Group formation and change"

Fall 2020

Department of Math & Science Education, University of Georgia (Virtual)

Guest Lecturer

- Biological anthropology lecture in Special Topics in Science Education: Life Sciences for Middle Grades Teachers course

Spring 2020

Department of Anthropology, University of Miami

Alumni Guest Speaker

- 50th Anniversary of Department of Anthropology speaker series
- Lecture Title: "Cranial biodistances as reflectors of slave trade migration histories"

Fall 2019

Institute of Learning in Retirement, Oak Hammock

Guest Speaker

- Summer 2019 Speaker Series
- Lecture Title: "Impacts of slave trade migration on cranial diversity"

Spring 2019

Department of Anthropology, University of Florida

Guest Lecturer

- Lectured on 'Human Variation' unit in Introduction to Biological Anthropology course

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Institutional

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024	BU Department of Anthropology, <i>Faculty Search Committee Member</i>
Summer 2020 – Spring 2023	Black in Biological Anthropology Collective, <i>Operations Coordinator</i>
Spring 2022 – Summer 2022	International Association for Caribbean Archaeology, <i>Ethics Working Group Member</i>
Spring 2021	AAPA 2021 Annual Meeting, <i>Assistant Session Chair</i>
Fall 2020	UF BIPOC Anthropology Group, <i>Mentorship Program Coordinator</i>
Spring 2020	UF Department of Anthropology, <i>Undergraduate Mentor</i>
Spring 2019	AAPA Committee on Diversity Undergraduate Research Symposium, <i>Mentor</i>
Spring 2019	UF Department of Anthropology, <i>Faculty Search Committee (Internal), Graduate Student Member</i>
Fall 2018 – Spring 2019	UF Department of Anthropology, <i>Faculty Search Committee Graduate Student Member</i>
Spring 2018	Graduate Assistants United, <i>Election Committee Co-chair</i>
Fall 2017 – Spring 2018	Florida Anthropological Student Association (FASA), <i>Graduate Student Council Representative</i>
Spring 2017 - Spring 2018	Graduate Assistants United, <i>Anthropology Department Steward</i>

Community

Fall 2019 – Fall 2022	Institute of Learning in Retirement, <i>Guest Speaker Recruiter</i> , Gainesville, FL
Fall 2016 – Fall 2022	Guardian Ad Litem, <i>8th Circuit Volunteer and State Diversity Committee Member</i> , Gainesville, FL <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Serve as court appointed advocate for children impacted by neglect or abuse- Promote equity for marginalized communities in child welfare
Spring 2020 – Summer 2020	Skype a Scientist, <i>Recurring Guest Speaker (Virtual)</i> , Gainesville, FL
Fall 2019 – Spring 2020	Letters to a Pre-Scientist, <i>Pen Pal (Distance)</i> , Gainesville, FL
Fall 2014 – Summer 2021	Memory Project, <i>Portrait Coordinator (Distance)</i> , Middleton, WI <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Organize local artists to create portraits for delivery to children in orphanages and schools abroad

PANELS

Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018	Served on four Graduate Student Panels organized by the Undergraduate Florida Anthropological Student Association (uFASA)
Fall 2018	Served on NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program student panel

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2023 – present	Society of Black Archaeologists
2023 – present	Society for American Archaeology
2022 – present	Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora
2019 – present	International Association of Caribbean Archaeology
2018 – 2022	African American Intellectual Historical Society
2015 – present	American Association of Biological Anthropologists