

Benjamin Grubbs

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

M.S., Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Fall 2025 - *Present*

Anthropology

B.A., University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN

Fall 2022 – Spring 2025

Anthropology

World Languages and Cultures (*French Emphasis*)

Magna Cum Laude

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2024 Duffus Melvin Recognition Award in Anthropology. Award for outstanding anthropology student in the World Languages and Cultures. (\$700)

2023 Duffus Melvin Academic Achievement in Anthropology. Award for the anthropology student with the highest GPA. (\$600)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025 Graduate BRIDGE Program. Prepares incoming Purdue graduate students for graduate level research. Covered housing, travel, and research costs. (\$5675)

2024 Endeavor Undergraduate Presentation Award, to cover expenses for travel to the Midwestern Archaeology Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (\$1000)

2024 Awarded to Benjamin Grubbs and Kasey Disbro. Endeavor Undergraduate Presentation Award, to cover expenses for travel to the Indiana Academy of Science Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana. (\$889)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Paper Presentation

Benjamin Grubbs

- 2025 *Scraping together Cultures: A Comparative Analysis of Caborn-Welborn and Oneota Endscrapers*. Invited presenter for Late Precontact in the Lower Ohio River Valley Symposium, Midwestern and Plains Archaeology Conference, Iowa City, Iowa, October 29, 2025.

Academic Presentations

Benjamin Grubbs

- 2025 *Scraping across Cultures: A Comparative Analysis of Caborn-Welborn and Oneota End Scrapers*. Presented at the 23rd annual USI Endeavor Awards Symposium. Evansville, Indiana, April 10, 2025.

Benjamin Grubbs

- 2024 *Deuxième génération and survivor PTSD of the Holocaust*. Presented at the 16th Annual USI Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Eclipse Colloquium. Evansville, Indiana, April 8, 2024.

Poster Presentations

Benjamin Grubbs

- 2025 *Analysis of Caborn-Welborn Ceramic Effigies from Southwestern Indiana*. Poster presented at the 23rd annual USI Endeavor Awards Symposium. Evansville, Indiana, April 10, 2025.

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- 2024 *Analysis of Caborn-Welborn Ceramic Effigies from Southwestern Indiana*. Poster presented at the Midwestern Archaeology Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 17, 2024.

Benjamin Grubbs and Kasey Disbro

- 2024 *Analysis of Hide Processing Tools from the Caborn Site, Posey County, Indiana*. Poster presented at the 22nd annual USI Endeavor Awards Symposium. Evansville, Indiana, April 11, 2024.

Kasey Disbro, Benjamin Grubbs, Emily Thurman, and Michael Strezewski

- 2024 *Analysis of Hide Processing Tools from the Caborn Site, Posey County, Indiana*. Poster presented at the Indiana Academy of Science conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 16, 2024.

INTERNSHIP

Archaeology Intern | *Cultural Resource Analysts Inc.* | Spring 2025

Developed skills in all stages of artifact analysis, processing, and cataloguing. Gained experience through botanical, lithic, and historical artifact analysis. Proficient in using Microsoft Excel and Access for cataloging and accurate record-keeping.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2025 ANTH 210: *Technology and Culture*. Purdue University, Fall 2025.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 2025 Studied Caborn-Welborn endscrapers from the Caborn-Welborn culture to create comparisons with the Oneota in the Mississippian River Valley. Examined lithics for dimensions, chert types, and comparisons with other surrounding cultures, including Fort Ancient, Ohio. Conducted for Independent Study course, presented at MAC/Plains Conference, Fall 2025.
- 2025 Conducted ethnographic research on the ceramic community in Southern Indiana. Interviewed local ceramicists on their methods (sourcing, creating, glazing, firing) and individual experiences for Independent Study course, Fall 2024 to Spring 2025.
- 2024 Conducted research on a large collection of effigy vessel fragments from three Caborn-Welborn sites in Posey County (Caborn, Hovey Lake, and Murphy sites) for Independent Study course. Fall 2025.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

- 2025 Site Photographer and Field Tech for USI and Purdue Summer 25 Fort Ouiatenon Field School. Co-PI's: Dr. Michael Strezewski and Dr. Kory Cooper.
Site 12T9, 12T240, 12T336
- 2025 Intern and Field Tech for Cultural Resource Analysts Inc., Kentucky branch.
Cave City Solar Project
- 2023 Student and Field Tech at USI Summer 2023 New Harmony Field School (ANTH 397). PI: Dr. Michael Strezewski
Site 12PO206