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Ph.D.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

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

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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

B.A. in Anthropology, Rice University, 1972

PREVIOUS 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 ADVISEES

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

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

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

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

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 (2003-2008)

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- Cordell, Linda S., T. J. Ferguson, Elsa M. Redmond, Charles S. Spencer, David Hurst Thomas, and Peter Whiteley. 2007. A Misrepresentation of Ancestral Pueblo. Anthropology News 48(5): 3.
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- Redmond, Elsa M. and Charles S. Spencer. 2006. From Raiding to Conquest: Warfare Strategies and Early State Development in Oaxaca, Mexico. In *The Archaeology of Warfare: Prehistories of Raiding and Conquest*, ed. by Elizabeth N. Arkush and Mark W. Allen, pp. 336-393. Univ. of Florida Press, Gainesville.
- Sharer, Robert J, Andrew K. Balkansky, James H. Burton, Gary M. Feinman, Kent V. Flannery, David C. Grove, Joyce Marcus, Robert G. Moyle, T. Douglas Price, Elsa M. Redmond, Robert G. Reynolds, Prudence M. Rice, Charles S. Spencer, James B. Stoltman, and Jason Yaeger. 2006. On the Logic of Archaeological Inference: Early Formative Pottery and the Evolution of Mesoamerican Societies. Latin American Antiquity 17:90-103.
- Spencer, Charles S. 2006. Modeling (and Measuring) Expansionism and Resistance: State Formation in Ancient Oaxaca, Mexico. In History & Mathematics: Historical Dynamics and Development of Complex Societies, ed. by Peter Turchin, Leonid Grinin, Andrey Korotayev, and Victor C. de Munck, pp. 170-192. Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow.
- Spencer, Charles S. 2006. Review of Yaxcabá and the Caste War of Yucatán: An Archaeological Perspective, by Rani T. Alexander. 2004. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque. Journal of Interdisciplinary History 37:167-168.
- 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.
- Spencer, Charles S. and Elsa M. Redmond. 2005. Institutional Development in Late Formative Oaxaca: The View from San Martín Tilcajete. In *New Perspectives on Formative Mesoamerican Cultures*, ed. by Terry G. Powis, pp. 171-182. British Archaeological Reports, International Series 1377. Archaeopress, Oxford, UK.
- Spencer, Charles S. and Elsa M. Redmond. 2006. Resistance Strategies and Early State Formation in Oaxaca, Mexico. In *Intermediate Elites in Precolumbian States and Empires*, ed. by Christina Elson and R. Alan Covey, pp. 21-43. Univ. of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- 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."
- Sherman, R. J., L. Minc, C. M. Elson, C. S. Spencer, and E. M. Redmond. 2004. The Preliminary Results of Trace-element Analysis on Pottery from Periods Monte Albán I and Monte Albán II from the Sites of El Palenque, Cerro Tilcajete, and Yaasuchi (Oaxaca, Mexico). Electronic article, <http://anthro.amnh.org>, American Museum of Natural History, New York.
- Spencer, C. and E. Redmond. 2003. Militarism, Resistance, and Early State Development in Oaxaca, Mexico. *Social Evolution & History* 2(1):25-70.
- Spencer, C. 2003. War and Early State Formation in Oaxaca, Mexico. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 100(20):11185-11187.

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 American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2006); National Academy of Sciences (elected 2007)

EXHIBITIONS:

“Chocolate” (Curatorial Advisor) 2003.
“Gold” (Curatorial Advisor) 2006