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BACKGROUND

Experienced bioarchaeologist with ten years' experience as a university lecturer in London. Wide range of bioarchaeological teaching and research expertise – including palaeodemography, palaeopathology, osteometrics, odontometrics, trauma, population biology and dietary analysis – as well as human and primate evolution, comparative anatomy and gross human anatomy. Involved with several exceptional international bioarchaeological projects.

EXPERIENCE

Academic Posts

Birkbeck College FCE, University of London Lecturer Advanced Certificate M.Sc. Human Anatomy and Bioarchaeology Short Course: Human Anatomy and Bioarchaeology	Bioarchaeology Advanced bioarchaeology Environmental archaeology	2004 – Present
Universidad Nacional Federico Villareal, Lima, Peru Lecturer Undergraduate Bioarchaeology Short Course		2004
Institute of Archaeology, University College London Lecturer/Demonstrator Undergraduate Human Osteology Course		2000 – 2001

Projects

Merimdeh, Egypt Director of Physical Anthropology and Bioarchaeology Predynastic site of Merimdeh Beni Salama, Delta region. Excavation, processing and analysis, publication.		2014 – Present
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Quesna, Egypt	2012 – Present
<p>Director of Bioarchaeology Team Old Kingdom to Graeco-Roman site in Minufiyeh, Central Delta, Egypt. Area supervisor; student training; excavation, analysis and publication</p>	
Pachacámac, Peru (Ychsma Project)	2004 – Present
<p>Head of Bioarchaeology Team One of the Americas' largest and most important Pre-Colombian sites. Team supervision, excavation, coordination, analysis, sampling, publication Collaboration with Dr Karl Reinhard (UNL) concerning ancient diet, health and parasites Collaboration with Dr Christine White (UWO) concerning stable isotopes in the ancient Andes</p>	
Wadi Debayan, Qatar	2013
<p>Human Remains Excavator and Analyst Neolithic site in NW Qatar; earliest human remains in Gulf States region. Excavation, analysis, publication.</p>	
Other projects	
Sanisera, Menorca, Spain	2009
<p>Director of Necropolis Excavation Roman Field School and Research Project, Menorca, Spain Excavation and student team coordination</p>	
Arándiga, Aragón, Spain	2007
<p>Forensic project to recover the remains of Civil War dead. Asociación para la Recuperación de la Memoria Histórica (ARMH).</p>	
Cochabamba, Bolivia	2004
<p>Analysis of remains from Formative Period site in Cochabamba. Universities of San Simón (Bolivia) and Berlin (with Dr Olga Gabelmann).</p>	
Kintampo, Ghana	2000
<p>Assessing sample of earliest-known Ghanaian human remains (c. 3,000 BP). With Dr Derek Watson (University Of Accra) and Dr Victoria Yorke-Edwards (UCL).</p>	
Durban, South Africa	1998
<p>Sibudu Rock-Shelter, Durban, South Africa (Middle Stone Age).</p>	
Makapansgat, South Africa	1998
<p>Makapansgat Valley, Northern Province, South Africa (Middle Pleistocene).</p>	

Negev, Israel	1995
Nahal Tillah (Chalcolithic; EB1-3; Egyptian contact).	
Upper Galilee, Israel	1995
Hayonim Cave, Israel (Lower/Middle/Upper Palaeolithic-Roman).	
Tiberias, Israel	1993 – 1994
Amud Cave, Galilee, Israel (Middle Palaeolithic [<i>National Geographic</i> , January 1996]).	

Other Employment

Museum of London Archaeology Service (MoLAS)	2005
Contract Excavator (human remains)	
Canterbury Archaeological Trust, Kent	1998
Contract Excavator	

EDUCATION

Institute of Archaeology, University College London	2004
Doctorate – Bioarchaeology and Dental Anthropology	
Dept. of Human Anatomy and Cell Biology, University of Liverpool Medical School	1998
Master of Science – Early Hominid Studies	
University of Bradford	1997
Short Course – Forensic Anthropology	
Depts. of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Durham	1993 – 1996
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Archaeology	

OTHERS

Awards

2008-2015	SSHRC funding for Pachacámac stable isotopes project: Christine White (UWO)
2009-2014	Funding via Karl Reinhard (UNL) for dietary analysis at Pachacámac

1999-2002	Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) award for doctoral studies
1996-1997	William Strong Foundation Scholarship for M.Sc. studies
1996-1997	Discretionary bursary for M.Sc. studies; awarded by Sir Paul McCartney
1994	Eric Birley Scholarship for archaeological fieldwork, University of Durham

Other posts

Dept. of Anthropology, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa

Thesis reviewer (M.Sc.)

International Journal of Osteoarchaeology and *Current Anthropology*

Reviewer

British Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS)

Member holding the following posts:

- Press Officer and Conference Organiser for the archaeology/anthropology section
- Organised session on ecological impact of human society through prehistory (2004)
- Committee Member for the archaeology/anthropology section (2002-2003)
- Student Representative for the archaeology/anthropology section (2000-2002)

Languages

Spanish – fluent (bilingual)

French – basic conversational

Arabic – limited

Photography

Site photographer for Merimdeh Beni Salama and Quesna Projects (see above)

Twenty-five years' experience with traditional and digital SLR and medium format photography

Twice runner-up in Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) Photography Competition 2010

Twice finalist in Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) Photography Competition 2010

Other personal interests include history of art and photography, social anthropology, palaeontology, travel, ethnographic art, fine food and wine.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Books

Eeckhout, P. and **Owens, L.S.** [eds.] 2015. *Funerary Patterns and Models in the Ancient Andes: The Return of the Living Dead*. Cambridge University Press.

Owens, L.S. and de Trafford, A. [eds.] 2015. *Managing Egypt's Cultural Heritage: Proceedings of the Second Egyptian Cultural Heritage Organisation Conference on Egyptian Cultural Heritage Management*. Executive Series Editor: F. A. Hassan. Commissioning Editors: G. J. Tassie & J. van Wetering. Golden House Publications

Tassie, G. and **Owens, L.S.** [eds.] 2010. *Standards of Archaeological Excavation; A Fieldguide to Methodology, Recording Techniques and Conventions*. Golden House Publications, London.

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Papers

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Izquierdo Zamora, Aurea; Cuttler, Richard; al-Naimi, Faisal; **Owens, Lawrence**. 2015. Between rocks and a hard place: Prehistoric Funerary Practices at Wādī Ḍebay‘ān, northern Qatar. *Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy* (Manuscript AAE-0458.R1)

Owens, L.S. and Eeckhout, P. (CWA). 2012. Pachacamac: exploring a Peruvian chamber of secrets. *World Archaeology* 54: 46-47

Owens, L.S. 2009. "The potential and future of Egyptian bioarchaeology: management strategies for ancient human remains". In: **Owens, L.S.** and de Trafford, A. *Managing Egypt's Cultural Heritage*. Discourses on Heritage Management Series 1, Egyptian Cultural Heritage Organisation. Golden House (series ed.: Hassan, F.) Pp. 206-257.

Owens, L.S. 2008. "The Last Mummy Makers: Diet, Disease and Death among the Pre-European Populations of the Canary Islands". In: *Mummies and Science: World Mummies Research. Proceedings of the 6th International Congress on Mummy Studies* (Teguise, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, February 20-24, 2007) Pp. 333-341.

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Owens, L.S. 2006. "Through a Glass Darkly: Illuminating the Conflict Between Historical and Archaeological Interpretations of Ancient Populations of the Canary Islands". *Almogaren* 36 (2005/6): 191-203. Vienna, Austria.

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