

**College of Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Vitae**

**Keith Malcolm Prufer**

**Anthropology**

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**Educational History:**

Ph.D. 2002 Southern Illinois University, Anthropology, Title: *Communities, Caves, and Ritual Specialists: A Study of Sacred Space in the Maya Mountains of Southern Belize* (Don S. Rice, advisor)

M.A. 1996 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Anthropology, Title: *Cycles of Violence, Ethnogenesis, and Flight: Historical Movements of the Q'eqchi' Maya of Belize, Central America* (Jonathan D. Hill, Advisor)

B.A. 1994 Cleveland State University, Anthropology (Cum Laude)

**Employment History**

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico 2007-Present  
Affiliated Faculty: Latin American and Iberian Institute

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Wichita State University. 2004-2007  
Graduate Coordinator 2006-2007

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Auburn University 2002-2004

**Professional Recognition Honors, etc.**

Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award, the Graduate School, Southern Illinois University, 2002.

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Graduate School Doctoral Fellowship 2000-2001, 2001-2002

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship 1997-2000.

Dumbarton Oaks Pre-Columbian Library, Short-term residency 1999

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Graduate School Doctoral Fellowship 1997  
(Awarded but declined).

Graduate Paper of the Year Award. Department of Anthropology, SIUC 1997

National Science Foundation. Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention 1996

High Academic Achievement Award. Cleveland State University, Department of Anthropology 1994

Willis E. Sibley Award for Outstanding Student Achievement in Anthropology. Cleveland State University, Department of Anthropology 1994

## **Scholarly Achievements:**

### **Published Books Edited or Co-edited:**

Brady, James E. and Keith M. Prufer, *In The Maw of the Earth Monster: Studies of Mesoamerican Ritual Cave Use*. Linda Schele Series in Precolumbian Art and Archaeology, 438 pages, University of Texas Press, Austin 2005

Keith M. Prufer and James E. Brady, *Stone Houses and Earth Lords: Maya Religion in the Cave Context*. David Carasco Series Mesoamerican Worlds, 392 pages, University Press of Colorado, Boulder 2005

### **Published Articles:**

Keith M. Prufer, Holley Moyes, Brendan J. Culleton, Andrew Kindon, and Douglas Kennett Uxbenká: The Development of a Frontier Community in the Eastern Periphery of the Maya Lowlands, *Latin American Antiquity* In Press 2010.

Kalosky, Ethan and Keith M. Prufer. Settlement and Society at Uxbenká: the Uxbenká Archaeological Project Settlement Survey. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology*, In Press 2010.

Nazaroff, Adam J. Keith M. Prufer, and Brandon L. Drake, Assessing the Applicability of Portable X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry for Obsidian Provenance Research in the Maya Lowlands. *Journal of Archaeological Science* In Press 2010

Prufer, Keith M. and Peter S. Dunham, A Shaman's Burial from an Early Classic Cave in Maya Mountains, invited contribution to special issue of *World Archaeology* edited by Joao Zilhao 41(2) 2009

Brandon L. Drake, Adam J. Nazaroff, Keith M. Prufer. Error Assessment of Portable X-Ray Florescence Spectrometry in Geochemical Sourcing. *Society for Archaeological Sciences Bulletin* 32(3): 14-17 2009

Geoffrey Braswell and Keith M. Prufer, Political Organization and Interaction in Southern Belize, *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 6: 43-55 2009

Moyes, Holley and Keith M. Prufer. The Archaeology of Kayuko Naj Tunich Cave. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 6: 191-199 2009

Prufer, Keith M, Andrew Kindon, and Douglas Kennett, Uxbenká and the Foundation of Sedentary Communities in Southern Belize. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 5: 241-250, 2008.

Prufer, Keith M. and W. Jeffrey Hurst, Chocolate and the Underworld Space of Death: The Recovery of Intact Cacao from an Early Classic Mortuary Cave. *Ethnohistory* 54(2): 273-303, 2007.

Prufer, Keith M., Andrew Kindon, and Phillip Wanyerka, Mapping Uxbenká: Site Settlement in the Rio Blanco Valley, Belize *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 3: 257-270, 2006.

Prufer, Keith M. The Early Classic in Southern Belize: A Regional View from Uxbenká and Ek Xux. *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology* 2: 169-178, 2005.

Morehart, Christopher, David Lentz, and Keith M. Prufer, Wood of the Gods: The Ritual Use of Pine (*Pinus* sp.) by the Ancient Lowland Maya. *Latin American Antiquity* 16(3): 255-274, 2005.

Prufer, Keith M., Phil Wanyerka, and Monica Shah, Wood Figurines, Manikin Scepters, and Religious Specialists in Ancient Maya Society *Ancient Mesoamerica* 14(2): 218-236, 2003.

Halperin, Christina T., Sergio Garza, Keith Prufer and James E. Brady, Evidence for the Ritual Use of Jute by the Ancient Maya *Latin American Antiquity* 14(3): 207-219, 2003.

Brady, James E. and Keith M. Prufer, Caves and Crystalmancy: Evidence for the Use of Crystals in Ancient Maya Religion. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 55(1): 129-144, 1999.

**Articles Appearing in Chapters in Edited Volumes:**

Prufer, Keith M., Shamans, Caves, and the Roles of Ritual Specialists in Maya Society. In: *In The Maw of the Earth Monster: Studies of Mesoamerican Ritual Cave Use*, James E. Brady and Keith M. Prufer, editors, University of Texas Press, Austin, pp.186-222, 2005

Prufer, Keith M. and James E. Brady, Introduction: Religion and the Role of Caves in Lowland Maya Archaeology. In Keith M. Prufer and James Brady, editors *Stone Houses and Earth Lords: Maya Religion in the Cave Context* University Press of Colorado, Boulder. Pp. 1-32, 2005.

Prufer, Keith M. and James E. Brady, Concluding Comments. In: *In The Maw of the Earth Monster: Studies of Mesoamerican Ritual Cave Use*, James E. Brady and Keith M. Prufer, editors, University of Texas Press, Austin. pp. 403-412, 2005.

Prufer, Keith M. and Andrew Kindon, Replicating the Sacred Landscape: The Ch'een at Muklebal Tzul. In Keith M. Prufer and James Brady, editors *Stone Houses and Earth Lords: Maya Religion in the Cave Context*, University Press of Colorado, Boulder. Pp. 33-50, 2005.

Brady, James E. and Keith M. Prufer, Introduction: A History of Mesoamerican Cave Interpretation. In: *In The Maw of the Earth Monster: Studies of Mesoamerican Ritual Cave Use*, James E. Brady and Keith M. Prufer, editors, University of Texas Press, Austin pp. 1-18, 2005.

Brady, James E. and Keith M. Prufer, A New Look at Religion and Cosmology. In Keith M. Prufer and James Brady, editors *Stone Houses and Earth Lords: Maya Religion in the Cave Context*, University Press of Colorado, Boulder. 311-322. 2005.

Saul, Julie, Keith M. Prufer, and Frank Saul, Osteobiographical Studies of a Skeletal Population from Settlement Rockshelters in the Ek Xux Valley, Belize. In Keith M. Prufer and James Brady, editors *Stone Houses and Earth Lords: Maya Religion in the Cave Context* University Press of Colorado, Boulder, 172-190, 2005.

Dunham, Peter S. and Keith M. Prufer, En la Cumbre del Clásico: Descubrimientos Recientes en la Montaña Maya en el Sur de Belice. In *XI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala*. (Juan Pedro Laporte and Héctor L. Escobedo, editors), Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia y Asociación Tikal, Ciudad de Guatemala, pp. 165-170, 1997.

### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

Prufer, Keith M. Animatism. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Five-Volume Set*, H. James Brix, Series Editor. Vol. 1: Pp. 69, Sage Publications, 2006

Prufer, Keith M. Sacred Landscapes. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Five-Volume Set*, H. James Brix, Series Editor. Vol 4: Pp. 573-574, Sage Publications, 2006

### **Technical Reports:**

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report (editor) The Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Reports on the 2008 Field Season in Toledo district, Belize. Report to the Institute of Archaeology, Government of Belize, and National Science Foundation, 2009.

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report (editor) The Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Reports on the 2007 Field Season in Toledo district, Belize. Report to the Institute of Archaeology, Government of Belize, and National Science Foundation, 2008.

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report (editor) The Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Reports on the 2006 Field Season in Toledo district, Belize. Report to the Institute of Archaeology, Government of Belize, and National Science Foundation 2007.

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report, The Uxbenká Archaeological Project (UAP): 2006 Field Season. Unpublished report to the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. <http://www.famsi.org/reports/06066/index.html>, 2007

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report, Report of the 2005 Field Season of the Uxbenká Archaeological Project. Unpublished Report to the Institute of Archaeology, Government of Belize, 2006

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report, The Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Report of the 2005 Field Season. Submitted to the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. <http://www.famsi.org/reports/05070/index.html> 2005

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report , Analysis and Conservation of a Wooden Figurine Recovered from Xmuqlebal Xheton Cave in Southern Belize, Central America. Final report prepared for the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. 2001

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report Archaeological Findings. In Report of the New Millennium Expedition Year 2000 Joint Services Scientific Expedition to the Upper Raspaculo, Maya Mountains, and Limestone Karst of the Western Chiquibul Area, Belize. Lt. Col. Alastair Rodgers, Editor. The Brake Colaton Raleigh, Devon UK, 2001

Prufer, Keith M., Steve Titus, and Christopher Koeppel. Technical Report, Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation Within Black Beauty Coal Company's Corning Mine Permit Area, Daviess County, Indiana. American Resources Group, Ltd. Cultural Resource Management Report No. 1072, Carbondale, Il. 2001

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report Summary Report on Cave Investigations of the 1998 Season of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project. In Progress Report of the 1999 Season of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project. (Peter S. Dunham and Todd J. Pesek, editors). Cleveland State University, Cleveland, 2000

Prufer, Keith M. Technical Report Maya Mountains Archaeological Project (MMAAP) Cave Research in the Southern Maya Mountains of Belize: Preliminary Report of the 1997 and 1998 Field Seasons. In, Archaeological Research in the Southern Maya Mountains: Report of the 1997 and 1998 Field Season of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project. Peter S. Dunham, editor. Cleveland State University, Cleveland 1999

Goldstein, David J. and Keith M. Prufer, Technical Report, Report on Rockshelter Excavations at Mayahak Cab Pek and Mohibal Kanchi, 1998 Field Season. In, Archaeological Research in the Southern Maya Mountains: Report of the 1997 and 1998 Field Season of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project. Peter S. Dunham, editor. Cleveland State University, Cleveland 1999

Dunham, Peter S., Keith M. Prufer, R. Hays, A. Kindon, F. Saul, J. Saul, H. Mai. Technical Report The Maya Mountains Archaeological Project (MMAAP): Field Report of the 1999 Season. (Unpublished report for the National Geographic Society and Government of Belize), 1999  
Dunham, Peter S., Keith M. Prufer, A. Whittemore, G. Davidse, D. Holland, V. Mooleedhar, T. Miller, P. Wenninger, and D. Doherty, Technical Report, Summary Report of the 1997 Season of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project (MMAAP) Unpublished report submitted to the Government of Belize and National Geographic Society, March 1998.

Finney, Fred A., Phillip Wanyerka, Kathryn Parker, Keith Prufer, and David Stephenson. Technical Report, Archaeological Investigations at Selected Sites in the Cuyahoga River Valley, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, Ohio. Institute for Minnesota Archaeology, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1997

Prufer, Keith M. and Luella Beth Hillen Technical Report, "2nd and 3rd Addendum to the Reconnaissance Survey for a Proposed Gas Pipeline Through Portions of Fairfield, Perry, Muskingum, and Noble Counties, Ohio" Archaeological Services Consultants, Inc. Columbus, Ohio, 1991

**Reviews:**

Review of Settlement and Archaeology at Quiriguá, Guatemala, by Wendy Ashmore, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 64(1): 154, 2008

Prufer, Keith M. Review of *Alcohol in Ancient Mexico*, by Henry J. Bruman. *Economic Botany* 56(2): 215-216, 2004

Prufer, Keith M. Review of the Film *Since the Company Came* Anthropology Review Database. February 2003. Electronic document.  
<http://wings.buffalo.edu/ARD/showme.cgi?keycode=1870>, 2003.

**Other (Popular media):**

Prufer, Keith M. (magazine article) Two Jewels of the South: Toledo's Uxbenká and Santa Cruz Village. *Belize Today* 2(13): 25-28, 2006

**Invited or Refereed Abstracts and/or Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Symposia Organized**

Symposium Pa Li Eb'il Tzul: Recent Archaeological and Epigraphic Investigations at Uxbenká And Pusilhá, co-organized with Geoffrey Braswell, (73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2008

Cave Perspectives on Mesoamerican Politics and Religion. (72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2007

The Intersection between Archaeology and Community in the Developing World, co-organized with Shoshaunna Parks (105<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.), 2006

Caves and Settlement: The Socio-Religious Context of Mesoamerican Cave Use (70<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Salt Lake City, UT), 2005

The Importance of Ritual Space in Subterranean Mesoamerica (69<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal Quebec), 2004

Reconstructing Maya Ritual and Cosmology in the Cave Context, with James Brady (67<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver Co.), 2002

The Maya Mountains Archaeological Project with Rebecca Hays (66<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA), 2001

New Directions in Mesoamerican Cave Archaeology with Patricia Austin (The 62<sup>nd</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Nashville, TN), 1997

### **Conference Papers and Published Abstracts**

Development and Resilience of Complex Socioeconomic Systems: A Theoretical Model and Case Study from the Maya Lowlands. Douglas J. Kennett, Yemane Asmerom, Jaime Awe, Patrick Bartlein, Kevin Cannariato, Gerald Haug, Keith M. Prufer, Bruce Winterhalder, Rebecca Zarger, Valorie Aquino, Kristina Baines, Jacob Bartruff, Sebastian Breitenbach, Brendan J. Culleton, Claire Ebert, Ethan Kalosky, Cedric Puleston, Megan K. Walsh. National Science Foundation Human and Social Dynamics Conference, February 2010, Washington D.C.

Modeling Complex Human Behavioral Responses to Climate Change in the Eastern Periphery of the Maya Lowlands. Keith Prufer, Brendan Culleton, Bruce Winterhalder, Jaime Awe and Douglas Kennett (74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta GA), 2009

Examining the Validity of PXRf for Obsidian Sourcing in the Maya Lowlands. Adam Nazaroff, B. Lee Drake, and Keith Prufer. (74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta GA), 2009

Uxbenká Settlement Survey: Mapping Architecture in the Eastern Periphery of the Maya Lowlands. Ethan Kalosky and Keith M. Prufer. (poster presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta GA), 2009

Discussant: What is New in Mesoamerican Cave Archaeology: The Implications of New Field Discoveries for Method and Theory, Part II. (74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta GA), 2009

Archaeometry at Uxbenká: How Science is Improving Our Understanding of the Rise and Fall of Polities in Southern Belize. Keith M. Prufer, Brendan Culleton, and Valorie Aquino. (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, Belize City, Belize), 2009

Settlement Organization at Uxbenká: Survey Results of the 2008 and 2009 Field Seasons. Ethan Kalosky and Keith M. Prufer. (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, Belize City, Belize), 2009

Rethinking early settlements in southern Belize: a view from Uxbenká. Keith M. Prufer, Douglas Kennett, and Brendan Culleton (107<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco CA), 2008

What do we really know about the archaeology of Southern Belize? New perspectives on 100 years of survey and excavation (73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2008

Discussant: Electronic Symposium: Recent Advances in Mesoamerican Cave Archaeology, (73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2008.

Classic Maya Landscape Modification in Southern Belize: Potential Soil and Water Management Features at Uxbenká, Keith M. Prufer, Brendan Culleton, and Douglas Kennett. (73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2008.

Kayuko Naj Tunich: A Preclassic Mountain Shrine in Southern Belize. Holley Moyes and Keith Prufer (73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2008.

In the Shadows of the Big Houses: Non-Elite Settlements at Uxbenká. Amber Schrag, Willa Trask and Keith Prufer, (73<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2008.

The Foundations of Uxbenká and Sedentary Communities in Southern Belize. (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2008

Learning the Past and Valuing the Present: Educational Initiatives at Uxbenká. Rebecca Zarger, Keith M. Prufer, and Shoshaunna Parks (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2008

Kayuko Naj Tunich: The Foundational Cave at Uxbenká. Holley Moyes and Keith M. Prufer (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2008

Political Structure and History in Southern Belize. Geoffrey Braswell and Keith M. Prufer (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2008

Classic Period Colonization of Southern Belize and the Implications of a Multiethnic Cultural Landscape. (106th Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC), 2007

Contributions of Cave Archaeology to a Generalized and Comparative Understanding of Mesoamerican Societies (72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2007

The Emergence of Sociopolitical Complexity in Southern Belize: A Case Study from the Site of Uxbenká, Toledo District, Southern Belize. Andrew Kindon and Keith M. Prufer (72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2007

The Canoe in the Cave: A Case for a Burial Shrine in Southern Belize. Holley Moyes, Keith M. Prufer, and Bethany Myers (72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX), 2007

Santa Cruz and Uxbenká: Community consultation, education, and capacity building, Shoshaunna Parks, Dr. Keith M. Prufer, and Dr. Rebecca Zarger (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2007

Early Political Dynamics at Uxbenká. Andrew Kindon and Keith M. Prufer (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2007

Introduction to the Intersection between Archaeology and Community in the Developing World, Prufer, Keith M. and Rebecca Zarger, (105<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.), 2006

Settlement and Architecture in Southern Belize: Temporal and Spatial Variation in a Well Defined Region. Prufer, Keith M. and Andrew Kindon, (71<sup>st</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan Puerto Rico), 2006

The Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Excavations in the Group A Plaza. Prufer, Keith M., Andrew Kindon, and Phillip Wanyerka, (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2006

Sacred Geography and Mountain Caves in the Highlands of the Lowlands (70<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Salt Lake City, UT), 2005

Mapping Uxbenká: Site Settlement in the Rio Blanco Valley, Belize. Prufer, Keith M., Andrew Kindon, and Phillip Wanyerka, (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize), 2005

Reevaluating the role of “Domestic” Ceramics in Ceremonial Cave Contexts (69<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal Quebec) 2004

Caves and Rockshelters in Ohio, Olaf H. Prufer and Keith M. Prufer, (69<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal Quebec) 2004.

The Early Classic in Southern Belize: A Regional View from Uxbenká. (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Woodlands. Belize City, Belize), 2004

Discussant. Symposium: Social Construction of Space in Ancient America: Exploring Sacred, Ritual, Celestial, and Earthly Landscapes and Architecture. C. Kristin-Graham and L. Amrhein, organizers (68<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, WI), 2003

Wood of the Gods: The Role of Pine (*Pinus sp.*) in Ancient Maya Cave Rituals” Christopher Morehart, Keith Prufer and David Lentz (Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, WI), 2003

Landscapes Made Sacred: Communities, Caves, and Ceremonial Circuits in Southern Belize. (Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, WI), 2003

Replicating the Sacred Landscape: The Ce'en at Muklebal Tzul" Prufer, Keith M. and Andrew Kindon, (Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver Co.), 2002

"New Perspectives on Maya Freshwater Shell Exploitation" Halperin, Christina, Sergio Garza, Keith M. Prufer, James E. Brady (Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver Co.), 2002.

"Maya Mountain Rockshelter Burials: Nearer to the Gods?" Saul, Julie, Keith M. Prufer, Frank Saul (Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver Co.), 2002

"Caves and Communities in the Maya Mountains of Southern Belize" (Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA) 2001

"The Maya Mountains Archaeological Project 1992 - 2000: A Regional Investigation of Late Classic Settlement and Economy" Prufer, Keith M. and Phil Wanyerka. (Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA) 2001

Together in Death: A Family Plot? Saul, Julie, Frank Saul and Keith M. Prufer (Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA) 2001

"Investigations of Non-Elite Rockshelter Burials in the Maya Mountains of Southern Belize." (Paper presented at the 64<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, Illinois) 1999.

"The CE Determination of Theobromine and Caffeine in Samples of Archeological Interest" Hurst Jeffrey W., Stanley M. Tarka, Keith M. Prufer, and Peter S. Dunham (Paper presented at PittCon 98, New Orleans, March 1-6, 1998)

En la Cumbre del Clásico: Descubrimientos Recientes en la Montaña Maya en el Sur de Belice. Dunham, Peter S. and Keith M. Prufer, (Paper presented at XI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City) 1998

"Sacred Underground Spaces and Ritual Specialists: Cave Utilization in the Maya Mountains of Southern Belize." (Paper presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC) 1997

"Pilgrimages for the Dead: Early Classic Mortuary Caves of Southern Belize." (Paper presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Nashville, TN) 1997

“Caves and Crystalmancy: Evidence for the Use of Crystals in Ancient Maya Religion.” Prufer, Keith M. and James E. Brady (Paper presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC) 1997

“Geology of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project” Brooks, William E., Peter S. Dunham, and Keith M. Prufer (Paper presented at a meeting of the Colorado Scientific Society) 1995

“Geology of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project” Brooks, William E., Peter S. Dunham, and Keith M. Prufer (Poster and Abstracts of the Geological Society of America meetings) 1995

“Recent Cave Investigations in the Southern Maya Mountains of Belize”, C.A. (Paper presented at the First International Symposium of Maya Archaeology, San Ignacio, Belize.) 1995

**Invited Lectures and Other:**

The Maya Collapse in Social and Ecological Context. Invited lecture, Environmental Studies, University of Southern California, November 4, 2008.

In the Maw of the Earth Monster, Invited lecture, History and Religious Studies, University of New Hampshire, April 14, 2005.

**Research Funding:**

Uxbenká Archaeological Project, 2010. Alphawood Foundation, 2010 (\$123,750)

National Science Foundation, REU Award for Undergraduate Research, 2009, (\$5,975)

National Science Foundation, REU Award for Undergraduate Research, 2009, (\$4,000)

Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Proposal for Research Funding for 2009, Alphawood Foundation, 2009, (\$53,571)

National Science Foundation, Collaborative Research: (AOC) Development and resilience of complex socioeconomic systems: A theoretical model and case study from the Maya Lowlands. (with Douglas Kennett, Bruce Winterhalder, Kevin Cannariato, and Rebecca Zarger, Patrick Bartlain, and Yemane Asmerom), HSD 0827305, 2008-2012, \$899,234 (UNM \$274,550).

National Science Foundation, Archaeology Research Award, PI/PD (Co-PI A. Kindon), ‘Uxbenká Archaeological Project’ BCS-0620445 2006-2010 (\$123,830).

Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. ‘Uxbenká Archaeological Project’ FAMSI-06066 (\$9,950) 2006

Wichita State University Summer Faculty Research Grant. 'Uxbenká Archaeological Project' (\$4,000) 2006

Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. 'Uxbenká Archaeological Project' FAMSI-05070 (\$9,945) 2005

Wichita State University ARCS Faculty Research Award. 'Uxbenká Archaeological Project' (\$4,500) 2005

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant 'Maya Mountains Ritual Caves Project' with Don S. Rice. SBR-9901265 (\$11,400), 1999

Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc. 'Conservation of a Wooden Figurine from Xmuqlebal Xheton' Cave in Southern Belize. FAMSI-99003 (\$1,350) 1999

Subcontract Award, Cleveland State University. Keith M. Prufer and Don S. Rice, 'Conservation, Analysis and Carbon Dating of Wood Artifacts' (\$7,500) 1999

Subcontract Award, Cleveland State University. Keith M. Prufer, Don S. Rice, David J. Goldstein, and Lee A. Newsom 'Conservation of a Wood Bench from Belize' (\$5500) 1999

Sigma Xi - The Scientific Research Society. Grant in-Aid-of Research. "Maya Mountains Ritual Caves Project" (\$400) 1995

Cleveland State University, College of Arts and Sciences. Research Grant. 'Ethnolinguistic Study of Kekchi English in Southern Belize' (\$500) 1994

Explorers Club of New York, Research Grant, 'Maya Mountains Palynology Project' (\$1000) 1994

Sigma Xi - The Scientific Research Society, Grant in-Aid-of Research, 'Maya Mountains Palynology Project' (\$400) 1994

**Other Funding:**

Internal proposal to LAII for funds from UNM Title VI-A Grant Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (UISFL) for undergraduate research experiences in Belize, summer 2008. Funded for \$4,000 2/08

Internal proposal to LAII for funds to support travel for human rights attorney Prof. James Anaya (United Nations and University of Arizona) as part of the Anthropology Colloquia Series \$300

## **Classroom Teaching:**

### University of New Mexico

- 2010S Graduate Seminar: Human Behavioral Responses to Climate Change (ANTH 570)
- 2009F Pre-Columbian Cultures of Ancient Mexico (ANTH 371/\*371)
- 2009F, 2008S, 2008F Introduction to Four-Field Anthropology (ANTH 101)
- 2009S Ethnology and Archaeology of Community (ANTH 340/420\* W/ R. Brulotte)
- 2008F Maya Archaeology and Prehistory (ANTH 376/\*376)
- 2008S Graduate Seminar: Maya Collapse (ANTH 570\*)
- 2007F Mesoamerican Archaeology (ANTH 322/522\*)

### Wichita State University

- 2005F Mesoamerican Archaeology (ANTH 340\*)
- 2006F, 2007F Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 103)
- 2006S 2005S Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 102)
- 2006F Introduction to Maya Writing (ANTH 278)
- 2006F The Ancient Maya (ANTH 300\*)
- 2006S Ancient Mexico (ANTH 350\*)
- 2006F Medical Anthropology (ANTH 538\*)
- 2006F Graduate Core Class: Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 540\*)
- 2004F Kinship and Social Organization (ANTH 526\*)
- 2004F Graduate Seminar: Archaeology of the Maya (ANTH 570\*)

### Auburn University

- 2004S Mesoamerican Archaeology (ANTH 3200)
- 2002F, 2003S, 2003F, 2004S Introduction to Four-Field Anthropology (ANTH 1000)
- 2004S Ethnographic Methods (ANTH 2000)
- 2003S Kinship: Culture, Family, and Marriage (ANTH 3000)

### Southern Illinois University

- 2000F Introduction to Four-Field Anthropology (ANTH 104)

\*Graduate course or course with graduate component

## **Curriculum Development or Teaching Administrative Positions:**

- Developed Course: Ethnology and Archaeology of Communities (UNM ANTH 420) 2008, co-taught 2009S with R. Brulotte
- Developed Course: Pre-Columbian Cultures of Ancient Mexico (UNM ANTH 371) 2008
- Developed Course: Maya Archaeology and Prehistory (UNM ANTH 376) 2008
- Developed course: The Ancient Maya (Wichita State) 2006
- Developed course: Archaeology of Prehistoric Mexico (Wichita State) 2006

## **Service:**

### **Book and Journal Reviews**

- 2010-2010 Reviewer of Manuscripts Current Anthropology
- 2008-2010 Reviewer of Manuscripts for Journal of Religious History
- 2008-2010 Reviewer of manuscripts for Ancient Mesoamerica
- 2007-2010 Reviewer of manuscripts for Latin American Antiquity
- 2007- Reviewer of manuscripts for Human Nature
- 2007- Reviewer of manuscripts for Journal of Field Archaeology
- 2006- Reviewer of books for University Press of Colorado
- 2005-2008 Reviewer of manuscripts: Journal of Anthropological Research
- 2003-2006 Reviewer of books and proposals for University of Arizona Press
- 2003-2004 Reviewer for manuscripts for *Homicide Studies: an Interdisciplinary Journal*
- 2002-2005 Reviewer of textbooks for Allyn & Bacon Publishers.

### **Granting Agency Reviews**

- 2010- Reviewer of proposals NSF International Fellowship Program
- 2006-2010 Reviewer of proposals for National Geographic Society
- 2007-2010 Reviewer of senior proposals for National Science Foundation
- 2004-2008 Reviewer of dissertation improvement proposals for National Science Foundation

### **Departmental and University**

- 2008 - UNM Press Committee
- 2008 - UNM/Uxbenká Archaeological Project Summer Field Program in Belize 2008
- 2007-2008 UNM Anthropology Colloquia Committee
- 2007-2008 Search Committee – South American Archaeologist (UNM)
- 2005-2008 Public education and outreach in Maya communities in southern Belize.
  - Developing managerial capacity in the formation of indigenous NGOs
  - Implementing educational programs for children in Maya communities
- 2005- Graduate Coordinator, Anthropology, Wichita State University.
- 2002-2003 Developed and co-authored lab manual for Introduction to Four-Field Anthropology, with John Cottier and Kelly Alley, Auburn University
- 2001-2002 Search and Screen Committee for Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean, Southern Illinois University
- 2001-2002 Graduate Council (graduate student member, graduate faculty association), Southern Illinois University.
- 2001-2002 Graduate Council Research Committee, Southern Illinois University.
- 2000-2002 Graduate and Professional Student Council, Southern Illinois University. Executive Board, 2000-2001.
- 2000-2001 Undergraduate Teaching and Curriculum Committee. Southern Illinois University.
- 2000-2002 Graduate Technology Enhancement Fee Committee. Southern Illinois University.