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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico 2007-  
Affiliated Faculty: Latin American and Iberian Institute  
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Wichita State University. 2004-2007  
2005-2007 Anthropology Graduate Coordinator  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Auburn University 2002-2004

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Complex Societies, Mesoamerica, Spatial Analysis, Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction,  
Evolution of Cultural Landscapes, Ceramic Technology and Analysis, Cave Archaeology,  
Ethnohistory, Political Economy

### EDUCATION

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

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

B.A. 1994 Cleveland State University. Cum laude Anthropology

### GRANTS

- 2006 National Science Foundation, Archaeology Research Award, PI/PD, 'Uxbenká  
Archaeological Project' BCS-0620445 2006-2009 (\$123,830).
- 2006 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).
- 2005 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).

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- 1999 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).
- 1997 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).
- 1996 Sigma Xi - The Scientific Research Society. Grant in-Aid-of Research. "Maya Mountains Ritual Caves Project" (\$400).
- 1994 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).

### AWARDS

- 2003 Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award 2002. The Graduate School, Southern Illinois University (university wide competition by nomination) \$1000.
- 1997 Graduate Paper of the Year Award. Department of Anthropology, SIUC.
- 1994 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.

### FELLOWSHIPS

- 2000-2002 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Graduate School Doctoral Fellowship. Awarded twice (2000-2001, 2001-2002) (\$36, 000).
- 1997-2000 National Science Foundation. Graduate Research Fellowship (\$81,000).
- 1999 Dumbarton Oaks Pre-Columbian Library. Short-term residency.
- 1997 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Graduate School Doctoral Fellowship (Awarded but declined, \$18,000).

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1996 National Science Foundation. Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2004- Wichita State University, Assistant Professor  
2002-2004 Auburn University, Visiting Assistant Professor  
2003 Auburn University Summer Field School. Directed undergraduate students in excavations at historic Creek and prehistoric Woodland sites in central Alabama  
1999-2000 Southern Illinois University, Instructor  
1999 ClassroomConnect.com, Palo Alto California, Development of interactive WWW educational curriculum on Mesoamerican archaeology for Jr. High classrooms  
1996 Southern Illinois University, Teaching Assistant, University Core Curriculum  
1995 Cleveland State University Summer Archaeology Field School, Teaching Assistant

## COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Archaeology (WSU)  
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (WSU)  
Introduction to Four-Field Anthropology (SIUC, Auburn)  
Introduction to Maya Writing (WSU)  
The Ancient Maya (WSU)  
Ancient Mexico (WSU)  
Mesoamerican Archaeology (Auburn, WSU, UNM)  
Ethnographic Methods (Undergraduate and Graduate) (Auburn)  
Social Organization (Undergraduate and Graduate) (WSU)  
Kinship: Culture, Family, and Marriage (Undergraduate and Graduate) (Auburn)  
Medical Anthropology (Undergraduate and Graduate) (WSU)  
Graduate Seminar: Archaeology of the Maya (WSU)  
Graduate Core Class: Cultural Anthropology (WSU)

## LANGUAGES

Spanish, speaking and reading  
Yukatek Maya, speaking  
Maya Hieroglyphs, reading

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK

2004-present Project Director, Uxbenká Archaeological Project. Multiyear investigations of political economy and landscape utilization in southern Belize.

2003 Auburn University excavations at Hickory Ground; a historic Creek (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century) village in central Alabama.

2000 Project Archaeologist. Joint Services New Millennium Expedition (British Armed Forces, British Museum, and The Belize Zoo). Expedition on the Raspaculo River in central Belize to aid in biological and archaeological RAP.

1996-2001 Director. Maya Mountains Ritual Caves Project (MMRCP). Intensive regional survey and excavation of caves in the Maya Mountains of southern Belize. Funding from Sigma Xi and the National Science Foundation.

- 1993-2000 Assistant to the Director. Maya Mountains Archaeological Project (MMAAP). Multi-year resource survey of southern Belize, C.A.
- 1994-1995 Student Research. Maya Mountains Palynology Project. Intensive sampling of wind borne pollens from Caves in Southern Belize, C.A. Funding by Sigma Xi-The Scientific Research Society and The Explorers Club of New York.
- 1994 Student Research. Ethnolinguistic Study of Kekchi English in Southern Belize. A study of English language acquisition by the Kekchi Maya of Southern Belize. Funding by Cleveland State University, College of Arts and Sciences.

## PUBLICATIONS

### \*peer reviewed

### BOOKS

- 2005\* Brady, James E. and **Keith M. Prufer** (editors)  
*In The Maw of the Earth Monster: Studies of Mesoamerican Ritual Cave Use.* Linda Schele Series in Precolumbian Art and Archaeology, University of Texas Press.
- 2005\* **Keith M. Prufer** and James E. Brady (editors)  
*Stone Houses and Earth Lords: Maya Religion in the Cave Context.* David Carasco Series Mesoamerican Worlds, University Press of Colorado.

### MAJOR PUBLICATIONS JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2007\* 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 Bethany Myers and Keith M. Prufer  
A Maya Canoe from Kayuko Cave in Southern Belize. *Mexicon*
- 2006\* Prufer, Keith M., Andrew Kindon, and Phillip Wanyerka.  
Mapping Uxbenká: Site Settlement in the Rio Blanco Valley, Belize. In *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology, 2006*, J. Morris and J. Awe, editors. Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2006 Prufer, Keith M. and Phil Wanyerka. A New Early Classic Monument from Uxbenká. *Mexicon*
- 2005\* The Early Classic in Southern Belize: A Regional View from Uxbenká and Ek Xux. In *Research Reports in Belizean Archaeology: Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands*. J. Morris and J. Awe, editors. pp.169-178, Institute of Archaeology, Belmopan, Belize.
- 2005\* 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.

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- Brady and Keith M. Prufer, editors, pp.186-222, University of Texas Press, Austin.
- 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.
- 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, pp. 403-412, University of Texas Press, Austin.
- 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.
- 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, pp. 1-18, University of Texas Press, Austin.
- 2005\* Brady, James E. and **Keith M. Prufer**  
Synthesis and Concluding Comments. In Keith M. Prufer and James Brady, editors *Stone Houses and Earth Lords: Maya Religion in the Cave Context*, University Press of Colorado, Boulder.
- 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\* 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.
- 2003\* 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.
- 1999\* Brady, James E. and **Keith M. Prufer**  
Caves and Crystalmancy: Evidence for the Use of Crystals in Ancient Maya

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Religion. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 55(1): 129-144.

- 1998 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), pp. 165-170. Guatemala City: Ministerio de Cultura y Deportes, Instituto de Antropología e Historia y Asociación Tikal.

### PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS AND REVIEW

- In review\* The Archaeology of Bats'ub Cave. To appear in a forthcoming special issue of *Cave and Karst Studies*.
- In review\* Prufer, Olaf H. and **Keith M. Prufer**  
 Caves and Rockshelters in Ohio. To appear in *Journeys into the Dark Zone: A Cross Cultural Perspective on Caves as Sacred Spaces*, H. Moyes, editor. University Press of Colorado, Boulder.

### MINOR PUBLICATIONS, REVIEWS & OTHER

- 2007 Review of *Settlement and Archaeology at Quiriguá*, Guatemala, by Wendy Ashmore, *Journal of Anthropological Research*
- 2006 Two Jewels of the South: Toledo's Uxbenká and Santa Cruz Village. *Belize Today* 2(13): 25-28.
- 2006 Pre-Columbian Art. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Five-Volume Set*, H. James Brix, Series Editor. Sage Publications.
- 2006 Animatism. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Five-Volume Set*, H. James Brix, Series Editor. Sage Publications.
- 2006 Sacred Landscapes. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Five-Volume Set*, H. James Brix, Series Editor. Sage Publications.
- 2003 Review of the Film 'Since the Company Came' *Anthropology Review Database*. February 2003. Electronic document.  
<http://wings.buffalo.edu/ARD/showme.cgi?keycode=1870> .
- 2002 Review of *Alcohol in Ancient Mexico*, by Henry J. Bruman. *Economic Botany* 56(2): 215-216.

### TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2007 (editor) The Uxbenká Archaeological Project: Reports on the 2006 Field Season in Toledo district, Belize. Unpublished Report to the Institute of Archaeology, Government of Belize.
- 2007 The Uxbenká Archaeological Project (UAP): 2006 Field Season. Unpublished report to the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies, Inc.

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<http://www.famsi.org/reports/06066/index.html>

- 2006 Report of the 2005 Field Season of the Uxbenká Archaeological Project. Unpublished Report to the Institute of Archaeology, Government of Belize.
- 2005 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>
- 2001 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 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.
- 1999 Prufer, Keith M., Steve Titus, and Christopher Koeppel. 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.
- 2000 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.
- 1999 Maya Mountains Archaeological Project (MMAP) 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**. 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. The Maya Mountains Archaeological Project (MMAP): Field Report of the 1999 Season. (Unpublished report for the National Geographic Society and Government of Belize).
- 1998 Dunham, Peter S., **Keith M. Prufer**, A. Whittemore, G. Davidse, D. Holland, V. Mooleedhar, T. Miller, P. Wenninger, and D. Doherty. 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).

- 1997 Finney, Fred A., Phillip Wanyerka, Kathryn Parker, **Keith Prufer**, and David Stephenson. Archaeological Investigations at Selected Sites in the Cuyahoga River Valley, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties, Ohio. Institute for Minnesota Archaeology, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1994 Prufer, Keith M. and Luella Beth Hillen "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.

### **SYMPOISIA ORGANIZED**

- 2007 *Cave Perspectives on Mesoamerican Politics and Religion*. (72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX).
- 2006 *The Intersection between Archaeology and Community in the Developing World*, with Shoshaunna Parks (105<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.).
- 2005 *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).
- 2004 *The Importance of Ritual Space in Subterranean Mesoamerica* (69<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal Quebec).
- 2002 *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.).
- 2001 *The Maya Mountains Archaeological Project* with Rebecca Hays (66<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA).
- 1997 *New Directions in Mesoamerican Cave Archaeology* with Patricia Austin (The 62<sup>nd</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Nashville, TN).

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS**

- 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 Andrew Kindon and **Keith M. Prufer**

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- The Emergence of Sociopolitical Complexity in Southern Belize: A Case Study from the Site of Uxbenká, Toledo District, Southern Belize. (72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX).
- 2007 Holley Moyes, **Keith M. Prufer**, and Bethany Myers  
The Canoe in the Cave: A Case for a Burial Shrine in Southern Belize. (72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX).
- 2006 Prufer, Keith M. and Rebecca Zarger  
Introduction to the Intersection between Archaeology and Community in the Developing World (105<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.).
- 2006 Prufer, Keith M. and Andrew Kindon  
Settlement and Architecture in Southern Belize: Temporal and Spatial Variation in a Well Defined Region. (71<sup>st</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan Puerto Rico).
- 2005 Prufer, Keith M., Andrew Kindon, and Phillip Wanyerka.  
Mapping Uxbenká: Site Settlement in the Rio Blanco Valley, Belize. (Belize Archaeology Symposium: Archaeological Investigations in the Eastern Lowlands, San Ignacio, Belize).
- 2005 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).
- 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 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 Olaf H. Prufer and **Keith M. Prufer**  
Caves and Rockshelters in Ohio (69<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal Quebec).
- 2003 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 Christopher Morehart, **Keith Prufer** and David Lentz  
“Wood of the Gods: The Role of Pine (*Pinus sp.*) in Ancient Maya Cave Rituals” (Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, WI).

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- 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).
- 2002 Prufer, Keith M. and Andrew Kindon  
“Replicating the Sacred Landscape: The Ce’en at Muklebal Tzul” (Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver Co.).
- 2002 Halperin, Christina, Sergio Garza, **Keith M. Prufer**, James E. Brady “New Perspectives on Maya Freshwater Shell Exploitation” (Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver Co.).
- 2002 Saul, Julie, **Keith M. Prufer**, Frank Saul  
“Maya Mountain Rockshelter Burials: Nearer to the Gods?” (Paper presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver Co.).
- 2001 “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 Prufer, Keith M. and Phil Wanyerka.  
“The Maya Mountains Archaeological Project 1992 - 2000: A Regional Investigation of Late Classic Settlement and Economy” (Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA).
- 2001 Saul, Julie, Frank Saul and **Keith M. Prufer**  
Together in Death: A Family Plot? (Paper presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA).
- 1999 “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).
- 1998 Hurst Jeffrey W., Stanley M. Tarka, **Keith M. Prufer**, and Peter S. Dunham  
“The CE Determination of Theobromine and Caffeine in Samples of Archeological Interest” (Paper presented at PittCon 98, New Orleans, March 1-6, 1998).
- 1998 Dunham, Peter S. and **Keith M. Prufer**  
En la Cumbre del Clásico: Descubrimientos Recientes en la Montaña Maya en el Sur de Belice. (Paper presented at XI Simposio de Investigaciones Arqueológicas en Guatemala, Guatemala City).
- 1997 “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 Prufer, Keith M. and James E. Brady  
"Caves and Crystalmanancy: Evidence for the Use of Crystals in Ancient Maya Religion." (Paper presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC).
- 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 Brooks, William E., Peter S. Dunham, and **Keith M. Prufer**  
"Geology of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project"(Paper presented at a meeting of the Colorado Scientific Society).
- 1995 Brooks, William E., Peter S. Dunham, and **Keith M. Prufer**  
"Geology of the Maya Mountains Archaeological Project" (Poster and Abstracts of the Geological Society of America meetings).

#### INVITED LECTURES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2006 Uxbenká and the Death of Jaguar Paw. Public presentation, Wichita State University
- 2006 Southern Belize, Tikal, and Teotihuacan: The Founding of Southern Belize. Invited lecture for the Turnip Club, Wichita, KS.
- 2006 Politics, Religion, and the Growth of Complex Society in the Maya Area. Invited presentation to the Archaeological Society of South Central Kansas.
- 2005 In the Maw of the Cave Monster: Cave Archaeology in the Maya Lowlands. Invited Lecture, Religious Studies Program, University of New Hampshire.

#### NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2001 American Resources Group, Carbondale, Illinois. Consultant, Cultural Resource Management. Project director, proposal and research design authoring
- 1996-1997 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*, Department of Linguistics, Editorial Research Assistant
- 1995 Consultant for National Geographic Magazine. Washington DC. Maya Mountains Photo Shoot. Belize, Central America (Raymond Gehman, photographer).
- 1993-1994 Archaeological Services Consultants, Inc. Columbus, Ohio CRM Field Technician and Field Supervisor

- 1993 Cleveland State University. Cleveland, Ohio Academic Tutor
- 1992-1993 Cleveland Museum of Natural History Archaeology Department CRM Technician

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2007- Reviewer of Manuscripts for Journal of Field Archaeology
- 2007- Reviewer of Proposals for National Geographic Society
- 2006- Reviewer of books for University Press of Colorado
- 2005- Graduate Coordinator. Department of Anthropology, Wichita State University.
- 2005- Reviewer of papers: Journal of Anthropological Research
- 2004-2007 Reviewer of research proposals for National Science Foundation
- 2003-2007 Reviewer of books and proposals for University of Arizona Press
- 2003-2004 Reviewer for papers for *Homicide Studies: an Interdisciplinary Journal*
- 2002- Textbook reviewer for Allyn & Bacon Publishers.
- 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.

### CONSULTANCIES AND MEDIA

- 2006 Numerous newspaper features and radio media. The Canoe in the Cave: A Pre-Columbian Canoe from Kayuko Cave, Belize. Newswire: Ascribe
- 2005 Featured in Chocolate: Pathways to the Gods, documentary film by ArcheoProductions, Inc. (released August 2005)
- 2002 Featured in National Geographic Television's "Tales from Belize: Paradise in Peril" NGS TV (aired August 2002).
- 2001 Featured in 'Openings to the Underworld' *Science News* Vol. 161 (20)
- 1998 Featured in 'Sacred Secrets of the Caves: Archaeologists go Underground for Enlightenment on the Ancient Maya' *Science News* Vol. 153 (18).
- 1998 Featured in 'Caves the Door to the Beyond: Underground Life of the Maya' ABC News Online  
<http://more.abcnews.go.com/sections/science/dailynews/maya0218.html>

1995-6          Consultant for National Geographic Television “The Mountains of the Maya”  
National Geographic Explorer (originally aired 1997).

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Society for American Archaeology  
American Anthropological Association  
Sigma-Xi-The Scientific Research Society