



Barbara Voss

Associate Professor of Anthropology

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

Dr. Barbara L. Voss is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University, where she is also affiliated with the Stanford Archaeology Center, the Center for Comparative Studies of Race and Ethnicity, the Program on Asian American Studies, the Program on Urban Studies, and the Program on Gender and Sexuality Studies.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Anthropology

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, (2009- present)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, (2001-2009)
- Fellow, National Science Foundation, (1996-2001)
- Fellowship, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, (1996-1999)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Faculty Research Fellow, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (2016)
- Faculty Research Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (2014-2015)
- Richard E. Guggenheimer Faculty Scholar, Richard E. Guggenheimer (2010-2013)
- Ruth Benedict Prize for The Archaeology of Ethnogenesis, University of California Press (2008)
- Gordon R. Willey prize for the best archaeological paper published in American Anthropologist, Gordon R. Willey (2008)
- Hellman Faculty Scholar, Stanford University Program on Urban Studies (2007)
- Robert Heizer Prize for Excellence in the Study of California Archaeology, Robert Heizer (2002)
- Ruth Benedict Prize for Archaeologies of Sexuality, Ruth Benedict (2000)
- Michelle Rosaldo Prize for Research in Feminist Anthropology, Stanford University (1987)
- Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, Stanford University (1986-1987)
- Boothe Prize for Outstanding Writing, Stanford University (1986)
- Office of Technology Licensing Research Incentive Awards, Technology Licensing Research (2003)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for East Asian Studies
- Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley , Anthropology, with a Designated Emphasis in Women, Gender, and Sexuality (2002)
- M.A., University of California, Berkeley , Anthropology (1997)
- B.A., Stanford University , Anthropology (1988)

LINKS

- Market Street Chinatown Archaeology Project: <http://marketstreet.stanford.edu/>
- Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project: <http://web.stanford.edu/group/chineserailroad/cgi-bin/wordpress/>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

I am a historical archaeologist who studies the dynamics and outcomes of transnational cultural encounters: How did diverse groups of people, who previously had little knowledge of each other, navigate the challenges and opportunities of abrupt and sustained interactions caused by colonialism, conflict, and migration? I approach this question through fine-grained, site-specific investigations coupled with broad-scale comparative and collaborative research programs. My earlier work investigated Spanish colonization of the Americas, an area of research that I continue to be involved in. My current research focuses on 19th century migration from southern China, which I am investigating through three interrelated projects: (1) the Market Street Chinatown Archaeology Project (2002-present), a community-based research program developed to study and interpret the history and archaeology of San Jose's first Chinese community; (2) the interdisciplinary Chinese Railroad Workers of North America Project (2012-present), for which I serve as Director of Archaeology; and (3) Research Cooperation on Home Cultures of 19th Century Overseas Chinese, a collaboration with Wuyi University to develop ethnohistoric and archaeological research on qiaoxiang (home villages) in Kaiping County, Guangdong. Throughout, my research is guided by a deep commitment to public archaeology and collaborative research. Additionally, I continue to work to generate a productive dialogue between queer studies and archaeology, and to develop rigorous methodologies that support the study of sexuality and gender through archaeological evidence.

PROJECTS

- Historical and Archaeological Research on Qiaoxiang (Home Villages) of 19th Century Transpacific Migrants in the Kaiping Diaolou World Heritage Site, Guangdong, China - Stanford University
- Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project - Stanford University
- Market Street Chinatown Archaeology Project - Stanford University

Teaching

COURSES

2018-19

- Archaeology of Colonialism/Postcolonialisms: ANTHRO 374 (Aut)
- Queer Anthropology: ANTHRO 363 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Undergraduate Reading Group: ANTHRO 89 (Win)

2017-18

- Archaeology of Violence: ANTHRO 381 (Win)
- Archaeology of the Modern World: ANTHRO 109A, ANTHRO 209A, ARCHLGY 109A (Aut)

2016-17

- Archaeology as a Profession: ANTHRO 101A (Win)
- Archaeology of Colonialism/Postcolonialisms: ANTHRO 374 (Aut)
- Proposal Writing Seminar in Archaeology: ANTHRO 308A (Spr)

- Reading Group: ANTHRO 442 (Aut)

2015-16

- Archaeology of Violence: ANTHRO 381 (Spr)
- Archaeology of the Modern World: ANTHRO 109A, ANTHRO 209A, ARCHLGY 109A (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Tim Wilcox

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Megan Victor

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Laura Ng

Doctoral (Program)

Laura Ng

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SERIOUS GAMES: PLAY AND PRAGMATISM IN VICTORIAN-ERA DINING** *AMERICAN ANTIQUITY*
Voss, B. L.
2019; 84 (1): 26–47
- **THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF HOME: QIAOXIANG AND NONSTATE ACTORS IN THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE CHINESE DIASPORA** *AMERICAN ANTIQUITY*
Voss, B. L., Kennedy, J., Tan, J., Ng, L. W.
2018; 83 (3): 407–26
- **The Archaeology of Precarious Lives Chinese Railroad Workers in Nineteenth-Century North America** *CURRENT ANTHROPOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2018; 59 (3): 287–313
- **Native Californians at the Presidio of San Francisco: Analysis of Lithic Specimens from El Polin Spring** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Hull, K. L., Voss, B. L.
2016; 20 (2): 264–288
- **Towards a Transpacific Archaeology of the Modern World** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2016; 20 (1): 146–174
- **WHAT'S NEW? RETHINKING ETHNOGENESIS IN THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF COLONIALISM** *AMERICAN ANTIQUITY*
Voss, B. L.
2015; 80 (4): 655–670
- **Carving Chopsticks, Building Home: Wood Artifacts from the Market Street Chinatown in San Jose, California** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Seiter, J. I., Worthington, M. J., Voss, B. L., Kane, M. S.
2015; 19 (3): 664–685
- **Fan and Tsai: Intracommunity Variation in Plant-Based Food Consumption at the Market Street Chinatown, San Jose, California** *HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Cummings, L. S., Voss, B. L., Yu, C. Y., Kovacic, P., Puseman, K., Yost, C., Kennedy, R., Kane, M. S.

2014; 48 (2): 143-172

- **Curation as research. A case study in orphaned and underreported archaeological collections** *ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIALOGUES*
Voss, B. L.
2012; 19 (2): 145-169
- **Status and Ceramics in Spanish Colonial Archaeology** *HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2012; 46 (2): 39-54
- **Intimate encounters: an archaeology of sexualities within colonial worlds** *The Archaeology of Colonialism: Intimate Encounters and Sexual Effects*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Casella, E. C.
Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.2012: 1–10
- **Sexual effects: postcolonial and queer perspectives on the archaeology of sexuality and empire** *The Archaeology of Colonialism: Intimate Encounters and Sexual Effects*
Voss, B. L.
Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.2012: 11–30
- **The scale of the intimate: imperial policies and sexual practices in San Francisco.** *The Archaeology of Colonialism: Intimate Encounters and Sexual Effects*
edited by Voss, B. L.
Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.2012: 173–193
- **A land of ethnogenesis: material culture, power, and identity** *Contemporary Issues in California Archaeology*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Jones, T. L., Perry, J. E.
Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek CA.2012: 303–318
- **Re-establishing context for orphaned collections: a case study from the Market Street Chinatown, San Jose, California** *Collections: A Journal for Museum and Archives Professionals*
Voss, B. L., Kane, M. S.
2012; 8 (2): 87-112
- **The Archaeology of Colonialism: Intimate Encounters and Sexual Effects**
edited by Voss, B. L., Casella, E. C.
Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.2012
- **The Seneca Restoration, 1715-1754: An Iroquois Local Political Economy. (Book Review)** *ETHNOHISTORY*
Book Review Authored by: Voss, B. L.
2010; 57 (3): 485-486
- **Matter Out of Time: The Paradox of the "Contemporary Past"** *ARCHAEOLOGIES-JOURNAL OF THE WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS*
Voss, B. L.
2010; 6 (1): 181-192
- **Domesticating imperialism: sexual politics and the archaeology of empire** *In Contemporary Archaeology in Theory*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Preucel, R. W., Mrozowski, S. A.
Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford.2010: 191–203
- **Guide to ceramic MNV calculation quantitative and quantitative analysis** *Technical Briefs in Historical Archaeology*
Voss, B. L., Allen, R.
2010; 5: 1-9
- **The archaeology of indigenous heritage at Spanish-colonial military settlements** *Enduring Conquests: Rethinking the Archaeology of Resistance to Spanish Colonialism in the Americas*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Leibmann, M., Murphy, M. S.
School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM..2010: 243–265

- **Ancient Bodies, Ancient Lives: Sex, Gender, and Archaeology (Book Review)** *AMERICAN ANTIQUITY*
Book Review Authored by: Voss, B. L.
2009; 74 (3): 583-584
- **Looking for gender, finding sexuality: a queer politic of archaeology, fifteen years later** *In Que(e)rying Archaeology: Proceedings of the 37th Annual Chacmool Archaeological Conference*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Terendy, S., Lyons, N., Janse-Smekal, M.
2009: 29-39
- **Presidio de San Francisco Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco, California: Native, Spanish, and Mexican period archaeology** *Archaeology in American: An Encyclopedia*
Blind, E. B., Osborn, S. K., Voss, B. L., Clevenger, L. N.
edited by Lightfoot, K. G.
Greenwood Publishing Corp, Westport, Connecticut.2009
- **Gender, Race, and Labor in the Archaeology of the Spanish Colonial Americas** *CURRENT ANTHROPOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2008; 49 (5): 861-893
- **'Poor people in silk shirts' - Dress and ethnogenesis in Spanish-colonial San Francisco** *JOURNAL OF SOCIAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2008; 8 (3): 404-432
- **Domesticating imperialism: Sexual politics and the archaeology of empire** *AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST*
Voss, B. L.
2008; 110 (2): 191-203
- **Sexuality Studies in Archaeology** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF ANTHROPOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2008; 37: 317-336
- **The archaeology of Chinese immigrant and Chinese American communities** *HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Williams, B., Voss, B. L.
2008; 42 (3): 1-4
- **The Archaeology of Ethnogenesis: Race and Sexuality in Colonial San Francisco**
Voss, B. L.
University of California Press, Berkeley.2008
- **Las políticas sexuales de imperio en las Americas Espafiolas: perspectivas arqueológicas del San Francisco colonial** *Cuadernos de Arqueologia Mediterranea*
Voss, B. L.
2008; 17: 31-52
- **The archaeology of Chinese immigrant and Chinese American communities** *Thematic issue of Historical Archaeology*
Voss, B. L., Williams, B.
2008; 42 (3)
- **Overseas Chinese archaeology: Historical foundations, current reflections, and new directions** *HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Voss, B. L., Allen, R.
2008; 42 (3): 5-28
- **Between the household and the world system: Social collectivity and community agency in Overseas Chinese archaeology** *HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2008; 42 (3): 37-52
- **Image, text, object: Interpreting documents and artifacts as 'labors of representation'** *HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY*
Voss, B. L.
2007; 41 (4): 147-171

- **Sexuality in archaeology** *Identity and Subsistence: Gender Strategies for Archaeology*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Nelson, S. M.
AltaMira Press, Lanham MD.2007: 33–68
- **Feminisms, queer theories, and the archaeological study of past sexualities** *In The Archaeology of Identities*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Insoll, T.
Routledge, London..2007: 124–136
- **Sexuality in archaeology** *The Handbook of Gender in Archaeology*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Nelson, S. M.
AltaMira Press, Lanham MD.2006: 365–400
- **Engendered archaeology: men, women, and others** *Historical Archaeology*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Hall, M., Silliman, S.
Blackwell Publishing, London.2006: 107–127
- **The archaeology of Overseas Chinese communities** *WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY*
VOSS, B. L.
2005; 37 (3): 424-439
- **From Casta to California: Social identity and the archaeology of culture contact** *AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST*
VOSS, B. L.
2005; 107 (3): 461-474
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- **Sexual subjects: identity and taxonomy in archaeological research** *The Archaeology of Plural and Changing Identities*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Casella, E. C., Fowler, C.
Kulwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, New York.2005: 55–78
- **El Presidio de San Francisco: At the edge of empire** *Symposium on Presidios of the North American Spanish Borderlands held at the Annual Conference of the Society-for-Historical-Archaeology*
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- **The Market Street Chinatown Archaeological Project: applied research in the university classroom**
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- **Culture contact at El Presidio de San Francisco: The Tennessee Hollow Watershed Archaeology Project** *Society for California Archaeology Newsletter*
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2004; 38 (1): 29-33
- **Feminisms, queer theories, and the archaeological study of past sexualities** *In Same Sex Cultures and Sexualities: An Anthropological Reader*
Voss, B. L.
edited by Robertson, J.
Backwell Press, Oxford.2004: 49–49
- **Culture contact and colonial practices: archaeological traces of daily life in early San Francisco** *Boletin: The Journal of the California Mission Studies Association*
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- **Documenting life at the edge of the Spanish empire** *Noticias de Anza*
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- **Feminisms, queer theories, and the archaeological study of past sexualities** *WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY*
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- **Archaeologies of Sexuality**
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- **Archaeologies of Sexuality: An Introduction** *Archaeologies of Sexualit*
edited by Voss, B. L., Schmidt, R. A.
2000: 1–32
- **History, the family, and household archaeologies** *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Chacmool Archaeological Conference*
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2000: 292–301
- **Geophysical remote sensing of Spanish-colonial archaeological remains: Presidio de San Francisco**
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- **From presidio to post: recent archaeological discoveries of the Spanish, Mexican, and American periods at the Presidio of San Francisco**
Voss, B. L.
1996: 278–83