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Education:

- 2010-2016 **PhD** Brown University, Department of Egyptology and Assyriology
Supervisors: John Steele, Matthew Rutz
Title: Advice from the Stars: The Micro-Zodiac in Seleucid Babylon
- 2008 **M.A.** Ancient Near Eastern Languages, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies
- 2007 **B.A.** Hons Ancient Near Eastern Studies, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies

Professional Appointments:

- 2016 - Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Managing Editor, Database of Religious History
University of British Columbia
- 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Egyptology and Assyriology,
Brown University

Books:

The Micro-zodiac Texts from Seleucid Babylonia, Brill, *under-contract*.

Journal Articles:

M. Willis Monroe, “Organizational Structure of Knowledge in Cuneiform Sources”, *KASKAL*, volume 12, 2015, 519-534.

John Macginnis, **M. Willis Monroe** “Recent Texts from Ziyaret Tepe”, *State Archives of Assyria Bulletin*, volume 20, 2015, 47-56.

John MacGinnis, **M. Willis Monroe**, Dirk Wicke, Timothy Matney “Artifacts of Cognition: the use of clay tokens in a Neo-Assyrian provincial administration”, *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*, volume 24, 2014, 289-306

Timothy Matney, Tina Greenfield, Britt Hartenberger, Chelsea Jalbrzikowski, Kemalettin Köroglu, John MacGinnis, Anke Marsh, **Martin Willis Monroe**, Melissa Rosenzweig, Kristina Sauer, and Dirk Wicke “Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe, Diyarbakir, Turkey 2009-2010”, *Anatolica*, volume 37, 2011, 67-114.

Timothy Matney, Tina Greenfield, Britt Hartenberger, Azer Keskin, Kemalettin Köroglu, John MacGinnis, **Willis Monroe**, Lynn Rainville, Mary Shepperson, Tasha Vorderstrasse, and Dirk Wicke “Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe 2007-2008”, *Anatolica*, volume 35, 2009, 37-84.

Contributions to Edited Volumes:

M. Willis Monroe, “Looking Through the Cracks: Tracing Damage in Textual History”, eds. E. Cole, A. Mandell, MAARAV, *under-review*.

M. Willis Monroe, “Using Quantitative Methods for Measuring Inter-Textual Relations in Cuneiform”, *CyberResearch on the Ancient Near East and Neighboring Regions: Case Studies on Archaeological Data, Objects, Texts, and Digital Archiving*, eds. V. Juloux, A. Gansell, A. di Ludovico, *under-review*.

M. Willis Monroe, “The Micro-Zodiac in Babylon and Uruk: Seleucid Zodiacal Astrology”, *The Circulation of Astronomical Knowledge in the Ancient World*, ed. John Steele, Brill 2016, 119-138.

M. Willis Monroe, “Tokens as Artifacts of Neo-Assyrian Administration”, *Conference Proceedings of The Provincial Archaeology of the Assyrian Empire*, eds. J. MacGinnis, D. Wicke, T. Greenfield, McDonald Institute Monographs Cambridge: McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research 2016, 119-138.

Popular Articles:

Babylonian Hours: <http://www.babylonianhours.com>, art project to create a Babylonian *seasonal-hour* digital clock with associated explanation.

Short contributions in: *Ziyaret Tepe: Exploring the Anatolian frontier of the Assyrian Empire*, Timothy Matney, John MacGinnis, Dirk Wicke, Kemalettin Köroglu, Cornucopia Books, 2017.

John MacGinnis, **M Willis Monroe**, Dirk Wicke, Timothy Matney, “Hesap Taşları: MÖ 1. binyılın Kayıt Sistemi”, *Aktüel Arkeoloji*, volume 41, 2014 (In Turkish, English version in *Actual Archeology*, volume 11, 2014).

Conference Papers and Workshops:

“Integrating with the wider Digital Humanities: The Database of Religious History”, Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Marburg, July 28th, 2016.

“Analyzing Association in Babylonian Zodiacal Medical Ingredients”, American Oriental Society, Los Angeles, March 19th, 2016.

“Looking Through the Cracks: Tracing Damage on Cuneiform Tablets”, American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, November 19th, 2016.

“Calendar Texts and the Micro-zodiac: Intertextuality in Seleucid Astrology”, Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Philadelphia, July 15th, 2016.

“The Micro-zodiac: An Astrological Compendium in Hellenistic Babylonia” Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Tacoma, Washington, May 5th-7th 2016.

“Physical Markers of Textual Formatting in Late-Babylonian Astrology” Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, Massachusetts, March 18th-21st, 2016.

“Lions and Snakes and Ravens! Oh My! Visual Knowledge Production in Late-Babylonian Astrological Texts”, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Conference, Atlanta, November 18th – 21st, 2015.

“Paradigm and Model in Astral Thinking”, Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Geneva & Bern, June 22nd - 26th 2015.

Organized Workshop: “The Heavenly Bodies in Image and Text” at the Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Geneva & Bern, June 22nd - 26th 2015.

“New Developments in Seleucid Astrology: A Re-analysis of the Micro-zodiac”, Meeting of the American Oriental Society, New Orleans, March 13th - 16th, 2015.

“Organizational Structure of Knowledge in Cuneiform Sources”, Advanced Seminar in the Humanities, Venice, October 26th- November 4th, 2014.

“Form and Structure in the Micro-Zodiac: Re-assembling the Pieces”, 4th Regensburg Workshop on Mesopotamian Astral Sciences, Berlin, May 14th - 16th, 2014.

“The Micro-Zodiac in Babylon and Uruk: Seleucid Zodiacal Astrology”, The Circulation of Astronomical Knowledge in the Ancient World, Brown University, Providence, April 12th - 13th, 2014.

“Tokens and Tablets: Reinvestigating Literacy in the Neo-Assyrian Empire”, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Conference, Baltimore, November 21st, 2013.

“The Role of Tokens in Neo-Assyrian Administrative Procedure”, The Provincial Archaeology of the Assyrian Empire, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of

Cambridge, poster session, December 13th - 15th, 2012.

“Tablets and Tokens: Methods of Administration on Assyria's Northern Frontier”, Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, Massachusetts, March 17th, 2012.

Timothy Matney and **M. Willis Monroe** “Recent Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe/Tushhan: Results from the 2009-2010 Field Seasons”, Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, November 17th - 20th, 2010.

Invited Lectures:

“Clay Tokens and Cuneiform Writing in the 1st Millennium BCE”, Archaeological Institute of American, Vancouver Society, November 15th, 2016.

“Micro-Zodiac Schemes in Late-Babylonian Astrology and Astronomy”, CNRS Paris, SAW (Mathematical Sciences in the Ancient World) group, June 25th, 2014.

“Administration on the Frontier: The Role of Tokens in Neo-Assyrian Bureaucracy”, Altorientalisches Institut, Universität Leipzig, June 3rd, 2014.

“Innovations in Seleucid Astrology”, Departmental Colloquium Series, Department of Egyptology and Ancient Western Asian Studies, Brown University, May 6th, 2013.

“The Black Stone of Desire: Diorite Trade in the Persian Gulf, Unpacking a Commodity of Opportunity”, Brown Bag Series in Archaeology, Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University, February 28th, 2013.

Awards, Grants and Fellowships:

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| 2015 | Dean's Faculty Fellowship (Brown University), dissertation completion fellowship awarding a semester-long Visiting Assistant Professorship (Spring 2016) on completion. |
| 2014 | The American Academy of Research in Iraq (TAARII) grant in support of a project titled: "Innovation in Seleucid Astrology: Re-investigating the Micro-Zodiac." |
| 2014 | Joukowsky Summer Research Travel Grant in support of dissertation research. |
| 2013-14 | Participant in Venice International University's Advanced Seminar in the Humanities, a biennial two-year seminar series covering the Classical world and Ancient Near East. |

Service:

Referee: American Journal of Archaeology, Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions

- 2015 Member of Dean of Students search committee (Brown University)
- 2009 - 2015 Member of the Board of Trustees of Moses Brown School, Providence RI
Responsible for governance and oversight of a private K-12 Quaker school. Experience includes clerking internal committees, shepherding the school through NEASC accreditation, and facilitating development work including a comprehensive capital campaign.

Professional Experience:

- 2007 - 2014 Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological dig, Site Registrar, Turkey
Conducting the initial registration and study of artifacts from the field. Responsible for maintaining IT resources and site-wide archaeological database.
- 2012 - 2013 U.S. Department of State, Virtual Student Foreign Service Intern,
Responsible for sourcing images for type objects of Iraqi cultural heritage, and assembling them into a database to be used by international law enforcement.
- 2009 Central Lydia Archaeological Survey, Survey Archaeologist
- 2008 - 2009 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Curatorial Intern,
Department of Art of the Ancient World

Teaching:

As Primary Instructor:

Scientific Thought in Ancient Iraq
Introduction to Akkadian
PhD Student Writing Workshop

As Teaching Assistant:

Astronomy Before the Telescope
Imagining the Gods: Myths and Myth-making in Ancient Mesopotamia
Age of Empires: The Ancient Near East in the First Millennium B.C.
Haunted Universe: Monsters and Demons at the Dawn of Civilization

Other:

Early Astronomy (Brown Summer Program)
Cuneiform (Brown Summer Program)
Lesson on Cuneiform for Coursera-based MOOC "Archaeology's Dirty Little Secrets"

Languages:

Ancient: Akkadian, Sumerian, Hittite, Luwian, Ugaritic, Latin (some)
Modern: Turkish (fluent), French (some), German (some)

Professional Affiliations:

American Academy of Religion
American Oriental Society
American Schools of Oriental Research
The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq
History of Science Society
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science

References:

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