

BEBEL IBARRA ASENCIOS

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Summary of Qualifications

Peruvian archaeologist (Ph.D., Anthropology, Tulane University, 2021) and native of Huari, Áncash, with more than twenty years of experience building and leading a community-based heritage institution in the north-central highlands of Peru. Founder (2004) and Director of the Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, a nonprofit that has operated without government funding for more than two decades, curating collections from more than twenty years of excavation and serving as a research platform for international specialists. Director of the Proyecto Arqueológico Huari-Ancash and its field school, which has trained nearly 300 Peruvian and international students since 2004. Heritage protection experience includes preventing the illicit trafficking of pre-Hispanic objects for Peru's National Institute of Culture, securing excavation and export permits, conservation of the Qhapaq Ñan, and community agreements under which human remains stay in their place of origin. Curatorial experience includes exhibitions in Huari and Lima, a collection loan to the Museo Arqueológico de Áncash, and recataloguing the Andean collection of Tulane's Middle American Research Institute. Research on mortuary practice, ancestor veneration, kinship, and territory integrates ancient DNA, isotopes, bioarchaeology, and archaeometry (Science Advances, Journal of Field Archaeology, PLoS ONE). ACLS Fellow (2023). Over ten years of teaching in person, online, and in the field. Native or advanced proficiency in Spanish, English, French, and Quechua.

Education

Ph.D., Anthropology — Tulane University, New Orleans, LA — 2021

Dissertation: "Cult of the Dead and Ancestor Veneration in the North Highlands of Peru (AD 200–1600) and their Implication in Political Organization and the Emergence of Ayllu in the Central Andes"

M.A., Anthropology — Tulane University, New Orleans, LA — 2017

Doctoral studies — Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France — 2004–2008 (no degree conferred)

B.A. Social Sciences — Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Peru — 2003

Positions

Adjunct Instructor, Cultural Anthropology, Walters State Community College, 2021–present.

Founder and Director, Instituto de Estudios Huarinos (Institute of Huari Studies), Huari, Peru, 2004–present. Local nonprofit dedicated to researching and protecting cultural heritage; maintains laboratories, collections storage, and field housing.

Director, Proyecto Arqueológico Huari-Ancash and its archaeological field school, 2004–present.

<https://proyectohuariancash.org/>

Heritage Leadership and Institution Building

2004–present Founder and Director, Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Huari, Peru. Built and sustains a nonprofit heritage institute with laboratories, collections storage, and research housing, operating for more than twenty years without government funding. The Institute serves as a research platform for international specialists in genetics, isotopes, osteology, zooarchaeology, geology, and archaeometry, who work with well-documented materials from its collections.

2004–present Community agreements and legal compliance. By agreement with the local community, human remains are analyzed on site and remain in their place of origin. Excavation and export permits obtained directly from Peru's Ministry of Culture; samples exported to laboratories abroad under permit while collections remain in Peru.

2004–2016 Editor and publisher of four volumes on the archaeology of Áncash (2004, 2009, 2014, 2016), three of them published by the Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, bringing together Peruvian and international scholars.

2004 Instituto Nacional de Cultura (now Ministry of Culture of Peru), Jorge Chávez International Airport, Lima. Prevention of illicit trafficking of pre-Hispanic objects; authentication of objects carried by travelers (originals versus replicas); monitoring of online sales of illicitly acquired objects.

2009 Conservation of the Royal Inca Road (Qhapaq Ñan) in the Ancash region, with the Municipality of Huari, Peru.

Museum and Collections Experience

2004–present Collections, Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Huari, Peru. Curation of materials from more than twenty years of excavations (ceramics, metals, faunal remains, and soil samples, including samples from Inca storehouses); systematization of excavation data; reconstruction of fragmented ceramic vessels; cleaning, stabilization, and storage of metal artifacts. By agreement with the local community, human remains are analyzed on site and remain in their place of origin.

2026 Curator, "Art and Death in Pre-Hispanic Huari," temporary museum exhibition, Municipality of Huari, Peru.

2025 Collection loan. Ceramics from the Instituto de Estudios Huarinos exhibited in "Vasos Recuay: retratos del poder en la sierra de Áncash" (Recuay Vessels: Portraits of Power in the Highlands of Áncash), Museo Arqueológico de Áncash "Augusto Soriano Infante," Huaraz, and published in the exhibition catalog.

2016 Research Assistant, Middle American Research Institute (MARI), Tulane University. Recatalogued the Andean collection and researched the cultural affiliation and chronology of its objects.

1999 Team member, exhibition "Andean Technology," Museo de Arqueología y Antropología, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima.

1998 Organizer, exhibition on the pre-Hispanic history of Huari, municipal building, Huari, Peru (printed panels and objects, including a stone yupana).

Research Interests

Cultural heritage protection and cultural rights; the ethics and law of archaeological collections; provenance, illicit trafficking, and the movement of heritage across borders; community-based archaeology and co-creation of knowledge with descendant communities; community museums and public archaeology; mortuary practice, ancestor veneration, kinship, and territory in the Andes; Andean archaeology from the Formative Period to the early colonial era; multidisciplinary bioarchaeology (ancient DNA, isotopes, archaeometry); Andes–Amazon interaction; GIS, drone survey, and photogrammetry.

Teaching Interests

Cultural heritage, museums, and the ethics and law of collecting; public and community-based archaeology; Andean and South American archaeology; mortuary archaeology and bioarchaeology; archaeological theory (undergraduate and graduate); archaeological field and laboratory methods, including field school instruction; introduction to archaeology and ancient societies; war and conflict in the ancient world; ethnohistory.

Research Grants / Fellowships

2024–2025 Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Postdoctoral Research Grant. "Ancestors, their Identification in the Archaeological Record and their Role in the Emergence of Authority, Power and Religion in the Andes (800 BC–1500 AD)."

2023 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship. "Empowering Voices of the Dead: The Role of Descendant Communities Decolonizing the Interpretation of Archaeological Data on Mortuary Practices in Peru."

2004–2026 Field School, Proyecto Arqueológico Huari-Ancash. Field school revenue has funded continuous field research for more than twenty years.

Mentoring and Advising

2024–present Doctoral thesis tutor, Universidad de Piura, Lima, Peru.

2004–present Field school mentoring, Proyecto Arqueológico Huari-Ancash. Nearly 300 Peruvian and international students trained over twenty-one seasons in excavation, survey, laboratory analysis, and collections care; guidance of participants applying to graduate programs, several of whom now hold academic positions.

Public and Community-Based Archaeology

2021–2023 Creator and host, "Huari Sabatino" online stream show (Facebook) — a documentary space presenting archaeological research in the province of Huari, Ancash, Peru.

Documentary media: El sitio arqueológico de Canchas Uckro — youtube.com/watch?v=iKEu8cxjdjQ

Documentary media: La Fundación Hispánica de Huari — youtube.com/watch?v=MkPTTR_8N7c

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2026, Ibarra, Bebel, Carlos Escobar, and Jorge Champi. From Cists to Chullpas: Recuay Funerary Architecture and the Early Origins of Open Tombs in the Eastern Highlands of Áncash, AD 200–900. *Latin American Antiquity*. **In review**

2026 Johnson, Rachel, Jason Nesbitt, and Bebel Ibarra. Continuity and Change in Ceramic Technological Traditions in Conchucos: New Data from Reparín (750 BCE–200 CE), Ancash, Peru. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

2025 Johnson, Rachel, Jason Nesbitt, and Bebel Ibarra. Ceramic Production and Exchange in the Chavín Heartland: An Archaeometric Study from Canchas Uckro (1100–800 BCE), Ancash, Perú. *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences* 17, 238.

2025 Ibarra, Bebel, Carlos Escobar, and Jhon Cruz. Estilo y contextos estratigráficos de la cerámica Recuay en la región de Conchucos: Excavaciones en el sitio de Huamparán (200–900 d.C.). *Boletín de Arqueología PUCP* 37.

2025 Ibarra, Bebel, and Carlos Escobar. Las ocupaciones Recuay en la sierra oriental de Ancash: excavaciones en el sitio de Huamparán 200–900 d.C. Ñawpa Pacha, *Journal of the Institute of Andean Studies* (Berkeley).

2025 Ibarra, Bebel. Culto a los Muertos y Arquitectura Funeraria: Una Visión Multidisciplinaria desde el Sitio de Marcajirca en la Sierra Norte del Perú 1000–1500 d.C. *Revista Estudios Atacameños* 71 (Chile).

2025 Ibarra, Bebel. Tipología y Contextos de las Estructuras Funerarias durante el Intermedio Tardío en la Cuenca del río Puccha, Provincia de Huari, Ancash. Llalliq, *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, Universidad Santiago Antúnez de Mayolo, Huaraz.

2025 Ibarra, Bebel, and Carlos Escobar. Algunas evidencias de las interacciones Recuay con la Costa Norte durante el Periodo Intermedio Temprano. *Boletín de Arqueología de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* 36.

2024 Ibarra, Bebel. Continuity and Change in the Cult of the Dead: Shaping Kin Formation in the Andes (AD 1000–1600). *Journal of Field Archaeology*, 1–19.

2024 Ibarra, Bebel et al. La diversidad de la arquitectura ceremonial en la sierra oriental de Ancash durante el Periodo Intermedio Tardío: Una aproximación desde el sitio de Marcajirca. *Arqueología y Sociedad* 40: 95–119.

- 2023** Ibarra, Bebel. Contextualizing the Recuay Society: A Vision between the Callejón de Huaylas and the Sierra Oriental de Áncash. *Llalli* 3(1): 2–20.
- 2023** Salazar, Lucy, Richard Burger, Janine Forst, Rodrigo Barquera, Jason Nesbitt, Jorge Calero, Eden Washburn, John Verano, Korey Shop, Kimberly Zhu, Bebel Ibarra, Roberta Davidson, Brenda Bradley, Johannes Krause, and Lars Fehren-Schmitz. Insights into the Genetic Histories and Lifeways of Machu Picchu's Occupants. *Science Advances* 9, eadg3377.
- 2023** Nesbitt, Jason, Sadie Weber, Eden Washburn, Bebel Ibarra Asencios, Anne Titelbaum, and Lars Fehren-Schmitz. Ancient Diet at Canchas Uckro: Zooarchaeology, Starch Grain and Stable Carbon Isotope Analysis of a Middle Formative Period (c. 1100–800 BC) Site in the North-Central Highlands of Peru. *Journal of Ethnobiology* 43(2): 152–164.
- 2023** Nesbitt, Jason, and Bebel Ibarra Asencios. The Radiocarbon Chronology of Canchas Uckro: Implications for Understanding the Late Initial Period (1100–800 BC) in the Chavín Heartland. *Senri Ethnological Series* 112: 1–27.
- 2022** Washburn, Eden, Bebel Ibarra, Anne R. Titelbaum, Lars Fehren-Schmitz, Jason Nesbitt, and Vicky M. Oelze. A Multi-Isotope Approach Reconstructing Human Residential Mobility and Diet in the Late Intermediate Period (AD 1000–1450) in Highland Ancash, Perú. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 41.
- 2021** Titelbaum, Anne R., S. Fresh, Bronwyn E. McNeil, and Bebel Ibarra Asencios. Three Cases of Brachydactyly Type E from Two Commingled Tombs at the Late Intermediate Period–Late Horizon Site of Marcajirca, Ancash, Peru. *International Journal of Paleopathology* 33: 146–157.
- 2021** Washburn, Eden, Jason Nesbitt, Bebel Ibarra, Lars Fehren-Schmitz, and Vicky M. Oelze. A Strontium Isoscape for the Conchucos Region of Highland Perú and its Application to Andean Archaeology. *PLoS ONE* 16(3): e0248209.
- 2020** Nesbitt, Jason, Bebel Ibarra, and Fuyaki Tokanai. The Architecture and Chronology of Reparín, Eastern Ancash, Perú. *Ñawpa Pacha, Journal of Andean Archaeology* 40(1): 41–59.
- 2019** Titelbaum, Anne, Bebel Ibarra, and Bronwyn E. McNeil. A Circular Depression at the Spinoglenoid Notch of a Prehistoric Andean Scapula: Plausible Evidence of Suprascapular Nerve Entrapment by a Paralabral Cyst. *International Journal of Paleopathology* 24: 19–24.
- 2015** Titelbaum, Anne, and Bebel Ibarra. Madelung's Deformity and Possible Léri-Weill Dyschondrosteosis: Two Cases from a Late Intermediate Period Tomb, Ancash, Perú. *International Journal of Paleopathology* 9: 8–14.
- 2010** Ibarra, Bebel. El arte rupestre de la sierra de Ancash: una introducción a su estudio en la provincia de Huari. *Arkeos: Perspectivas em Diálogo* 5(12): 26–36. Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Edited Volumes

- 2016** Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash 2: Cronología y Espacio. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.
- 2014** Cien Años de la Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Ancash.
- 2009** Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Ancash.
- 2004** Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash. Instituto Cultural Rvna, Lima.

Book Chapters

- 2021** Nesbitt, Jason, Rachel Johnson, and Bebel Ibarra Asencios. Connections Between the Chavín Heartland and the Upper Amazon (1100–850 BC): New Perspectives from Canchas Uckro. In *The Archaeology of the Upper Amazon: Complexity and Interaction in the Andean Tropical Forest*, edited by Ryan Clasby and Jason Nesbitt. University Press of Florida, Gainesville.
- 2016** Ibarra, Bebel. Estrategias de Ocupación Inca en la Sierra de Ancash: El Rol de Tambos y Colcas en la Definición de Provincias Incas. In *Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash 2: Cronología y Espacio*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 171–209. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2016 Verano, John, Anne Titelbaum, and Bebel Ibarra. The Northern Highlands and Cloud Forest. In *Holes in the Head: The Art and Archaeology of Trepanation in Ancient Perú*, edited by John Summer, pp. 171–192. Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.

2014 Ibarra, Bebel. Espacio y Cronología en la Sierra Norte del Perú: Balance de las Investigaciones Arqueológicas en la Provincia de Huari. In *Cien Años de la Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 11–44. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2010 Ibarra, Bebel. Las Ocupaciones Prehispánicas en la Provincia de Huari. *Anuario Cultural de Ancash*, ed. Asociación Ancash, pp. 110–135. Huaraz, Perú.

2009 Ibarra, Bebel. Introducción a la Historia Prehispánica de Huari. In *Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 15–27. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2009 Ibarra, Bebel. Marcajirca, Cronología, Función y Muerte. In *Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 71–83. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2009 Ibarra, Bebel. Grupos Étnicos en la Provincia de Huari: Huaris y Pincos. In *Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 225–234. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2009 Ibarra, Bebel. El Apu Llamoc y su Presencia en la Región de Conchucos. In *Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 235–240. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2009 Ibarra, Bebel, Ricardo Chirino, and Lucia Borba. La Cultura Recuay en Huari, Las Tumbas de Ushnujirca en Pachachaca (200–600 D.C.). In *Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 29–44. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2009 Ibarra, Bebel, Ricardo Chirino, and Lucia Borba. El Horizonte Medio en Huari: Pinkushjirca y Ushnu en el Valle del Río Huaritambo 600–100 D.C. In *Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 45–60. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2009 Ibarra, Bebel, and Jillian Landeck. Investigación Bioarqueológica en el Sitio de Marcajirca. In *Huari Prehispánico: 3000 años de Historia desde Chavín hasta los Incas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra, pp. 85–96. Instituto de Estudios Huarinos, Lima.

2006 Ibarra, Bebel. Ancestros y Muerte durante la Época Prehispánica en la Sierra de Ancash: Buscando Nuestros Antepasados. In *Trabajos de la Primera y Segunda Mesa Redonda de Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash*, edited by Alex Herrera, Carolina Orsini, and Kevin Lane, pp. 89–98. Comune di Milano, Italia.

2004 Ibarra, Bebel. Arqueología del Valle del Puccha: Economía, Cosmovisión y Secuencia Estilística. In *Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash: Propuestas y Perspectivas*, edited by Bebel Ibarra Asencios, pp. 251–330. Instituto Cultural Rvna, Lima.

2003 Ibarra, Bebel. Economía y Ceremonias en los Andes Norcentrales: Los Datos Arqueológicos y la Evidencia Etnográfica e Etnohistórica. In *Il Sacro e il Paesaggio nell'America Indigena*, edited by Davide Domenici, Carolina Orsini, and Sofia Venturoli, pp. 265–274. Cooperativa Libreria Universitaria Editrice, Bologna, Italia.

Teaching Experience

Walters State Community College — Department of Distance Education

ANTH 1230R50, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology — Fully online, distance-education capstone course — Summer 2021–Fall 2026

Department of Anthropology, Tulane University

ANTH 2340, Introduction to Archaeology — Spring 2020

ANTH 2360, Ancient Trade and Commerce — Spring 2019, Spring 2018

ANTH 2350, Architecture and Power — Fall 2018, Spring 2017

School of Professional Advancement, Tulane University

ANTH 1040-05, Ancient Societies — Spring 2021, Summer 2020, Summer 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018, Spring 2017

ANTH 2340-02, Introduction to Archaeology — Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018

ANTH 3019, War, Weapons, and Conflict in the Ancient World — Originally developed and designed by instructor; Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Tulane University

SPAN 1010, Elements of Spanish I — Fall 2016 (2 sections)

SPAN 1020, Elements of Spanish II — Spring 2017

SPAN 2030, Elements of Spanish III — Fall 2017 (2 sections)

Field Instruction

Archaeological Field School, Proyecto Arqueológico Huari-Ancash, Huari, Peru — Founder and director, 2004–present

Collaborative Research

Ongoing collaborations integrating data from the Proyecto Arqueológico Huari-Ancash into broader interdisciplinary research.

Conchucos Paleoclimate Project: Sediment Cores from Lake Reparín — 2026

Researcher: Yi Wang, Department of Geology, Tulane University

Ancient DNA and Isotope Studies of Pre-Columbian South American Populations and Camelids — Present

Researchers: Dr. Lars Fehren-Schmitz — University of California, Santa Cruz, Paleogenomics Lab

Ceramic Characterization during the Early Horizon in the North Highlands (Archaeometry) — Present

Researcher: Dr. Rachel Johnson, Division of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History

Proyecto de Conservación del Tramo Huánuco Pampa – Huamachuco del Qhapac Ñam — Present

Proyecto Qhapac Ñam Sede Nacional, Ministry of Culture, Peru

Radiocarbon Dates during the Early Horizon to Early Intermediate Period in Ancash — 2017–Present

Researchers: Dr. Jason Nesbitt, Fuyaki Tokanai — Tulane University and Yamagata University (Japan)

Diet and Animal Consumption during the Early Horizon in the Andes (Starch Analysis) — 2016

Researcher: Sadie Weber — University of São Paulo, Brazil

Presentations at Professional Conferences

2026 Choi, MinJoo, Jason Nesbitt, Jordi Benites Segura, and Bebel Ibarra Asencios. Aynijirca, a Huarás settlement in Conchucos, Ancash. Poster presented at the 91st Annual Meeting of Society for American Archaeology (SAA), San Francisco, California.

2024 Nesbitt, Jason, Bebel Ibarra Asencios, Eden Washburn and Lars Fehren-Schmitz. Movimientos de población en la región de Conchucos (1100-800 a.C.): resultados del análisis paleogenómico y de isótopos de estroncio. Paper presented in “Recientes avances en el estudio del Periodo Formativo en el norte centro-andino” organized by Oscar Arias and Augusto Bazán, XI Congreso Nacional de Arqueología, Lambayeque, Peru (November 7th, 2024).

- 2024** Nesbitt, Jason, Rachel Johnson, and Bebel Ibarra Asencios. Reconsiderando el Estilo Wairajirca: Cronología y Distribución en la Región de Conchucos (1100-800 a.e.). Paper presented in “Andes-Amazonia, ¿Relaciones Históricas de Complementariedad o de Ruptura?” organized by Ricardo Chirinos and Jason Nesbitt, XI TAAS: Encuentro de Teoría Arqueológica en América del Sur, Huaraz, Peru (August 5-10th, 2024).
- 2024** Nesbitt, Jason, Bebel Ibarra Asencios, Lars Fehren-Schmitz, Eden Washburn, and Rachel Johnson. Cultural Transformation in Conchucos after 500 BC. Paper presented in “After the Feline Cult: Social Dynamics and Cultural Reinvention after Chavín” organized by George Lau and David Chicoine, 89th Annual Society for American Archaeology Meetings, New Orleans (April 18th, 2024).
- 2023** Titelbaum, Anne R., Eden Washburn, John W. Verano, Lars Fehren-Schmitz, Jason Nesbitt, Melissa Lund Valle, Bronwyn E. McNeil, Samantha Fresh, Sarah Herrera, and Bebel Ibarra Asencios. Trauma, Trepanation, Developmental Conditions, Diet, and DNA: Multiple Strategies to Learn from Commingled Remains in the Highlands of Peru. 50th Annual North American Meeting of the Paleopathology Association, Reno, NV (April 18).
- 2023** Johnson, Rachel, Jason Nesbitt, Julia Sjö Dahl, MinJoo Choi, and Bebel Ibarra Asencios. Pots and People on the Move: New Geochemical and Petrographic Evidence for Local Imitation of Waira-Jirca Ceramic Style at Canchas Uckro (1100–800 BCE), Ancash, Peru. 40th Northeast Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory, Cornell University (November 4–5).
- 2021** Ibarra, Bebel. Continuidad, Cambio e Influencias en la Cerámica de la Sierra Oriental de Ancash. Simposio Internacional de la Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash (online), Tulane University and Universidad Nacional Santiago Antúnez de Mayolo (July 26–28).
- 2021** Ibarra, Bebel, and Jason Nesbitt. Construyendo la Cronología de la Sierra Oriental de Ancash de Chavín a los Incas. Simposio Internacional de Cronología Andina (online), University of Warsaw (July 22–23).
- 2019** Ibarra, Bebel. Ancestor Veneration or Funeral Practices? An Examination of Recuay Mortuary Variability in the Basin of Puccha (Ancash) between AD 200–900. Society for American Archaeology, 84th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM (April 10–14).
- 2019** Washburn, Eden, Bebel Ibarra, Vicky Oelze, and Lars Fehren-Schmitz. Strontium Isotopes and Human Migration at the Archaeological Site of Marcajirca, Perú. Society for American Archaeology, 84th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM (April 10–14).
- 2019** Ibarra, Bebel. Recuay Changes in Ceremonial and Mortuary Architecture in the North Highlands of Perú and its Implication in Political Organization, ca. AD 200–900. 58th Meeting of the Institute of Andean Studies, University of California, Berkeley (January 2019).
- 2017** Nesbitt, Jason, Bebel Ibarra, Sadie Weber, Rachel Johnson, Andrew Schroll, and Anne Titelbaum. Canchas Uckro: A Late Initial Period (1100–800 B.C.) Site in the Chavín Heartland. Southeast Society for Andean and Amazonian Studies Meetings, Millsaps College, Jackson (November 4–5).
- 2016** Titelbaum, Anne, and Bebel Ibarra. Preliminary Analysis of Fracture Patterns from an Atypical Late Horizon/Early Colonial Period Pit Burial with Comparison to Trauma Observed among Typical Late Intermediate Period (AD 1250) Above-Ground Tombs in the Ancash Region of Perú. Poster, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Anatomists at Experimental Biology, San Diego, CA (April 2–5).
- 2016** Ibarra, Bebel. Ancestor Veneration and Fire Hearth Tradition in Post-Chavín Occupation in the Mosna Valley – Ancash. 35th Meeting of the Northeast Conference on Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory, Harvard University (October).
- 2015** Ibarra, Bebel. Variability of Mortuary Architecture and Funeral Practices in the North Highlands of Perú: A Diachronic Approach. 4th Conference of the Society for Amazonian and Andean Studies, LSU, Baton Rouge (September).
- 2014** Titelbaum, Anne R., Bebel Ibarra, and Stephan Naji. Madelung's Deformity and Possible Dyschondrosteosis: Two Cases from One Tomb at the Late Intermediate Period Site of Marcajirca, Department of Ancash, Perú. 83rd Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology, Calgary (April).

2013 Ibarra, Bebel. The Middle Horizon in the Peruvian North Highlands – Ancash Region: Tombs and D-Shape Structures. 32nd Meeting of the Northeast Conference on Andean Archaeology and Ethnohistory, Yale University (November).

2013 Titelbaum, Anne R., Bebel Ibarra, and Stephan Naji. Challenges of Terrain and Human Interaction: Fracture Patterns from a Late Intermediate Highland Sample from Marcajirca, Department of Ancash, Perú. 82nd Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology, Knoxville (April).

2011 Ibarra, Bebel. El Estudio de los Ancestros: Una Aproximación Bioarqueológica. PAMINSA IV – Paleopathology Association Meeting in South America, Lima (November).

2011 Verano, John, Melisa Lund, and Bebel Ibarra. Skull Fracture and Trepanation at Marcajirca, Callejón de Conchucos, Ancash, Perú. PAMINSA IV – Paleopathology Association Meeting in South America, Lima (November).

2011 Ibarra, Bebel, and Stephan Naji. First Peruvian Christian Mummies? A Biological Analysis of a Transitional Site at Marcajirca, Perú. 80th Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology, New Mexico (April).

2009 Pink, Christine, and Bebel Ibarra. Chullpas, Caves, and Biological Affinity: A Case Study from Marcajirca, Perú. 78th Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology, Chicago (April).

2008 Ibarra, Bebel. Ancestros y Muerte durante la Época Prehispánica en la Sierra de Ancash: Buscando Nuestros Antepasados. Segundo Congreso de la Red Europea de Estudios Amerindios (REEA), Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (April 2–5).

Invited Talks

2026 Archaeology of the Áncash Highlands: Multidisciplinary Studies in the Conchucos Region. Ministry of Culture of Peru.

2026 The Recuay in Andean Archaeology: A Regional and Multidisciplinary Approach from the Eastern Highlands of Áncash (200–900 d.C.). Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Peru.

2025 Bioarchaeology in the Central Andes. Tusculum University, Tennessee.

2021 Definiendo la Sociedad Recuay: Una Mirada desde la Sierra Oriental de Ancash. Museo de Arqueología, Antropología e Historia del Perú (online), July 7.

2018 La Veneración de Ancestros y su Influencia Política en la Sierra Norte del Perú: Un Estudio Diacrónico a Través de las Prácticas Funerarias. Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, July.

2008 Ancestors and Tombs during the Late Intermediate Period in Highland Ancash: A Bioarchaeological Approach. Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee–Knoxville, November.

2008 Arqueología de la Provincia de Huari. Department of Archaeology, Universidad Nacional Santiago Antúnez de Mayolo, Huaraz, Ancash, September.

2007 Investigaciones Arqueológicas en el Sitio de Marcajirca. Italian Embassy, Lima, August.

2006 Problemática en Torno al Intermedio Tardío: Excavaciones en Marcajirca. Second Round Table of Ancash Archaeology, Milan, Italy, August.

2004 Patrones Funerarios y Montañas Sagradas en los Andes Norcentrales del Perú. Maison de l'Amérique Latine, Paris, France, January.

2004 Nutrición en el Antiguo Perú: Tecnología de Alimentos e Intercambio. Bologna University, Italy, January.

2003 Funeral Patterns and Sacred Mountains in the North Highlands of Perú. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, December.

Professional Service

2026 Peer reviewer, one article, International Journal of Osteoarcheology.

2026 Peer reviewer, one article, Antiquity; and one article, Ñawpa Pacha.

2023 Peer reviewer, one article, Latin American Antiquity (Cambridge Press).

2021–2026 Research projects reviewer, Dirección de Gestión de la Investigación, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima.

2021 Organizer, Simposio Internacional de Arqueología de la Sierra de Ancash, in collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, Tulane University, and the Department of Archaeology, Universidad Santiago Antúnez de Mayolo (online, July 26–28).

Honors and Recognitions

2026 Researcher, Renacyt (National Registry of Researchers in Science and Technology), CONCYTEC, Peru — Level III.

2008 Hijo Ilustre de Huari (Illustrious Resident of Huari), title conferred by the Municipality of Huari, Ancash, for contributions to the culture and history of Huari.

Software Skills

ArcGIS (least-cost and visibility analysis); AutoCAD for archaeological plans and maps; Adobe Photoshop (photo processing); Adobe InDesign (book and magazine editing); Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word); Pinnacle and Adobe Premiere, Canva (video editing); drone survey and photogrammetry (Agisoft Metashape); Argus collections management system.

Languages

Spanish (Native) • English (Fluent) • French (Advanced) • Quechua (Advanced — mother and father are native speakers)