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Senior Scientist and Curator of South American Archaeology Emerita, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, and Senior Scientist Emerita, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama.

**Education**

1967-1971 Medical Technology, Rutgers University, B.S., 1971.  
1976-1979 Anthropology, Temple University, M.A., 1979.  
1979-1983 Anthropology, Temple University, Ph.D, 1983.

**Dissertation**

1983 The Application of Phytolith Analysis to the Reconstruction of Plant Subsistence and Environments in Prehistoric Panama (Anthony J. Ranere, dissertation committee chair).

**Positions Held**

2014- Senior Scientist and Curator of South American Archaeology Emerita, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Washington, DC  
2008-Present, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne  
2008-Senior Scientist Emerita, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama  
2003-Present, Research Scientist and Curator of South American Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC  
2005-Promoted to Senior Scientist at the NMNH and STRI  
1988-2008 Staff Scientist, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), Balboa, Panama.  
1985-1987 Postdoctoral fellow, National Science Foundation, Environmental Biology Program.  
1983-1984 Postdoctoral fellow, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

**Honors**

2011 National Museum of Natural History Science Achievement Award  
2009 Archaeological Institute of America Pomerance Career Award for Scientific Contributions to Archaeology  
2009 National Museum of Natural History Science Achievement Award  
2006 Orden de Vasco Nuñez de Balboa, The highest award given to a civilian by the Republic of Panama, for contributions toward understanding the prehistory of Panama  
2005 Elected Member, National Academy of Sciences  
2005 Elected Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
2001 Elected Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science

**Publications: Books and Edited Volumes**

- 1988 Piperno, Dolores R.; *Phytolith Analysis: An Archaeological and Geological Perspective*. Academic Press, San Diego. This was translated into Chinese and published in the People's Republic of China by the University of Peking Press, Beijing in 1993.
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- 1988 Siemens, A.H., Hebda, R.J., Navarrete Nernández, M., Piperno, D.R., Stein, J.K., Zolá Báez, M.G.;

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### **Publications: Miscellaneous**

1990 Piperno, D.R. and Ciochon, R.L.; Scratching the Surface of Evolution. *New Scientist* 128:47-49.

1992 Piperno, D.R.; Let's Talk About Myth and Reality in Phytolith Research. *The Phytolitharien Newsletter* 7:7-10.

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### **Papers Read at Professional Conferences: 2005-Present**

\*2005 Quaternary Environmental History and Agricultural Impact on Vegetation in Central America. 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Systematics Symposium, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO.

\*2007 Using Phytoliths and Starch Grains to Identify American Crop Plants: Case Studies from Central and South America.

\*2008 New Archaeobotanical Information on Early Cultivation and Plant Domestication Involving Microplant Remains. Harlan II Symposium, Davis, California.

\*2009 The Origins of Plant Cultivation and Domestication in the New World Tropics: Patterns, Process, and New Developments. Wenner-Gren sponsored symposium on the Origins of Agriculture, Merida, Mexico.

\*\*2011 The Origins of New World Plant Cultivation and Domestication. NESCent (National Evolutionary Synthesis Centre) funded Catalysis meeting, Durham, North Carolina.

\*2014 Amazonia and the Anthropocene: What Was the Spatial Extent and Intensity of Human Modification in the Amazon Basin at the End of Prehistory? Workshop “The Anthropocene in the Longue Durée sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, University of Texas, Austin.

\*Invited Paper \*\*Co-Organized the conference in which the paper was read.

### **Fellowships and Grants**

- 1979 Smithsonian Student Fellowship, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama.
- 1981 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Principal Investigator, Dr. Anthony J. Ranere.
- 1981 Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research for Dissertation Research.
- 1981 Wenner-Gren Foundation Grant-in-Aid for Dissertation Research.
- 1983 Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- 1984 Smithsonian Institution Fluid Research Award, Co-principal investigator, Stephen Hubbell.
- 1985 National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, Environmental Biology Program.
- 1985 Wenner-Gren Foundation Grant-in-Aid.
- 1987 Wenner-Gren Foundation Conference Grant to Sponsor a Phytolith Research Workshop.
- 1989 National Science Foundation Grant (Anthropology Program, three years, Co-principal Investigator, Deborah M. Pearsall), \$304,977.
- 1989 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Award (two years), \$68,480.
- 1990 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant (three years), \$125,000.
- 1991 Grant from the Erna and Victor Hasselblad Foundation to purchase a scanning electron microscope for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, \$125,000.
- 1992 National Science Foundation Grant (Anthropology Program), \$25,000.
- 1993 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant (two years), \$130,000.
- 1995 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant (three years), \$124,000.
- 1998 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Award (two years), \$68,000.
- 1999 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant (three years), \$147,000.
- 2002 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant (three years), \$100,000.
- 2005 National Geographic Grant to carry out archaeological foot survey and excavations in the Balsas River Valley, Mexico, \$20,000.
- 2005 National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant to reconstruct early human settlement and agricultural evolution in the Balsas River Valley, Mexico, \$100,000.

Co-principal investigator with Anthony J. Ranere.

2007 National Science Foundation Senior Research Grant to reconstruct pre-historic human impacts on Amazonian environments, \$410,000. Co-principal investigator with Mark B. Bush.

2010 NESCent (National Evolutionary Synthesis Center) grant to fund a conference titled "Domestication as an Evolutionary Phenomenon: Expanding the Synthesis". I was a co-leader of this effort held at the NESCent Center in Durham, North Carolina. Co-principal investigator with Greger Larson, Dorian Fuller, Robin Allaby, and Michael Purugganan.

2011 Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Studies Grant for the research project "Gene Expression, Environmental Inductions, and Maize Evolution: Broadening the Modern Synthesis for Domestication Research", \$47,000.

2013 Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grant for the project "Teosinte Domestication, Phenotypic Plasticity, and Late Pleistocene/Early Holocene Environments, \$20,000.

### **Field Work**

1977 - 1978; USA. Three field seasons excavating archaeological sites (one each in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey), where I was first a crew member and then a field supervisor for the Temple University Field School (Assumpink site, New Jersey).

1979; Ecuador. Paleoethnobotanist for excavations at the Las Vegas Culture type-site, Santa Elena Peninsula, Ecuador.

1979 – c. 1995; Panama. This work involved archaeology/paleoethnobotany, extracting sediment cores from lakes and swamps for paleoecological investigations, floral and economic plant surveys, and collecting modern analog plant and sediment samples for phytolith and starch grain research.

Archaeology/Paleoethnobotany; I was first a crew member (excavations in 1979) and then a field supervisor ( Proyecto Santa Maria in 1981-1982) conducting transect and purposive site surveys, and evaluation, mapping, and excavations of sites in Central Panama. I then was field director for site survey, testing, and excavations on Barro Colorado Island in 1984-1985, and site survey in the Monte Oscuro region in 1993-1995. I co-directed the re-excavation of the Aguadulce Rock Shelter in 1997.

Paleoecological Studies; I assisted in the extraction of sediment cores from Lakes Charca and La Yeguada in 1985. I was co-field director for the extraction of sediment cores from Lakes La Yeguada in 1987, El Valle in 1988, and the Darien region in 1988. I was field director for the extraction of sediment cores from swamps and terrestrial deposits on Barro Colorado Island in 1984-1985, and sediment cores from Lakes Monte Oscuro in 1993 and 1994, and El Valle and Bocaca in 1994.

1983; Colombia. Studies of prehistoric occupations and relict agricultural fields in the middle Cauca Valley.

1987; Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Collecting modern analog plant and sediment samples for phytolith research.

1999-2005; Mexico. Seven field seasons. I was field director and co-principal investigator for a project that involved the reconstruction of Late Pleistocene

through modern vegetation and climate as well as early human settlement, subsistence, and agricultural evolution in the Central Balsas River Valley of Mexico.

2009-Present; A project carried out in Panama concerned with growing teosinte, the wild ancestor of maize, under the temperature and atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> conditions that prevailed during the late-glacial and early Holocene periods. The goal is to test new evolutionary hypotheses concerned with gene expression and plasticity, and their influences on phenotypic change in plant domestication, and assess plant productivity before and at the dawn of agriculture.

### **Professional Service and Activities 2007-Present**

2013-present. Associate Editor, *Journal of Archaeological Science*

2013-present. Editorial Board Member, *Scientific Reports*

2011. Review Panel for the Anthropology and Archaeology Panel of the Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs.

2011. Member of the National Museum of Natural History review panel for the Professional Accomplishment Evaluation assessments.

2010-present. Consulting scientist for the Clergy Letter Project.

2009. Nominating Committee of the National Academy of Sciences (concerned with choosing candidates to run for election to the NAS Council).

2009-present. Associate Editor of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*.

2009-2011. Electorate Nominating Committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the Section on Anthropology.

2008-2009. Nominating Committee for the Class III, Section 5 Membership Panel of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (concerned with advancing scholars to formal candidacy for election to the American Academy).

2008-2012. On search committees for scientific job hires at the National Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, and for Editor-in-Chief of *PNAS*.

2008-2013. Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Archaeological Science*.

2007-present. Editorial Board Member, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*.

2007-2009. Editor, *Bulletin of the Society for Phytolith Research*.

### **Association Memberships**

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Society for American Archaeology

Society for Phytolith Research (Founding Member and Charter President)

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