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Education

- 1999 PhD, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah
Dissertation Topic: *Skeletal Manifestations of Domestic Assault: Investigating Gender Violence in Prehistory*
- 1993 MSc, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah
- 1990 BSc, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah

Academic Positions

- 2020- Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
Consulting Scholar, Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania (2024-)
Senior Research Associate, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs (2023-)
Affiliate Faculty, Department of Religion, School of Arts and Sciences (2023-)
- 2020-23 Core Faculty, Renée Crown University Honors Program, Syracuse University
- 2010-20 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
- 2006-10 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University
- 2004-06 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University
- 2003-04 American Fellow, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation
- 2001-03 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Utah School of Medicine / Bone and Joint Research Laboratory, Veterans Administration Hospital
- 2000-01 Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Geology & Anthropology, Indiana State University
- 1998-01 Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Archaeological Sciences, University of Bradford, UK
- 1998-00 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Utah
- 1996-97 Project Officer in Forensic Archaeology, University of Bradford, UK
- 1994-96 Biological Anthropologist, Archaeological Collections, Utah Museum of Natural History

Awards

- 2024 Maxwell School “Faculty Advisor of the Year.” Syracuse University
- 2018 Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising “Mentor of the Year.” Syracuse University
- 2015 Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, Syracuse University
- 2013 Society for Historical Archaeology James Deetz Award for: *An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party’s Alder Creek Camp* (2011, University of Oklahoma Press)
- 2010 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for Outstanding Research, Teaching, and Service. Maxwell School, Syracuse University
- 2010 Society for Historical Archaeology James Deetz Award for: *House of Mourning: A Biocultural History of the Mountain Meadows Massacre* (2008, University of Utah Press)
- 2004 Utah State Historical Society’s 2004 Best Article Award for: “To Feed a Tree in Zion: Osteological Analysis of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre”

Fieldwork & Research Projects

- 2017- Ethnographic and ethnohistoric research on transnational ritual ecologies of Mariamma worship among Indo-Guyanese immigrant community in Ontario, Canada. Fieldwork extends to New York City, Guyana, Guadeloupe, and India.
- 2014- Molecular and elemental analysis of tissues from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church skeletal series, in conjunction with geomapping historic New York City using faunal remains. In collaboration with Profs. Joan Coltrain and Diego Fernandez, University of Utah.
- 2001- Ethnographic and ethnohistoric research on the 1857 Mountain Meadows massacre, southwestern Utah and northwestern Arkansas.
- 2019 Gallup Island, Boston; remains from a late 19th c. smallpox quarantine cemetery. Chris Goodwin & Associates.
- 2007-14 Analysis of human skeletal remains from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834), New York, New York. URS Corp, and The Presbytery of New York City.
- 2003-11 Donner Family Archaeological Project, excavation and skeletal analysis, Truckee National Forest, California.
- 2007 Trauma/processing analysis of animal remains from starvation camp at China Gulch, Montana. University of Montana.
- 2005 Analysis of human skeletal remains from the El Mirador Project, Guatemala. Foundation for Anthropological Research and Environmental Studies (FARES).
- 2001 Analysis of human skeletal remains from a third-century Roman cave necropolis. Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2000 Excavation and analysis of human skeletal remains from a mid-nineteenth-century pioneer cemetery, Tooele, Utah. Utah Department of Transportation.

- 1998 Analysis of human skeletal remains from an early nineteenth-century family cemetery, Gloucester County, Virginia. Smithsonian Institution.
- 1997 Excavation and forensic analysis of war dead from Petrijna and Glina, Croatia. Analysis of skeletal remains from World War II mass graves, Krapina, Croatia. Smithsonian Institution.
- 1996 Analysis of human skeletal remains from a mass grave at the Battle of Towton (1461). University of Bradford, UK.
- 1996-97 Dissertation research on gender violence, Bradford Royal Infirmary, UK.
- 1995-99 Skeletal analysis and NAGPRA compliance of prehistoric and historic skeletal remains held at the Natural History Museum, London; Harvard University; University of Texas, Austin; Utah State University; University of Nevada, Reno; University of California, Berkeley. Smithsonian Institution.
- 1994-96 Skeletal analysis and NAGPRA compliance of prehistoric and historic skeletal remains from the Great Basin and Colorado Plateau (Archaic, Basketmaker, Fremont, Anasazi, Numic). Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 1990 Camp manager and archaeologist in Petra, Jordan. University of Utah.

Publications

Books & Edited Volumes/Issues

Novak, Shannon A.

Plot Life in Flower City: Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations, in progress.

Hosek, Lauren, Alanna Warner-Smith, and Shannon A. Novak (eds.)

Tissues and Traces: Doing Bioarchaeology with/in Archives. Palgrave Macmillan, in progress.

Novak, Shannon A. and Alanna Warner-Smith, (eds.)

Excavating Bodies in the Archives. SAR/University of New Mexico Press, in review

Novak, Shannon A. (ed.)

2020 Thematic Issue: 'Historical Bioarchaeology,' for *Historical Archaeology* 54(1).

Dixon, Kelly J., Julie M. Schablitsky, and Shannon A. Novak (eds.)

2011 *An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party's Alder Creek Camp*. Norman: University of Oklahoma.

Novak, Shannon A.

2008 *House of Mourning: A Biocultural History of the Mountain Meadows Massacre*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press.

Articles & Reviews

Warner-Smith, Alanna L. and Shannon A. Novak

2024 History and Bioarchaeology. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Oxford University Press, 2018. Article published July 17, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190854584.013.625>

Novak, Shannon A.

2023 Remembering an Abolitionist Congregation and Cultivating Heritage Landscapes. *Public Gardens* 38(2):16-17.

- Novak, Shannon A.
2022 Sketchbook Archaeology: Bodies Multiple and the Archives they Create. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 22(2):212-232.
- Hosek, Lauren, Alanna Warner-Smith, and Shannon A. Novak
2021 The Body as (in, and with) Text: Doing Bioarchaeology with Archives. *Archaeological Review from Cambridge* 36(2):45-68.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Alanna Warner-Smith
2020 Vital Data: Re/Introducing Historical Bioarchaeology. *Historical Archaeology* 54(1):1-16.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Alanna Warner-Smith
2020 Assembling Heads and Circulating Tales: The Doings and Undoings of Specimen 2032. *Historical Archaeology* 53(4):71-91.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2019 Reprint of, 'Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives: Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street. *American Anthropologist* 119(2):236-252'. Editor nomination for inclusion in Issue 7, March, of *Déjà Lu*, publication of the World Council of Anthropology Associations.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2017 Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives: Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street. *American Anthropologist* 119(2):236-252.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2014 Leave Taking: Materialities of Moving Over Land. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 24(3):1-9.
- Ellis, Meredith A.B., Christopher W. Merritt, Shannon A. Novak, and Kelly J. Dixon
2011 The Signature of Starvation: A Comparison of Bone Processing at a Chinese Encampment in Montana and the Donner Party Camp in California. *Historical Archaeology* 45(2):97-112.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2011 Book review of "Excavating Nauvoo: The Mormons and the Rise of Historical Archaeology in America," by Benjamin C. Pykles (University of Nebraska Press, 2010). *Journal of Anthropological Research* 67:128-129.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Wesley Willoughby
2010 Resurrectionists' Excursions: Evidence of Postmortem Dissection from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church. *Northeast Historical Archaeology*, 39:134-152.
- Werner, William and Shannon A. Novak
2010 Archaeologies of Disease and Public Order in Nineteenth-Century New York: The View from Spring Street. *Northeast Historical Archaeology*, 39: 86-108.
- Dixon, Kelly J., Shannon A. Novak, Gwen Robbins, Julie M. Schablitsky, G. Richard Scott, and Guy L. Tasa
2010 "Men, Women, and Children Starving": Archaeology of the Donner Family Camp. *American Antiquity* 75(3):627-656.
- Allen, Terry, Shannon A. Novak, and Lawrence L. Bench
2007 Pattern of Injuries: Accident or Abuse. *Violence against Women* 13(8):802-816.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Lars Rodseth
2006 Remembering Mountain Meadows: Collective Violence and the Manipulation of Social Boundaries. *Journal of Anthropological Research* 62(1):1-25.

- Kim, Daniel H., Tae A. Jahng, Tsai-Sheng Fu, Ho-Yeol Zhang, and Shannon A. Novak
2004 Long-term Evaluation of Helios MP52 Osteoinductive Bone Graft for Instrumented Lumbar Intertransverse Process Fusion in Sheep. *Spine* 29:2800-2808.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Derinna Kopp
2003 To Feed a Tree in Zion: Osteological Analysis of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre. *Historical Archaeology* 37(2):85-108.
- Šlaus, Mario, Dana Kollmann, Shannon A. Novak, Mario Novak
2002 Temporal Trends in Demographic Profiles and Stress Levels in Medieval (6th-13th century) Population Samples from Continental Croatia. *Croatian Medical Journal* 43:598-605.
- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2000 The Social Modes of Men: Toward an Ecological Model of Human Male Relationships. *Human Nature* 11(4):335-366.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Dana Kollmann
1999 Perimortem Processing of Human Remains Among the Great Basin Fremont. *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* 10:65-75.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Christopher Knüsel
1997 Comment on Mallegni and Valassina's "Secondary Bone Changes to a Cranium Trepanation in a Neolithic Man Discovered at Trasano, South Italy." *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology* 7:555-57.
- Boylston, Anthea, Shannon Novak, Tim Sutherland, Malin Holst, and Jennifer Coughlan
1998 Burials from the Battle of Towton. *Royal Armouries Yearbook 1997*, Volume 2. Trustees of the Armouries, Leeds.
- Boylston, Anthea, Malin Holst, Jennifer Coughlan, Shannon Novak, Tim Sutherland, and Christopher Knüsel
1997 Recent Excavations of a Mass Grave from Towton. *Yorkshire Medicine* 9(3):25-26.
- Janetski, Joel, Karen Lupo, John McCullough, and Shannon Novak
1993 Mosida Burial: An Archaic Burial from the Shore of Utah Lake, North Central Utah. *Journal of California and Great Basin Archaeology* 14(2):180-200.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- Novak, Shannon A.
Archival Shapeshifting: On the Muddy Paths of Transcendence Between Nations and Altered States. In *Excavating Bodies in the Archives*, edited by Shannon A. Novak and Alanna Warner-Smith. SAR/University of New Mexico Press, in review.
- Warner-Smith, Alanna L. and Shannon A. Novak
In Lieu of Origins or Beginnings. In *Excavating Bodies in the Archives*, edited by Shannon A. Novak and Alanna Warner-Smith. SAR/University of New Mexico Press, in review.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2024 Blood, Mud, and Mucking Around with Waste: Properties of Reworlding Postindustrial Space. *Routledge Handbook of Feminist Anthropology*, edited by Pamela Geller. New York: Routledge, forthcoming

- Novak, Shannon A.
2024 Plot-life in Flower City: Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations. In *Embodying Biodiversity: Sensory Conservation as Refuge and Sovereignty*, edited by Terese Gagnon, pp. 45-79. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2017 Talking Heads and Other Specters of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. In *Studies in Forensic Biohistory: Anthropological Perspectives*, edited by Christopher Stojanowski and William N. Duncan, pp. 168-190. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2017 On the Stories of Men and the Substance of Women: Interrogating Gender through Violence. In *Exploring Sex and Gender in Bioarchaeology*, edited by Sabrina C. Agarwal and Julie K. Wesp, pp. 129-164. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2017 Partible Persons or Persons Apart: Postmortem Interventions at the Spring Street Presbyterian Church, Manhattan. In *The Bioarchaeology of Dissection and Autopsy in the United States*, edited by Ken Nystrom, pp. 87-111. New York: Springer.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2014 How to Say Things with Bodies: Meaningful Violence on an American Frontier. In *The Routledge Handbook of the Bioarchaeology of Human Conflict*, edited by Christopher Knüsel and Martin Smith, pp. 542-559. New York: Routledge.
- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2014 Placing the Dead at Mountain Meadows. *Battles and Massacres on the Southwestern Frontier: Historical and Archaeological Perspectives*, edited by Ronald K. Wetherington and Frances Levine, pp. 190-207. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press.
- Novak, Shannon A., and Kelly J. Dixon
2011 Introduction. In *An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party's Alder Creek Camp*, edited by Kelly J. Dixon, Julie M. Schablitsky, and Shannon A. Novak, pp. 1-27. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2011 (Wo)man and Beast: Skeletal Signatures of a Starvation Diet. In *An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party's Alder Creek Camp*, edited by Kelly J. Dixon, Julie M. Schablitsky, and Shannon A. Novak, pp. 185-218. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Mallorie A. Hatch
2009 Intimate Wounds: Cranio-Facial Trauma in Women and Female Chimpanzees. In *Sexual Coercion in Primates and Humans: An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Aggression Against Females*, edited by Martin N. Muller and Richard W. Wrangham, pp. 322-345. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2009 The Political Significance of Gender Violence. In *Sexual Coercion in Primates and Humans: An Evolutionary Perspective on Male Aggression Against Females*, edited by Martin N. Muller and Richard W. Wrangham, pp. 292-321. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2009 [2006] Beneath the Façade: A Skeletal Model of Domestic Violence. In *The Social Archaeology of Human Remains*, edited by Rebecca Gowland and Christopher Knüsel, pp. 238-252, second edition. Oxford: Oxbow Press.

Novak, Shannon A.
2007 [2000] Battle Related Trauma. In *Blood Red Roses: The Archaeology of a Mass Grave from the Battle of Towton AD 1461*, second revised edition, edited by Veronica Fiorato, Anthea Boylston and Christopher Knüsel, pp. 90-102. Oxford: Oxbow Press.

Novak, Shannon A.
2007 [2000] Case Studies. In *Blood Red Roses: The Archaeology of a Mass Grave from the Battle of Towton AD 1461*, second revised edition, edited by Veronica Fiorato, Anthea Boylston, and Christopher Knüsel, pp. 240-268. Oxford: Oxbow Press.

Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2006 The Impact of Primatology on the Study of Human Society. In *Missing the Revolution: Darwinism for Social Scientists*, edited by Jerome H. Barkow, pp. 187-220. New York: Oxford University Press.

Grants & Funding

- 2022-23 NSF Research Team Seminar, School for Advanced Research. “Excavating Bodies in the Archives: Generating New Methods and Collaborations.” \$30,000 (with Alanna Warner-Smith)
- 2022-23 Grant from Appleby-Mosher, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, “Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations.” \$1,500
- 2019-20 Grant from Appleby-Mosher, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, “Capturing the Female Form: 19th c. Immigration Records in Georgetown, Guyana.” \$1,500
- 2017 Faculty Fellowship Program in the Syracuse University Libraries’ Special Collections Research Center. “Excavating Bodies in the Archives.” \$5,000
- 2017-18 Grant from Appleby-Mosher, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for “On the Stories of Men and the Substance of Women: Courses and Cycles through a Guyanese Kali Temple.” \$1,500
- 2017-20 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, for “Embedded Lives and Commingled Stories: A Multi-Sited Bioarchaeology of the Huntington Irish.” (Alanna Warner; Novak PI) \$132,000
- 2015-17 Syracuse University Small Grant Program, for “Geomapping Movement and Migration in Historic New York City: A Stable Isotope Pilot Study. \$11,250
- 2014 Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. \$1,800
- 2014 Grant from Appleby-Mosher, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for “Landscapes of Affliction: Exploratory Survey of Cholera Fields and a Slave Hospital on the Island of Barbados.” \$1,200
- 2012-15 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, for “Bioarchaeological Analysis of an Early Medieval Czech Skeletal Population.” (Lauren Hosek; Novak PI) \$126,000
- 2012 Grant from Appleby-Mosher, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for “Imaging the Past: Photo Documentation of the Spring Street Bioarchaeology Collection.” \$1,200
- 2011 Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. \$1,600

- 2010 Grant from Appleby-Mosher, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for “An Urban Amalgamation: Mitochondrial DNA Variation at the Spring Street Presbyterian Church 1810-1834.” \$5,500
- 2009-11 “Continuing Professional Education Program in Forensic Anthropology by Syracuse University.” National Institute of Justice. \$912,000
- 2009 Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for “Life and Death in Manhattan: A Biohistory of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834).” \$1,600
- 2008 Grant from Appleby-Mosher, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, for “Life and Death in Manhattan: Burial Vaults from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834).” \$1,200
- 2007 Contract for Spring Street Church Bioarchaeology Project. URS Corporation. \$6,000
- 2007 Contract for China Gulch faunal processing analysis. University of Montana. \$500
- 2006 Secured funds for stable isotope analysis of 30 skeletons from the Maya Preclassic and Classic site of El Mirador, northern Guatemala. Foundation for Anthropological Research and Environmental Studies (FARES) research award. \$3,000
- 2006 Travel grant from the Office of Research and Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University, for the International Primatological Meetings, Entebbe, Uganda. \$3,500
- 2006 Grant from the Faculty Research Committee, Idaho State University, for “The Archaeology of Starvation: Analysis of Butchered Bones from the Historic Donner Family Camp at Alder Creek.” \$4,175
- 2004-06 Grant from the Humanities and Social Science Research Council, Idaho State University, for “Networks of Memory: The Hidden Histories of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” \$22,664
- 2003-04 American Fellowship, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation. \$40,000 (\$35,000 AAUW/\$5,000 University of Utah matching)
- 1997 Mariner S. Eccles Fellowship in support of dissertation research on domestic violence. \$15,000

Colloquium & Conference Presentations

Novak, Shannon A.

- 2023 “Archival Shapeshifting: Wandering and Wondering With, and Beyond, the Page.” Invited session: *Archiving Bodies, Bodying Archives*. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Toronto, Canada, November 16.

Novak, Shannon A.

- 2023 “Archival Shapeshifting: On the Muddy Paths of Transcendence between Nations and Altered States.” Invited paper presented at the NSF Research Team Seminar, School for Advanced Research: *Excavating Bodies in the Archives: Generating New Methods and Collaborations*, co-organized with Alanna Warner-Smith. Santa Fe, NM, May 1-5.

- Novak, Shannon A.
2023 “Archival Shapeshifting.” Session Chair: *Paper Bodies: Excavating Archival Tissues and Traces*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Lisbon, Portugal, January 4-7.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2022 “Blood, Mud, and Mucking Around with Waste: Alternative Regimes of Power and Protection at the Plantations Edge.” Session co-organizer: *Alternative Regimes of Power and Protection: Ritual Interiors and Experiential Infrastructures of Society and State*. Paper presented at the New York Conference of Asian Studies, Syracuse, NY, October 6-7.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2022 “Plot-Life in Flower City: Transnational Ritual Ecologies in the Wake of Plantations.” South Asia Center of Syracuse University Speaker Series, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, April 22.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2022 Invited participant in a four-day multidisciplinary and intergenerational workshop on the “Effects of Extraction on Citizenship,” Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at Syracuse University, Minnowbrook Conference Center, September 8-11.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2022 Discussant for, “Digested Bones and Harmful Practices: Digestive Plots at the Third Cemetery of Athens,” Ioanna Paraskevopoulou. *Relics and Continuities in Europe: An Interdisciplinary Symposium*. Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, March 4-6.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2022 “Sketchbook (Bio)archaeology: Bodies Multiple and the Archives they (Re)create.” Session co-organizer: *Excavating Bodies in the Archives*. Paper to be presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Philadelphia, PA. [cancelled due to COVID, but informal panel held on-line]
- Gladysck, Stephanie, Shannon A. Novak, and Jodi Lynn Barta
2022 “Examining the Ancestry of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church Burial Vault Population Using mtDNA Analysis.” Poster presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, February 21-25.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2020 “Playgrounds in Wastelands.” Invited symposium: *Human Responsibility and Transcendent Truth: How Metapersons Help People Create Themselves*. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropology Association, St. Louis, MO. [cancelled due to COVID]
- Novak, Shannon A.
2019 “Specimen 2032: Ontography as Method and Practice.” Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, November 15.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2019 “Barn Burning: Where Species Meet on Spring Street.” Invited symposium: *Heritability and Heritage: Theorizing Archaeologies Encounter with Genetics*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG)—North America, Syracuse, NY.
- Katie Hicks, Melissa Darroch, and Shannon A. Novak
2019 “Alleyway Archaeology: Slow Spaces Betwixt and Between.” Exhibit presented at the annual meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG)—North America, Syracuse, NY. [in collaboration with artist Cora Jane Glasser]

- Novak, Shannon A.
 2019 “What is It?: Doing Bioarchaeology *with* Matter.” Invited symposium: *The Future of Bioarchaeology in Archaeology*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Archaeological Association, Albuquerque, NM.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2019 “Assembling Heads and Circulating Tales: The Doings and Undoings of Specimen 2032.” Colloquium, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 15.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2019 “Making Time with Other Peoples’ Bodies: Temptations and Conflations at an Abolitionist Church in Manhattan.” Colloquium, Anthropology Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, January 24.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2017 “Assembling Heads and Circulating Tales.” Invited symposium: *Postmortem Lives: Materiality, Memory, Sovereignty*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2017 “The Doings and Undoings of Specimen 2032.” Session co-organizer: *The Dead and the Living: Where is Archaeological Theory Today?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG)—North America, Toronto, ON.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2017 “Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives.” Invited symposium: *Bodies as Narratives: Revisiting Osteobiography as a Conceptual Tool*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2016 “Corporeal Congregations and Asynchronous Lives: Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street.” Anthropology Department Speaker Series, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, November 22.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2016 “Unpacking the Pews at Spring Street.” Archaeology and Futurity Conference. Brown University, Providence, RI. April 14-16.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2016 “Talking Heads and Other Specters of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” Anthropology Department Public Speaker Series, University of California, Berkeley, February 29.
- Warner, Alanna and Shannon A. Novak
 2015 “Specimen 2032: The Doings and Undoings of an *Other* Victim of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Meredith A.B. Ellis
 2014 “Extensions and Articulations: The ‘Generation Problem’ in Jacksonian Manhattan.” Invited symposium: *The Bones and the Worms, Bioarchaeology as Microhistory*. Paper to be presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C. Session Chair.

- Novak, Shannon A.
2013 “Forensic Anthropology: Reading the Bone Evidence.” Invited speaker on science panel at the Tenth Circuit Bench & Bar Conference. Colorado Spring, CO.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2013 “Partible Persons and Persons Apart: Anatomized Remains from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church Vaults (ca.1810-1834).” Keynote presentation at the Northeast Bioarchaeology meetings, Syracuse, NY.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2012 “Leave Taking: Materialities of Moving Over Land.” Invited symposium: *Agency of Dead Bodies*. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Hosek, Lauren and Shannon A. Novak
2011 “A Case of Metastasized Prostate Cancer from the Historic Spring Street Presbyterian Church.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropology Meetings, Minneapolis, MN.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2010 “Bodies, Buttons, and Stones: The Vitality and Materiality of Reunions in the Arkansas Hills.” Session co-organizer: *Rendezvous Points: The Role of Central Places in the Construction of Relatedness*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Novak, Shannon A.
2009 “How to Say Things with Bodies: The Semiotics of Violence on the Mormon Frontier.” Invited session: *Violence and Warfare as Embodied Action*. Invited symposium: *Violence and Warfare as Embodied Action*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, GA.
- Novak, Shannon A. and Wesley Willoughby, and Cassandra Austin
2009 “Resurrectionists’ Excursions: A Case of Postmortem Dissection from the Spring Street Presbyterian Church (1810-1834).” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Canada.
- Ellis, A.B. Meredith and Shannon A. Novak
2009 “The Children of Spring Street: Subadult Health, Disease, and Death in a Nineteenth Century Urban Congregation.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Canada.
- Werner, William and Shannon A. Novak
2009 “Archaeologies of Disease and Class in Early 19th-century New York City: The View from Spring Street.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Toronto, Canada.
- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2008 “From Ownership to Antagonism: The Political Significance of Gender Violence.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Rodseth, Lars and Shannon A. Novak
2008 “Placing the Dead at Mountain Meadows.” Invited conference, *Frontier Engagements*, sponsored by Fort Burgwin and the Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Paper presented at Fort Burgwin in Taos, NM.

- Novak, Shannon A.
 2008 “Liminal States: Political Signaling and the Placement the Dead.” Invited session: *Materiality of the Body*. Paper presented at the World Archaeological Congress, Dublin, Ireland.
- Kollmann, Dana D. and Shannon A. Novak
 2007 “Skeletal Biology of the Mirador Basin: Preliminary Osteological Observations of 37 Individuals Recovered from El Mirador, Tintal, Nakbe, and Flores in the Mirador Basin, Guatemala.” Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Houston, TX.
- Hatch, Mallorie and Shannon A. Novak
 2007 “Standards for Univariate Metric Sex Discrimination in Prehistoric Fremont.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Philadelphia, PA.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2006 “Intimacy and Intimidation: The Signaling Potential of Human Gender Violence.” Invited session: *Male Aggression Towards Females: Variation with Social System*. Invited paper presented at the XXI Congress of the International Primatological Society, Entebbe, Uganda.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2006 “Cannibalism as a Response to Intense Dietary Stress: Bone Butchering and Processing Scars from the Hearth at Alder Creek.” Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2006 “Message in a Body: The History and Histrionics of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” Invited session: *By Land or by Sea: Solving Famous Mysteries, One Site at a Time*. Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.
- Mallorie Hatch, Nick Clements, Brooke Cox, Nick Holmer, Connie Patchin, Aimee Hosemann, and Erin Reed, and Shannon A. Novak
 2006 “Boiled Bone and Pot Polish: An Experimental Study of Starvation Cannibalism.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historical Archaeology, Sacramento, CA.
- Novak, Shannon A.
 2004 “Poison and Pox: The Body Politics of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.” Invited session: *Three Roads to Mountain Meadows*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western History Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Kopp, Derinna, Jacquel Arismendi, and Shannon A. Novak
 2004 “Defining Perimortem: Blunt Force Trauma.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Dallas, TX.
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