

Dr. David Walton is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology, and he has been with the college for six years. He joined the college after a nationwide search to find an Instructor of Anthropology because the subject was added to the state core in general education. When David joined the college in Fall 2015, he developed and began teaching ANT 2000 Introduction to Anthropology, a writing intensive course that earned institutional Quality Matters certification in the 2019/2020 academic school year. While in the process of completing his PhD at Boston University in 2017, David developed a new course for the college, ANT 2100 Introduction to World Archaeology, based on his expertise as an archaeologist. He also consistently offers sections of SLS 1501 Foundations of Success Seminar and GEO 1000 Introduction to Geography to give students more educational options.

Throughout his time at the college, Dr. Walton's archaeological research in Mexico has been funded by grants from Lake-Sumter State College, Boston University, Dartmouth College, and the National Science Foundation. He has written articles published in leading peer-reviewed academic journals in his field such as *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*, *Antiquity*, *Ancient Mesoamerica*, and *Journal of Field Archaeology* ([Google Scholar](#) profile) and presented at national conferences of the Society for American Archaeology. To help reach the popular audience, David also co-hosted a television special, *Lost Pyramids of the Aztecs* (2020), which aired on the Science Channel in the US ([show link](#)), Channel 4 in the UK, and France 5. He has also presented at middle schools in Florida and Michigan.

As part of the continuing contract process, David developed a faculty project centered on enhancing student learning. His topic was the incorporation of hands-on, kinesthetic learning opportunities for his students. He includes activities such as obsidian tool production and the handling of skull casts as instructional aides based on the results of this project. His continuing contract portfolio was submitted in December 2019 and approved by each level of administration, including the District Board of Trustees in Spring 2020. In Fall 2020, the college began using his portfolio as one of its exemplars for annual contract faculty members to consult.

Dr. Walton has also served the college in numerous service capacities. He was tasked, as a co-chair, to develop an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and related processes for research supervision at the college due to his anthropological background and experience in publication. He worked through the committee structure at the college to get these procedures approved by the Deans Council and Strategic Planning Council. He attends and updates these bodies regularly. David has also served as an adviser for the student group The Humanities Preservation Society. Here he organizes and chaperones trips to museums and cultural festivals with student members. David also worked as a faculty mentor to one of the inaugural Honors Program students in their capstone project.

During the COVID crisis, David ensured that educational opportunities would continue outside of the classroom. In cooperation with a humanities instructor and college librarian, he applied for and received a LSSC Foundation grant to hold an online Humanities Lecture Series via Zoom. They brought in speakers from colleges and universities around the state over the academic year.

Dr. Walton also volunteers to make the college more equitable and collectively governed through labor relations. He serves as an elected officer, Treasurer, of the faculty union, UFF-LSSC. Due

to his background in contract negotiations in real estate, he also represents the college faculty at the bargaining table as they negotiate the initial contract after unionization.