

Tewabe Negash Kassaw

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EDUCATION	Colorado State University Ph.D., Anthropology and Geography (Biological Anthropology focus)	2026 (expected)
	Addis Ababa University M.Sc., Paleoanthropology Thesis: <i>Examining the spatial distribution of carnivore marks on mandible and crania of Pliocene Hadar Suidae and its implication for hominin paleohabitats</i>	July 2019
	Addis Ababa University B.A., Archaeology and Heritage Management	July 2013

RESEARCH & FIELD EXPERIENCE	Doctoral Student, Leakey Foundation Baldwin Fellow Colorado State University, Department of Anthropology and Geography, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA Advisors: Michael Pante, Andrew Du <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focusing on hominin paleoecology, paleogeography, and paleohabitat in East Africa	Aug 2021–present
	Greybull River Sustainable Landscape Ecology (GRSLE) Archaeology Project Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming, USA Advisor: Lawrence Todd <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted archaeological landscape surveys, documenting locations/attributes of thousands of prehistoric/historic artifacts• Extracted DNA samples from bones and collected dendrochronology samples	Jul–Aug 2020, 2021
	Masters Student, Ministry of Culture and Tourism Fellow Addis Ababa University, Program of Paleoanthropology and Paleoenvironment, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Advisors: Mulugeta Feseha, Jessica Thompson, Ignacio Lazagabaster <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked with the Pliocene Hadar Suidae collection at the National Museum of Ethiopia• Used bone surface modification as a proxy to reconstruct hominin paleoecology and predator-prey interactions• Studied the depositional environment of Pliocene Hadar	Sep 2017–Jul 2019
	Middle Stone Age (MSA) Blue Highways Project NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Shinfa, North Gondar, Ethiopia Advisors: Lawrence Todd, John Kappelman <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excavated two sites occupied by early modern humans 40,000-90,000 years ago• Studied the paleoclimate and archaeology of early MSA hominins, including foraging behaviour• Investigated landscape occupation and seasonal variability• Interacted with the local community to study ethnoarchaeology	Dec 2017–Jan 2018

	Kesem Kebena Dulucha Research Project Afar, Ethiopia Advisor: William Henry Gilbert	April 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excavated a Plio-Pleistocene paleoanthropological and archaeological site, utilizing paleontological field methods Surveyed hominin localities and mapped sites with GPS 	
	Historical archaeological field training (class project) Washa Michael Church, Ethiopia Instructors: Tekla Hagos, Worku Derara	November 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studied the cultural and architectural continuity of Ethiopian archaeological sites (Aksumite time to Lalibela, Adadi Maryam, and Washa Michael) 	
	Archaeological field training (class project) Melka Kunture, Ethiopia Instructor: Alemseged Beldados	March 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studied stone tool technology Mapped different types of hominin landscape occupation and their correlation with lithic material distribution in time 	
	Archaeological field training (class project) Chancho, Ethiopia Instructors: Tekla Hagos, Kassaye Begashaw	December 2010
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtained practical training in archaeological excavation and surveying methods Learned proper field note recording and reporting practices 	
WORK EXPERIENCE	Graduate Teaching Assistant Colorado State University, Department of Anthropology and Geography, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA	Jan 2022–present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent instructor for three sessions of the Human Origins and Variation lab course in the Spring and Fall 2022 semesters Teaching assistant for the Human Origins and Variation lecture course in the Spring 2023 semester 	
	Archaeology Curator Authority for Research and Conservation of Cultural Heritage (ARCCH), National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Oct 2019–Mar 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curated archaeological and paleoanthropological materials Represented paleoanthropological and archaeological field projects and assisted researchers in the lab Trained Addis Ababa University undergraduate archaeology students in lab procedures 	
	Public and International Relations Senior Expert Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Feb 2015–Oct 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted the paleontological, paleoanthropological and archaeological sites across Ethiopia Located, surveyed, and identified new heritage sites for documentation and publicity Wrote articles for the <i>Culture and Tourism Magazine</i> as a member of the publication team (in the Amharic language) 	

Tourism Development and Cultural Promotion Expert

Sep 2013–May 2014

North Gondar Zone Culture and Tourism Office, Quara, Ethiopia

- Promoted cultural and natural tourism destinations of the district
- Investigated new tourism destination sites
- Mobilized community and created tourism awareness
- Handled office routines

CONFERENCES**Podium**

- 16th Congress of the Pan African Archaeological Association Conference, Zanzibar, Tanzania August 2022

Poster presentations

- Rocky Mountain Biological Anthropology Association First Annual Meeting, Estes Park, Colorado October 2022
- Eastern African Association for Palaeoanthropology and Palaeontology (EAAPP) eighth Biennial Conference, Arusha, Tanzania August 2022
- Paleoanthropology Society Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado March 2022

Participation

- EAAPP sixth biennial conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Jul–Aug 2017

SERVICE & OUTREACH**Eastern African Association for Palaeoanthropology and Palaeontology (EAAPP) member**

2017–present

Black in BioAnth member

2020–present

CSU Biological Anthropology Reading Forum member

2021–present

Pan African Archaeological Association member

2022–present

Addis Ababa University (AAU) Heritage Club founding member and Public Relations chair

2012–2013

Ethiopian Archaeologists' Association member

2011–2013

African AIDS Initiative International, Inc. Peer Leader

2011–2013

AAU Unity of Nations and Volunteers Club member

2010–2013

SKILLS

Data analysis (R statistical software and SPSS), Trimble Geo7 GNSS, GPS, Total station/Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM)

Productive work in a variety of environmental and social settings, including the deserts of Afar, Ethiopia; western lowlands of the Ethio-Sudan border; and windy mountains of Wyoming, USA

Working as a member of international research teams with people from America, France, Spain, Russia, and China