

EDUCATION

Colorado State University PhD in Anthropology	2026 (<i>expected</i>)
Addis Ababa University MSc in Paleoanthropology <i>Thesis: Examining the spatial distribution of carnivore marks on mandible and crania of Pliocene Hadar Suidae and its implication for hominin paleohabitats</i>	July 2019
BA in Archaeology and Heritage Management	July 2013

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Student & Graduate Teaching Assistant Colorado State University, Department of Anthropology and Geography, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA	Jan 2022–present
The Leakey Foundation Baldwin Fellow (2021-2023) Researching the evolution of human ancestors in East Africa in Pliocene-Pleistocene time, including paleoecology, paleohabitat, and dietary evolution. Independent instructor for Human Origins and Variation lab course (3 semesters) and 400-level Zooarchaeology lecture and lab course (one semester).	
Earth Science Intern Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, CO, USA Mapped Rocky Mountain geology, glacial extent, and archaeology during and after the Last Glacial Maximum to study early human presence in the mountains.	Jul–Aug 2023
Olduvai Geochronology Archaeology Project Researcher Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania Examined fossil bone surface modification to gain insight into early Pleistocene hominin dietary behavior and competition with the carnivore guild. Conducted an actualistic experiment to examine the micromorphology of bone retouchers.	Jun–Jul 2023, 2024
Middle Stone Age Blue Highways Project Researcher Shinfa, North Gondar, Ethiopia and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Excavated two sites occupied by early modern humans to investigate the paleoenvironmental conditions and adaptive foraging behavior. Produced 3D scans and photographs of stone tools. Interacted with the local community to study ethnoarchaeology.	Winter 2018, Summer 2022
Greybull River Sustainable Landscape Ecology (GRSLE) Team Member Washakie Wilderness, WY, USA Conducted landscape surveys, documenting locations and attributes of thousands of archaeological artifacts. Extracted DNA samples from bones and collected dendrochronology samples. Studied human-environment interactions over the past 10,000+ years.	Summer 2020, 2021
Museum Curator National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Curated archaeological and paleoanthropological materials, served as a representative for field projects, and assisted researchers in the lab.	Oct 2019–Mar 2020
Public and International Relations Senior Expert Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Promoted paleontological, paleoanthropological and archaeological sites across Ethiopia. Located, surveyed, and identified new heritage sites.	Feb 2015–Oct 2019

MSc Student, supported by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism

Sep 2017–Jul 2019

Addis Ababa University, Program of Paleoanthropology and Paleoenvironment, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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.

Kesem Kebena Dulucha Project Researcher

Apr 2012

Afar, Ethiopia

Excavated a Pliocene-Pleistocene paleoanthropological and archaeological site. Surveyed hominin localities and mapped sites with GPS.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Africa Center Graduate Student Research Scholarship, CSU	2024	\$2500
Paleoanthropology Society conference travel funds	2024, 2022	\$600, \$500
CSU Graduate Student Showcase Top Scholar Award	2023	\$500
The Leakey Foundation Baldwin Fellowship	2022–23	\$14,961
	2021–22	\$12,618
CSU Department of Anthropology and Geography travel and research grants	2022, 2024	\$2500, \$600
Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Ethiopia graduate fellowship	2017–19	\$3138
Addis Ababa University Graduate School research grant	2019	\$370

PUBLICATIONS

Kappelman, J., Todd, L.C., Davis, C.A., Cerling, T.E., Feseha, M., Getahun, A., Johnsen, R., Kay, M., Kocurek, G.A., Nachman, B.A., Negash, A., **Negash, T.** et al. (2024) Adaptive foraging behaviours in the Horn of Africa during Toba supereruption. *Nature*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-024-07208-3>

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Negash, T. (2024) Colonizing the Uncolonized: Paleoanthropology as a Colonial Legacy in Ethiopia. *Emerging Scholars – Interrogating our Origins: Decolonizing the Narrative of Human Evolution*, Boston University, Boston, MA (invited talk).

Negash, T., Pante, M., Herrmann, E.W., Fellmann, C.D., Pelissero, A. (2024) A quantitative analysis of the micromorphology of marks on bone retouchers used to sharpen lithics. *Paleoanthropology Society Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA (poster).

Negash, T., Clement, A.M., Petermann, H., Hagadorn, J.W., and Pante, M. (2023) Mapping paleoenvironments, paleo-glacial extent, and human presence in the Rocky Mountains during the Late Pleistocene. *Colorado State University Graduate Student Showcase*, Fort Collins, CO (poster).

Negash, T., Clement, A.M., Petermann, H., Hagadorn, J.W., and Pante, M. (2023) Mapping paleoenvironments, paleo-glacial extent, and human presence in the Rocky Mountains during the Late Pleistocene. *Rocky Mountain Biological Anthropology Association Annual Meeting*, Estes Park, CO (poster).

Negash, T., Feseha, M., Lazagabaster, I., Thompson, J. (2022) Application of bone surface modification analysis as a new method to reconstruct the paleohabitat of Pliocene Hadar hominins. *16th Congress of the Pan African Archaeological Association Conference*, Zanzibar, Tanzania (talk).

Negash, T., Feseha, M., Lazagabaster, I., Thompson, J. (2022) Reconstructing the paleohabitat of Pliocene Hadar hominin using bone surface modification analysis. *Eastern African Association for Palaeoanthropology and Palaeontology (EAAPP) 8th Biennial Conference*, Arusha, Tanzania (poster).

Negash, T., Feseha, M., Lazagabaster, I., Thompson, J. (2022) Reconstructing the paleohabitat of Pliocene Hadar hominin using bone surface modification analysis. *Paleoanthropology Society Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO (poster).

SKILLS

R statistical software and SPSS

Trimble Geo7 GNSS, GPS, Total station/Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM)

Bone surface analysis using Nanovea ST400® white light confocal profilometry and Digital Surf's Mountains® software

Fluent in Amharic and English languages

Working on paleoanthropology, archaeology, paleontology, and ecology fieldwork in international research teams

SERVICE AND 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
African Palaeosciences Student Society (APSS) member	2023–present
AAU Unity of Nations and Volunteers Club member	2010–2013
Ethiopian Archaeologists' Association member	2011–2013
African AIDS Initiative International, Inc. Peer Leader	2011–2013
Addis Ababa University (AAU) Heritage Club founding member, Public Relations chair	2012–2013