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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, TX
Visiting Instructor Taught online undergraduate introductory courses in geology	Fall 2024 – Current
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Prepared and taught weekly 2-hour introductory-level geology labs	Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
Undergraduate Student Assistant Assisted graduate teaching assistants in preparing and teaching weekly 2-hour introductory-level geology labs	Spring 2022

EDUCATION

M.S. Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, TX
Major: Geosciences Thesis: State of the Cleithrum in Early Permian North American Tetrapods	May 2024
B.S. Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, TX
Major: Geosciences Minor: Biology	May 2022

PRESENTATIONS

Stancik, L., Flis, C., and Rosscoe, S. (2024, November). Variation in the Early Permian North American synapsid cleithrum [Conference poster presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the SVP 84th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Stancik, L., and Flis, C. (2024, April). State of the Cleithrum in Early Permian North American Tetrapods [Conference oral presentation]. 58th Annual Meeting of the South-Central Section of the Geological Society of America, 2024 Joint North-Central and South-Central Section Meeting, Springfield, MO.

Simon, H., Donnel, M., **Stancik, L.**, Vollmer, E., and Flis, C. (2023, October). Trophic Ecology and Taphonomy of the Lower Permian Craddock Bone Bed Using Quantitative Analysis of Associated Dimetrodon Skeletons [Conference poster presentation]. SVP 83rd Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH.

Stancik, L. (2023, May). Limb bone lost to time: Understanding the function of the cleithrum in Dimetrodon [Conference poster presentation]. 2023 Southwest Section of the AAPG Annual Convention, Wichita Falls, TX.

INTERNSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park	Royal, NE
David B. Jones Internship in Vertebrate Paleontology at Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park	Summer 2022
Whiteside Museum of Natural History	Seymour, TX
Volunteer	August 2018 – Present

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Midwestern State University

Foraminifera Size Patterns Across the CIE in

Kozina, Slovenia

Under Dr. Anna Weiss

Wichita Falls, TX

Summer 2021

The Heat is On: An Exploration of Thermal

Metamorphic Rocks in the Wichita

Mountains

Under Dr. Jonathan Price

Summer 2020

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduated summa cum laude, May 2022 and May 2024

President's Medal for Excellence, May 7, 2022

Graduate Merit Scholarship recipient, 2022-2024

Geology Foundation Scholarship recipient, 2022-2024

MSU 3-Minute Thesis Competition, 2nd place, Spring 2023

MSU Outstanding Geosciences Student Award recipient, Spring 2021

President's Distinguished Scholarship recipient, 2018-2022

Academic Merit Scholarship recipient, 2018-2022

Geology Foundation Scholarship recipient, 2018-2022

Desk and Derrick Scholarship recipient, Fall 2020

President's Honor Roll, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022

Provost's Honor Roll, Fall 2020

Dean's List, Fall 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Geological Society of America – Student Member (Fall 2022 – Current)

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology – Student Member (Fall 2023 – Current)