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**Education**

<b>Master of Arts, Anthropology</b>	Colorado State University, Fort Collins	2016
<b>Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology</b>	University of Colorado, Boulder	2010

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**Professional Experience**

May 2018-present	Paleocultural Research Group <b>Operations Director &amp; Project Archaeologist</b>
June 2016-May 2018	History Colorado, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation <b>Assistant State Archaeologist</b>
April 2014-June 2016	Paleocultural Research Group <b>Lab Supervisor &amp; Assistant Field Supervisor</b>
Jan. 2012-April 2016	Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology, Colorado State University <b>Project Archaeologist</b>
June 2013-July 2013	Colorado State University Archaeological Field School <b>Senior Graduate Teaching Assistant</b>
Aug. 2011-May 2012	Colorado State University, Department of Anthropology <b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b>
June 2011-Aug. 2011	Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. <b>Archaeological Field &amp; Lab Technician</b>
May 2010-July 2011	Paleocultural Research Group <b>Lab Supervisor &amp; Assistant Field Supervisor</b>
May 2009-Oct. 2009	U.S. Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest <b>Archaeological Field Technician</b>
Jan. 2009-May 2010	Paleocultural Research Group <b>Archaeological Lab Technician</b>

**Professional Summary**

Chris has served as a Field Supervisor on numerous projects in Colorado and North Dakota since 2010. He has trained numerous volunteers and students in field and laboratory methods throughout his career with PCRG and History Colorado. Chris has technical lab experience in artifact analysis from a variety of settings, including the Rocky Mountain region and Plains Villages, with an emphasis on lithic analysis. Chris maintains broad research interests, including Front Range and Colorado mountain archaeology, the archaeology of Middle Missouri Plains villagers, landscape archaeology, lithic technology and quarrying, hunter-gatherer archaeology, and archaeological theory. Chris also manages the daily business operations for PCRG in his role as Operations Director and Treasurer for the organization.

## Other Professional Activities & Service

- 2015-present **Treasurer**, Paleocultural Research Group  
2014-present **Treasurer & Ex-Officio Board Member**, Plains Anthropological Society  
2018 **Conference Chair**, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Meeting, Longmont, Colorado  
2015-2019 **Webmaster**, Plains Anthropological Society  
2013 **Conference Co-Organizer, Program Chair**, 71<sup>st</sup> Annual (2013) Plains Anthropological Conference, Loveland, Colorado

## Publications

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### Peer-reviewed Articles

- Breslawski, Ryan P., Tomasin Playford, and **Christopher M. Johnston**  
*In Press* Foetal Bison Long Bones and Mortality Season Estimates at the Early Holocene Casper and Horner II Sites, North America. *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology*. [DOI.org/10.1002/oa.2869](https://doi.org/10.1002/oa.2869).
- Johnston, Christopher M.**, and Halston F. C. Meeker  
2015 The Perry Cache: A Large Chipped Stone Assemblage Found Along the Little Thompson River, Larimer County, Colorado. In *The Lithic Caches of Colorado*, edited by Jason M. LaBelle and Christopher M. Johnston, *Southwestern Lore* 81(2&3):25-38.
- LaBelle, Jason M., **Christopher M. Johnston**, and Michelle M. Glantz  
2013 The Lutes site, a Middle Archaic Burial Locale Along the South Platte River of Logan County, Colorado. *Southwestern Lore* 79(2):13-36.

### Edited Volumes

- LaBelle, Jason M. and **Christopher M. Johnston** (eds)  
2015 The Lithic Caches of Colorado. *Southwestern Lore* 81(2&3):3-149.

### Technical Reports

- Johnston, Christopher M.** (editor)  
2019 Historic Trails Research in the Miranda Valley, Taos County, New Mexico. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 109. Submitted to the Carson National Forest, Taos, New Mexico.
- Johnston, Christopher M.**, Amy Nelson, and Britni V. Rockwell  
2019 Archaeological Investigations in the Rio Grande Natural Area and Punche Valley, Conejos County, Colorado. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 113, Archaeological Investigations in the San Luis Valley 5. Submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office, Monte Vista, Colorado.
- Johnston, Christopher M.**  
2016 *Letter Report Summarizing the Results of a Class III Cultural Resource Survey of the Fremont Special Interest Area, Rio Grande National Forest*. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 101. Submitted to the Rio Grande National Forest, Monte Vista, Colorado.
- Johnston, Christopher M.**, Jason M. LaBelle, and Halston F. C. Meeker  
2015 *A Class III Archaeological Survey of the Nivot Ridge UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Boulder County, Colorado*. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 98. Prepared for the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Johnston, Christopher M.**, and Mark D. Mitchell  
2015 *2013 Archaeological Survey of the Indian Creek Drainage, San Isabel National Forest*. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 96. Submitted to the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands, Pueblo, Colorado.
- Johnston, Christopher M.**  
2014 *Summary Report of Archaeological Monitoring of the NEON Tower Site Location on Nivot Ridge, Boulder County, Colorado*. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 95. Prepared for the National Ecological Observatory Network, Boulder, Colorado.
- Mitchell, Mark D. and **Christopher M. Johnston**

- 2014 *An Archaeological Assessment of the Stillwater Site, Garfield County, Colorado*. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 93. Submitted to the U.S. Forest Service, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests.
- Johnston, Christopher M.**, Spencer R. Pelton, and Jason M. LaBelle  
2014 *2012-2013 Class II Archaeological Survey of Chimney Hollow Open Space, Larimer County, Colorado*. Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University. Report No. 2014-1. Prepared for the Larimer County Open Lands Program.
- Mitchell, Mark D., and **Christopher M. Johnston** (contributing author)  
2012 *High Altitude Archaeology in the Uncompahgre Wilderness: Archaeological Investigations During 2010 at the Uncompahgre Cirque Site, Hinsdale County, Colorado*. Paleocultural Research Contribution No. 87. Submitted to the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest Service Office.
- Mitchell, Mark D., and **Christopher M. Johnston**  
2012 Technological Analysis of the Modified Stone Assemblage. In *Agate Basin Archaeology at Beacon Island, North Dakota*, edited by Mark D. Mitchell, pp. 113-156. Paleocultural Research Group, Research Contribution No. 86, prepared for the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

## Conference Presentations

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- 2019 **Christopher M. Johnston** and Kevin D. Black. *Lithic Quarries Large and Small: A Comparison from Northern Colorado*. Running of the Buffalo: New Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Northern Colorado. Paper presented at the 77<sup>th</sup> annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 2018 **Christopher M. Johnston**. *Better Homes (Without Gardens): A Review of Early Ceramic Period Architecture in Northern Colorado*. Paper presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, Longmont.
- 2017 **Christopher M. Johnston**, Jason M. LaBelle, and Todd A. Surovell. *Picks, Shovel, and Computers: Data Mining the Alpine Archaeological Record of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, USA*. Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference, Canmore, Alberta.
- 2017 **Christopher M. Johnston**. *What's the Point of Public Archaeology: Perspectives on 40 Years of Avocational Training to Prepare for the Next 40 Years*. Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference, Canmore, Alberta.
- 2017 **Christopher M. Johnston**, Amy Nelson, Britni Rockwell, and Mark D. Mitchell. *Preliminary Results of the 2017 PCRG-PAAC Summer Training Survey*. Paper presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Meeting, Denver.
- 2016 **Christopher M. Johnston**. *PAAC: Public Archaeology and Education in Colorado Since 1978*. Paper presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- 2016 **Christopher M. Johnston**. *Running of the Buffalo: New Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Northern Colorado*. Paper presented at the 2016 Meeting of the Wyoming Archaeological Society and the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists, Cheyenne.
- 2016 **Christopher M. Johnston**. *Introducing ORCA: A New Online Toolkit for Archaeology and Historic Preservation in Colorado*. Paper presented at the 2016 Meeting of the Wyoming Archaeological Society and the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists, Cheyenne.
- 2016 **Christopher M. Johnston**. *Running of the Buffalo: New Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Northern Colorado*. Paper presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, Salida.
- 2014 **Christopher M. Johnston**, Jason M. LaBelle, and Todd A. Surovell. *Picks, Shovel, and Computers: Data Mining the Alpine Archaeological Record of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, USA*. Paper presented at the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin Texas. In the Symposium "Giving Latitude to Altitude (and Vice-Versa): The Archaeology of Human Settlement in Extreme Environmental Settings." Organized by Christopher Morgan and Loukas Barton.
- 2013 Jason M. LaBelle and **Christopher M. Johnston**. *The Long Shot and the Close-Up: Evaluating the Visual Landscape of the Lindenmeier Folsom Site in Northern Colorado*. Poster presented at the Paleoamerican Odyssey Conference, Santa Fe.
- 2013 **Christopher M. Johnston**. *Jumping With New Data: Recent Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Larimer County, Colorado*. Paper presented at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Loveland, CO, in the Symposium "Twentieth-First Century Advances in Archaeological and Supporting Studies of

- the Southern Rocky Mountains and their Eastern Foothills.” Organized by Robert Brunswig and Jason M. LaBelle.
- 2013 **Christopher M. Johnston.** *Jumping Bison in Northern Colorado: Discussions on the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100).* Paper presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, Denver.
- 2013 **Christopher M. Johnston.** and Jason M. LaBelle. *A Class I Overview of the Prehistoric Archaeology of the Colorado High Country.* Poster presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists, Denver.
- 2012 **Christopher M. Johnston.** *Communal Hunting at Mid-Altitudes in Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming.* Paper presented at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Saskatoon, in the Symposium “Beyond the Bonebed: Illuminating Diversity in the Practice and Research of Communal Hunting in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain Regions.” Organized by Christopher M. Johnston and Spencer R. Pelton.
- 2012 Halston F.C. Meeker, **Christopher M. Johnston,** and Jason M. LaBelle. *What Once Was Lost, But Now Is Found: The Archaeology of the Upper Boxelder Creek Bison Kill, Laramie County, Wyoming.* Poster presented at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Saskatoon.
- 2012 **Christopher M. Johnston.** *Moving Forward by Looking Back: An Analysis of the Lithic Assemblage from the Lindsay Ranch (5JF11) Site.* Paper presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists annual meeting, Durango.
- 2011 **Christopher M. Johnston.** and Mark D. Mitchell. *An Archaic Lithic Workshop in the Southern Rocky Mountains: An Example from the Uncompaggre Cirque Site.* Paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Biannual Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference, Missoula.
- 2011 **Christopher M. Johnston.,** Mark D. Mitchell and Angie Krall. *An Update on Excavations at the Upper Crossing Site, A Multi-component Site in Western Saguache County.* Paper presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists annual meeting, La Junta.
- 2010 **Christopher M. Johnston.** *Lithic Refitting and Flaking Debris Analysis of the Agate Basin Assemblage from Beacon Island, ND.* Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Plains Anthropological Society Conference, Bismarck, North Dakota, in the symposium “Agate Basin: A view from the North” organized by Mark D. Mitchell.

#### Organized Symposia

- 2010 **Christopher M. Johnston.** and Spencer R. Pelton. *Beyond the Bonebed: Illuminating Diversity in the Practice and Research of Communal Hunting in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain Regions.* Symposium organized for the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Plains Anthropological Conference, Saskatoon, SK.

#### **Public Talks and Guest Lectures**

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- 2017 Running of the Buffalo: Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Northern Colorado. Presented to the Indian Peaks chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.
- 2017 From Golden to Winter Park: An Archaeological Journey of the First Weekend Warriors. Presented to the Grand Junction chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.
- 2017 Running of the Buffalo: Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Northern Colorado. Presented to the Northern Colorado chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.
- 2017 Running of the Buffalo: Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Northern Colorado. Presented to the Denver chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.
- 2016 Running of the Buffalo: Investigations of the Roberts Buffalo Jump (5LR100), Northern Colorado. Presented to the Red Feather Lakes Community Library lecture series.
- 2015 Archaeology of Niwot Ridge and Surrounding High-Altitude Landscapes of the Front Range. Presented to the Indian Peaks Chapter, Colorado Archaeological Society, Boulder.
- 2014 Prehistoric Homes and Bison Bones: Recent (and past) Archaeological Investigations of the Livermore Valley. Presented to the Red Feather Lakes Historical Society, Red Feather Lakes, Colorado.
- 2014 Running of the Buffalo: Communal Bison Hunting in Northern Colorado. Presented to the Loveland Archaeological Society, Loveland, Colorado.

- 2013 Communal Hunting: The W's and an Example from Northern Colorado. Presented to *ANTH 140: Introduction to World Prehistory*, for Mrs. Kim Nichols, Adjunct Faculty, Colorado State University.
- 2013 Introductory Presentation for screening of the documentary *Stone and Steel at the Top of the World*, produced by Jason M. LaBelle and Peter B. Seel, 2012. Presented to the Rollins Pass Restoration Association, Boulder, Colorado.
- 2013 Late Prehistoric Bison Hunting in Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming. Paper presented at the April meeting of the Cheyenne Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society, Cheyenne.
- 2013 Finding prehistoric bones: Poking around your land, you discover ancient bones. Now what? Radio interview by Jodi Henke for *Living the Country Life*. <http://www.livingthecountrylife.com/homes-acreages/finding-prehistoric-bones/>.

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### Grants and Scholarships

- 2013 Robert Lundt Memorial Scholarship from the Loveland Archaeological Society. \$300.
- 2012 Ward Weakly Fund from the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists. \$750.
- 2012 Karen S. Greiner Grant, Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University. \$950
- 2012 Alice Hamilton Award from the Colorado Archaeological Society. \$600.
- 2011 Grant for tuition and monthly stipend from Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University, for Graduate Teaching Assistantship.
- 2010 Alice Hamilton Award from the Colorado Archaeological Society. \$250

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### Professional Memberships

- 2009-present: Plains Anthropological Society
- 2011-present: Paleocultural Research Group
- 2013-present: Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists
- 2013-present: Society for American Archaeology
- 2016-present: Colorado Archaeological Society, Indian Peaks Chapter