

KASSIE SUGIMOTO, MA

TRIBAL LIAISON, FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST,
BIOARCHAEOLOGIST, ETHNOGRAPHER



NATIVE STATUS

Citizen of the Cherokee Nation

Member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood [ANS]

EDUCATION

*M.A. Anthropology,
North Carolina State University (2015)*

*B.A. Anthropology
California State University Dominguez Hills (2013)*

REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATES

*Certificates in:
HAZWOPER
40 Hour Certification,
Advance Online Solutions (2015)*

Analysis of Organismal Form, University of Manchester (2014)

*Registered Member of:
Society for American Archaeology*

California Preservation Foundation

WORK HISTORY

*SRSinc: 2015-present
Tribal Liaison,
Cultural Resource Specialist,
Archaeologist
Bioarchaeologist*

*SRScorp: 2015-present
Forensic Anthropology,
Skeletal Biology,
Bioarchaeology*

*Andahuaylas
Bioarchaeology Project,
Assistant Project
Director, 2013-Present*

*Sinsicap Valley
Archaeological Project,
Research Assistant,
2012*

*Rancho Dominguez
Historical Archaeology
Project, Crew Chief, 2011-2012*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kassie Sugimoto is a cultural resource specialist with experience at historic and prehistoric archaeological sites within North and South America. While earning a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (Archaeology concentration) from California State University Dominguez Hills, Kassie worked on several archaeological projects, including the Rancho Dominguez Historical Archaeology Project (Carson, CA), the Bioarchaeology Human Osteology Project (San Jose de Moro, Peru), and the Sinsicap Valley Archaeological Project (La Libertad, Peru). Kassie developed specialized human osteology skills while earning a Master of Arts in Anthropology from North Carolina State University by conducting Forensic and Bioarchaeological research.



Kassie's knowledge and skills are a valuable asset in both SRS companies. As a bioarchaeologist, Kassie conducts osteological research and is dedicated to disseminating the information that can be gleaned from human remains to the public. Kassie has worked on several SRS projects concerning human remains, such as the ongoing burial analysis from Bolsa Chica (Orange, CA) and the human remains recovered from 6.5 mile (Haines, AK). Additionally, she is dedicated to training local and tribal communities to recover and identify human remains, collect and analyze data, and use various biological methods to contextualize cultural history. Kassie has lectured and offered workshop/seminars in topics such as Forensic Anthropology, Data Collection Methods, The Biological Profile, Molecular Methods, and Geometric Morphometric Methods.

Throughout her career, Kassie has acquired the necessary experience and training to conduct historic and archaeological surveys, mapping and recording, excavation, and artifact analysis. She has experience with supervising and directing archaeological crews, field and lab research, and museum curation. Kassie has collaborated with both senior and junior scholars in archaeological, bioarchaeological, and forensic settings to produce, publish, and present research in topics such as ethnography, historical ecology, historic and prehistoric archaeology, forensic anthropology, skeletal biology, and bioarchaeology.

SUMMARY PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND DESCRIPTIONS

CURRENT BIOARCHAEOLOGY PROJECTS, SRScorp AK & SRSinc CA

- 6.5 Mile Burial Investigations, Chilkoot Indian Association [CIA], Haines, AK.
- Bioarchaeology and Forensic Methods Workshop, Haines, Alaska.
- Presentation: *The Skeletal Analysis of the 6.5 Mile Remains*, Haines, AK
- *Bolsa Chica* burial analysis and curation, Orange, CA

ARCHAEOLOGIST, CULTURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST, RESEARCHER, SRSinc

- Conducts archaeological field and lab research for cultural resource projects.
- Participates in the management and curation of archaeological artifacts.
- Specializes in the identification and handling of osteological materials.
- Conducts cultural resource research: survey, documentation, photography, technical writing, and technical editing.
- Synthesizes the results of archaeological research and prepares the final report for the lead agency
- Conducts archaeological and historic research for cultural resource projects.
- Produces academic research and disseminates research on behalf of SRSinc.