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## Curriculum vitae

Andrew Joseph Ciofalo was born on the 14th of July, 1984 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America. From 2003 to 2007, he attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst campus and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business management and a minor in Anthropology. He then began graduate studies in 2009 at the University of Central Florida with a focus on Maya archaeology. During 2011, he participated in and helped lead his first Caribbean archaeological field schools in The Bahamas. Upon receiving his master's degree in 2012, he could not stay away from his love of teaching anthropology and Caribbean archaeology. This motivated him to begin college lecturing in Valhalla, New York. He moved to New Jersey in 2014 and kept lecturing at local colleges and participating in Caribbean archaeology now in the Turks & Caicos Islands. After reaching out to Prof. dr. Corinne Hofman, he wrote a proposal for a PhD dissertation focused on archaeobotany. Prof. dr. Corinne Hofman invited him to participate in her archaeological work on Martinique in 2015. This introduction to Leiden archaeology solidified his decision to enroll as a self-funded PhD at Leiden University. His dissertation *Starchy Foodways*, sought to enrich our understandings of Indigenous Caribbean Peoples' starchy food histories, valorize their heritage, and reconstruct parts of their botanical culinary practices. This dissertation was co-supervised by Prof. dr. Corinne Hofman and Dr. Jaime Pagán-Jiménez. The four years of research culminated in four articles published in peer reviewed international journals and six conference presentations. During his PhD, he was a teacher's assistant as part of Bachelors' and Masters' Seminars and he was requested to provide several guest lectures at Leiden University. During 2019, Andy was hired by the NEXUS1492 project.