

Education

PhD, Anthropology. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.

Dissertation title: "Bioarchaeology of Violence and Site Abandonment at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico"

MA, Anthropology. University of Montana, Missoula, MT

BA, Anthropology; **BS**, Biology. Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA

Areas of Specialization

Human osteology, forensic anthropology, radiocarbon dating applications, Columbia Plateau pre-contact history, tribal archaeology, museum exhibitry

Professional Experience

2021-Present Director, EWU Archaeological & Historical Services, Cheney, WA

2012-2021 Principal Archaeologist (2016-2021); Project Archaeologist (2012-2016), Spokane Tribe of Indians Preservation Program, Wellpinit, WA

2004-2012 Museum Collections Specialist, NW Museum of Arts and Culture, Spokane, WA

2000-2010 Adjunct Lecturer, EWU Dept. of Anthropology; Dept. of Criminal Justice, Cheney, WA

2000-2010 Deputy Medical Investigator, Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office, Spokane, WA

Professional Summary

Chris Casserino came to AHS as the Director in 2021. He holds a PhD degree in anthropology from the University of Oregon with a specialization in bioarchaeology. He has worked on projects in northwest Mexico and spent 10 years working in the greater Spokane area and mid-Columbia River region. In addition to archaeological work, he has extensive experience in the fields of museum exhibition and collection management, and medicolegal death investigation. He is a regular presenter at anthropological conferences and has authored dozens of archaeological reports.