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**Education**

**University of Maryland College Park**

Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice (expected 2019)

M.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice (2016)

B.A. Anthropology (2012, Minors: Art History, French)

**Master’s Thesis:** “Strategic vs Opportunistic Looting: Understanding the Relationship Between Antiquities Looting and Armed Conflict in Egypt”

**Relevant Work Experience**

**Graduate Research Assistantships August 2014 – May 2017**

*University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice*

* Worked under Dr. Laura Dugan (August – December 2016). Coded data for the government actions in response to terrorism events (GATE) project looking specifically at the United States.
* Worked under Dr. Laura Dugan (May – August 2015). Compiled data for the GATE project looking at Canada from 1987 – 2014, including translating and coding qualitative French data.
* Worked under Dr. Laura Dugan (May – August 2015). Thematically analyzed qualitative interviews on perceptions of terrorism threats and Canadian government responses to terrorism.

**Illicit Network Fellow June 2014 – July 2014**

*National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)*

* Worked on a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contract on the causes of failure in trafficking networks as part of a larger report submitted to DHS looking at radio-nuclear weapons smuggling and methods of interdiction.
* Used qualitative and quantitative methods to analyze human smuggling network operating in from the 1980s – early 2000s to determine the causes of network to fail by synthesizing existing research on the target network, theories of network failure, and data on human smuggling operations.

**Research Analyst I – Research Analyst II July 2012 – May 2014** *Optimal Solutions Group, LLC*

* Managed two multi-million dollar Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) contracts. Liaised with CMS clients and Medicare providers to identify and disseminate best practices via a Webinar to more than 400 participants and evaluated the efficacy of this initiative to improve the practices of Medicare providers.

**Museum Internships**

*Department of the Interior (DOI) May 2011 – September 2011 | July 2010 – November 2010*

* With minimal supervision designed, wrote, and developed an online training course in basic museum collections care that included identifying agents of deterioration and correct handling and security procedures to provide basic training on all DOI collections.

*Smithsonian Institution NMNH January 2010 – May 2010*

* Conducted anthropological, archival, historical, and museum-based research into how Native Americans were viewed in the 1930s based on excavation journals and photographs at the National Anthropological Archives and Smithsonian catalog queries to aid a researcher in compiling a grant proposal.

**Antiquities Trafficking Intern January 2011 – May 2011**

*National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)*

* Conducted independent qualitative research by compiling research on organized crime and illicit networks, open source data, and prior subject matter expertise to analyze the relationship between international radio-nuclear weapons smuggling and trafficking in antiquities as part of a larger report submitted to DHS on radio-nuclear weapons smuggling in Central America and the Caribbean.

**Publications & Government Reports**

Fabiani, Michelle. (2016). Strategic vs. Opportunistic Looting: The Relationship Between Antiquities

Looting and Armed Conflict in Egypt (Master’s Thesis). Retrieved from Digital Repository at the University of Maryland. Doi: 10.13016/M2N24R.

D’Ippolito, Michelle. (2014). Failure Points in Smuggling Networks: A Case Study of the Sister

Ping Network. College Park, MD: START.

D’Ippolito, Michelle. (2014). New Methods of Mapping: The Application of Social Network

Analysis to the Illegal Trade in Antiquities. *In* W. Kennedy, N. Agarwal, & S.J. Yang (eds.). *Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling and Prediction* Vol. 8393: 253-260. [http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-319-05579-4\_31](http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-05579-4_31)

D’Ippolito, Michelle. (2012) Discrepancies in Data: The Role of Museums in the Illegal

Antiquities Market. *Collections A Journal for Museum and Archive Professionals* Dec: 236.

Michelle D’Ippolito (2011). Case Study of the Illegal Antiquities Market. *In* M. D’Ippolito, P.

Reuter, G. Sanchez, and D. Rico. *Transnational Criminal Organizations, Terrorism and Radiological/Nuclear Smuggling: Exploring a Potential Nexus in Central America: Related Trafficking Activities Case Studies*, College Park, MD, START.

D’Ippolito, Michelle. (2010) The Basics of Collections Care: Online course in museum collections

management for collateral duty employees. *Department of the Interior.*

**Presentations & Lectures**

Fabiani, Michelle “Strategic vs Oppotunistic Looting: Understanding the Relationship between

Antiquities Looting and Armed Conflict in Egypt,” paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 16 – 19, 2016.

D’Ippolito, Michelle, “Facing the Challenge of the Museums as Houses of Curios” Michelle Smith

Collaboratory for Visual Culture. University of Maryland, Department of Art History. November 11, 2015. <https://arthistory.umd.edu/eventinfo/lecture-michelle-dippolito-facing-challenge-museums-houses-curios>

D’Ippolito, Michelle, “New Methods of Mapping: The Application of Social Network Analysis to the

Illegal Trade in Antiquities,” paper presented at the International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, and Prediction (SBP), Washington, DC April 2-4, 2014.

D’Ippolito, Michelle, “Discrepancies in Data: The Role of Museums in the Ability of Investigative

Agencies to Affectively Recovery Stolen Artwork,” paper presented at the Association for Research in Crimes against Art (ARCA) Conference, Amelia, Italy July 9-10, 2011.

**Affiliations**

American Society of Criminology

Culture Under Threat Task Force, Antiquities Coalition

Saving Antiquities for Everyone (SAFE)

**Language & Computer Skills**

**Languages:** 6 years study of French Language, 1.5 years study of Italian Language, rudimentary Spanish

**Computer Skills:** SAS, Stata, Microsoft Office Suite, GIS ArcView, Google Earth Pro; Social Network Analysis software UCINET, NodeXL, Netdraw; EndNote X3; cataloguing databases (e.g., Argus, Emu)