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Name of Nominee: Megan Brickley

**Current Status at McMaster:**

Professor and former Tier One Canada Research Chair in The Bioarchaeology of Human Disease, Department of Anthropology. Appointed 2010.

**Educational Background:**

1998 **PhD**, Institute of Archaeology and Anatomy & Developmental Biology  
UCL, London, UK.

1994 **MSc**, Ancient History & Archaeology of Disease  
UCL London, UK.

1993 **BA (Hons.)**, Ancient History & Archaeology  
University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK.

**Research Interests:**

I’m a paleopathologist studying disease in long-deceased individuals. I’ll never cure anybody, but I expand our understanding of our ancestor's health, disease, sociocultural changes, and current health-related challenges using an interdisciplinary approach. My interdisciplinary research is undertaken with colleagues here in Health Sciences and biomedical/dentistry schools nationally and in Europe.

**Selected Administrative and Other Responsibilities:**

*McMaster Committees/Panels*:

2013 Social Sciences Tenure and Promotion

2013-2016 Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum and Policy

Director, Graduate Program, Department of Anthropology

2014-2016 Social Sciences Tenure and Promotion

2018-2021 Member of Senate, and Committee on Honorary Degrees

2022-2023 Faculty of Social Sciences Representative to the Faculty of Science

Director, Graduate Program, Department of Anthropology

2023-present Expert Panel on Artificial Intelligence and member of Research Futures

2024-present School of Graduate Studies Scholarship, Aid and Awards

*External*:

2020-2024 President (elected),Paleopathology Association. First-last year as ‘elect’ & ‘past’

2019-2020 Associate Editor, *International Journal of Paleopathology*

2019-2013 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*

1999-2002 Founding Chair (elected), British Association of Biological Anthropology & Osteoarchaeology

**Publications:** I have written/edited 10 books and over 100 peer-reviewed journal papers and book chapters. I’m currently writing an introductory paleopathology textbook aimed at courses without a laboratory component. It will be a key resource for 200-level courses with no prerequisites.

**Grants and Awards:** I have secured over $4,300, 000, including SSHRC Insight and Connection Grants, CFI Infrastructure and Provincial ORF-RI, Cultural Resource Management awards from developers and City of Hamilton.