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On the Offensive: Bioarchaeological and Iso-biographical Approaches to Understanding Endemic Violence During a Period of Environmental Stress and Wari Imperial Coalescence (ca. 200 – 700 CE) in the Yunga Ecozone of Arequipa, Peru

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Biography:
Beth K. Scaffidi is a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow with the Archaeological Chemistry Laboratory in the Center for Bioarchaeological Research at Arizona State University. She is a broadly-trained anthropological bioarchaeologist investigating how environmental stress and sweeping cultural changes structured mobility and the emergence and institutionalization of social and health inequalities, particularly in the prehistoric Andes. Her current and ongoing research compares long and short-term intra-lifetime variation in diet and residence between archaeological human skeletal samples from archaeological sites in the mid-elevation yungas of modern-day Arequipa, Peru through the analysis of stable and radiogenic isotopes, trace elements, and geostatistical meta-analysis. She directs the Lower Majes Valley Archaeological Project and the Andean Paleomobility Unification (APU) Project.

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