

**The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology and
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Archaeology Beyond the Academy
***Research in a Regulatory Environment: Case
Studies in Arizona***

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The State Route 77 - Snowflake Passing Lanes archaeological project was a \$750,000 project conducted in advance of a state highway widening project in rural central Arizona. The Las Capas project was a \$7,000,000 project conducted in advance of the expansion of a municipal water reclamation facility in Tucson, Arizona; findings on this project received international attention. The two projects conducted by Desert Archaeology under different sets of local, state, and federal preservation laws allowed for substantial additions

to archaeological methods and regional research even as they successfully met client compliance needs. This talk provides an introduction to the practice of cultural resource management in the southwest United States and the potential of substantive contributions to the profession in an applied research setting.

Left: Excavation of the Beethoven Site, State Route 77; Right: Excavation of some of the earliest fields in the United States as Las Capas. Photographs by Henry Wallace, courtesy of Desert Archaeology



Sarah is president and majority owner of Desert Archaeology, Inc., a full-service cultural resource management (CRM) company headquartered in Tucson, Arizona. She enjoys the way CRM challenges her to fit her research questions to the areas being developed. Her interests are in construction of prehistoric communities, Western Apache landscapes, frontiers, and the history of cultural resource management. She is also a co-editor for the Society for American Archaeology journal *Advances in Archaeological Practice*.



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