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Experience Summary Information			
Staff Archaeologist Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc., West Fork, Arkansas July 2025 – Present	Survey Research Assistant Arkansas Archeological Survey, Fayetteville, Arkansas January 2023 – June 2025	Adjunct Lecturer Department of Anthropology, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas August 2023 – May 2025	Graduate Assistant Arkansas Archeological Survey Fayetteville, Arkansas August 2021 – May 2022
<p>Gillian Bjornen serves as a Staff Archaeologist in CRA's Arkansas office. She has experience in mostly precontact archaeology, and a majority of her experience has been working in the Southeastern United States. She has participated in archaeological projects and conducted research on archaeological sites in Alabama, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Mrs. Bjornen is responsible for direction of fieldwork, processing of archaeological materials, and technical writing of project reports. Her research interests include lithic analysis, domestic spaces in the archaeological record, and Contact period archaeology in the Southeastern US.</p> <p>Phase I Experience:</p> <p>2022 Volunteer, Archaeological Site Delineation in DeQueen, Arkansas, Sevier County, Arkansas. Conducted as part of the Arkansas Archeological Society's Training Program, DeQueen, Arkansas.</p> <p>Phase III Experience:</p> <p>2022 Volunteer, Excavation at Nakukuuwidiish/Holman Springs site (3SV29), Sevier County, Arkansas. Conducted as part of the Arkansas Archeological Society Training Program, DeQueen, Arkansas.</p> <p>Miscellaneous Lab and Fieldwork Experience:</p> <p>2024-2025 Internship Supervisor, Arkansas Archeological Survey, Gravette High School, Fayetteville, Arkansas.</p> <p>2023 National Register Evaluation, Carden Bottoms (3YE0025), Yell County, Arkansas.</p> <p>2021-2022 Lithic Inventory and Analysis (3BE536), Benton County, Arkansas.</p> <p>2021 Search for Mabila Project, Field Assistant, Center for Archaeological Research, University of Mississippi, Demopolis, Alabama</p> <p>2021 Undergraduate Lab Assistant, Center for Archaeological Research, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi</p> <p>Selected Professional Papers, Posters & Panels:</p> <p>2025 Bjornen, Gillian M. Forum Co-Moderator, Society for American Archeology Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado (April 23-27).</p>			

- 2024 **Steen, Gillian M.** and Taylor Greene. The Arkansas Archeological Society-Survey Training Program: Collaboration, Partnership, and Education. Poster presented at the 65th Caddo Conference, Fayetteville, AR.
- 2023 Zabecki, Melissa, Paige Ford, and Michelle Rathgaber (chairs), **Gillian M. Steeno** and Taylor Green (panelists). Inter-Agency Collaboration Can Make Public Archeology a Success. Panel hosted at the Conference on Public Archeology, Pensacola, FL.
- 2023 Greene, Taylor A. and **Gillian M. Steeno**. The Arkansas Archeological Society-Survey Training Program: A History of Public Collaboration. Poster presented at the Conference on Public Archaeology, Pensacola, FL.
- 2022 **Steen, Gillian**. Household Manifestations of Coalescence at Carden Bottoms (3YE25) and in the Arkansas River Valley, Paper presented at the 2022 Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Little Rock, AR (November 10).

Selected Publications:

- 2023 Steeno, Gillian. Household Manifestations of Coalescence at Carden Bottoms (3YE0025) and in the Arkansas River Valley, <https://scholarworks.uark.edu/etd/4916/>.
- 2022 Steeno, Gillian. Your Support Matters: Reflections on the 2022 Training Program. Field Notes: Newsletter of the Arkansas Archeological Society, Issue 429 (November/December 2022).
- 2022 Steeno, Gillian. Houses at Carden Bottoms, Arkansas Archeological Survey Website (August). <https://archeology.uark.edu/features/houses-at-carden-bottoms/>.
- 2021 Steeno, Gillian. Comparing Lithic Artifacts and Native American Activity at Stark Farm, an Early Contact Period Site in Northeast Mississippi, https://egrove.olemiss.edu/hon_thesis/1809/.

Scholarships and Grants:

- 2025 Professional Development Support Grant, \$1,200, Institute of Higher Education, Training Program in Archeology, Scott, Arkansas
- 2024 SAA Annual Meeting Panel Participation Funding, \$3,390, Arkansas Archeological Society, Denver, Colorado
- 2022-2023 Hester A. Davis Internship in Public Archeology, \$6,000, Department of Anthropology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- 2022-2023 Charles R. McGimsey, III Endowment, \$1,500, Department of Anthropology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Affiliations:

Arkansas Archeological Society (AAS)
 Society for American Archaeology (SAA)
 Lambda Alpha Anthropological Honors Society, Beta Chapter of Mississippi

Specialized Training:

Adult CPR & First Aid (UAMS, Little Rock, May 2025)