

Working Memory and Executive Functions ^[1]

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Since 2000, I've retreaded myself. I started reading intensively about archaeology and anthropology. It's been a true renaissance for me. I had this idea that a cognitive model I had published a bit about (working memory and executive functions) might explain some changes in the archaeological record.

Tom and I published our first paper in 2001 in the Cambridge Archaeological Journal. Then came an article in the journal *Before Farming: The Anthropology and Archaeology of Hunters-Gathers*, one in the *Journal of Human Evolution* (about Neanderthal minds!), and one this spring in the *Journal of Anthropological Research*. We co-taught a course last fall called *Cognitive Evolution* and we'll teach it again this fall. And we put together a book prospectus under review by Oxford U. Press. It's like a whole new career for me.

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