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Kintigh is an archaeologist working on the later periods in Southwest US prehistory (AD 850-1680). His focus has been on settlement pattern research (survey), augmented by excavation, directed toward understanding the major social and political transformations among the Pueblo people who occupied the area along the Arizona-New Mexico border, on and around the modern Zuni Indian Reservation. He has been an active member of a collaborative team led by Margaret Nelson that is examining socioecological resilience and vulnerability across several Southwest US and northern Mexican cases.

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