

Welcome to all Anthropology students and faculty for the new academic year! We are excited to share with you our first issue of the monthly newsletter. The newsletter will feature our departmental news, upcoming events, and information on members of our growing community. Take a look and send us your suggestions for future issues.

- Melissa J. Remis, Department Head

EVENTS

CLA New Student Welcome Event



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to 18 new anthropology students! Several freshmen participated in a College of Liberal Arts (CLA) event on August 16th. The event's speakers, including Dean David Reingold, encouraged new students to engage in university activities and take advantage of Study Abroad programs. Our new students also met with Dr. H. Kory Cooper, the Undergraduate Director. We wish all our undergraduate students a fantastic year ahead!

New Graduate Orientation

The Department of Anthropology also welcomes our new cohort of 10 graduate students! Our departmental orientation took place at the Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC) on August 12, where they all had a chance to meet one another in person for the first time. The orientation covered departmental requirements towards degree, expectations of graduate student life, and resources and opportunities to thrive at Purdue. After lunch, the group toured department labs and facilities and visited the [Co-Rec](#) and the [Purdue Student Farm](#). The next day's meet and greet, a tradition revived at Dr. Myrdene Anderson's request, brought in all department faculty, graduate students, and staff. We were pleasantly surprised to see that almost everyone was able to attend!



Faculty Retreat



On August 14th, Anthropology faculty members gathered for an annual retreat at the Whittaker Inn. The day-long meeting focused on identifying our strengths and creating the department's strategic plan for the coming five years, as the department prepares for its new role and vision of the Anthropologies of Tomorrow. Dr. Angelica Kokkalis led faculty in stress-busting exercises for academics.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Exhibit Spaces

Our hallways on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Stone Hall have new exhibit spaces, Mediums and Field Sights. A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the new exhibit space brought together faculty, staff, graduate students, and incoming freshmen.

Mediums

Mediums, an annual permanent exhibit space, located on the 2nd floor in Stone Hall, brings together material objects, photography, three dimensional art, digital-based art, and other mediums to tell anthropologically-informed stories about global challenges. This exhibit space is annually curated by faculty and graduate students in the department to reflect work that invites us to deepen our understanding and exploration of vast human cultural diversity and its multiple manifestations in the world around us.

Field Sights

Field Sights, a rotating exhibit space features photo, print, sketches, drawings, smudges and other two-dimensional art forms. Located on the 3rd floor in Stone Hall, Field Sites curators design visual stories to explore human cultural diversity, through time and globally, as well as teach us human and other primate adaptations on our planet. As we are committed also to figuring out how to make things better for human societies—how to solve the grand challenges while respecting differences, to live as neighbors on one small planet, helping one another to achieve fulfillment, peace, justice, and freedom - we apply anthropological knowledge and perspectives to work in diverse two dimensional mediums to share with you stories and insights.



Downtown Lafayette Walking Tour



A small group of graduate students, faculty, partners, children, and pets were given a tour of downtown Lafayette's architecture and street art by Joan and Joseph Briller, on Saturday, August 17. Mr. and Mrs. Briller have recently moved to the Greater Lafayette area from New York City, where they also led similar walking tours. The tour began with Reifer's Furniture Store built in 1894 (architect Charles W. Nicol), currently on the corner of Main and Sixth Streets and the home of Bison Insurance, and ended at the street art "Inner Alley Symphony" by artist Zach Medler on Main Street, between 5th and 6th Streets. Participants were provided with histories and interesting factoids of the downtown area.

Upcoming Events

The Department of Anthropology has several events coming up in the next month. Save these dates and be sure to join us! Everyone in the Anthropology community is invited!

Anthropology Welcome Event

Wednesday, August 28 from 3:30 – 5:00pm in WALC 1132

Our fall welcome event is open to all Anthropology majors, minors, and anyone interested in learning more about anthropology and how you can be part of this diverse and exciting discipline! There will be free pizza!

Join us to learn more about:

- The faculty
- Student organizations
- Novel courses
- Internships
- Career options
- Upcoming events
- New concentrations that allow you to specialize in: Applied Anthropology, Archaeological Sciences, Bioarchaeology, Biological Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, and Ecological and Environmental Anthropology
- Adding anthropology as a minor or major, including through Degree+

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FREE PIZZA!!

Anthropology Fall Harvest Feast

Sunday, September 8 from 1:30-4:30pm at [Wea Creek Orchard](#) (5618 S 200 E, Lafayette, IN 47909)

Join us at the local Wea Orchard! You will enjoy good company, conversation, and atmosphere with faculty, graduate students, undergrads, family, and friends. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish from either their own culture or from a part of the world where they do research. This is a reduced-waste event, so bring your own plate, cup, and cutlery, if you can. For questions, or if you will need a ride to the orchard, please email anthgrad@purdue.edu by Wednesday, September 4th.

Guest Lecture with Yolanda Moses: “Universities as Sites for Cultural and Societal Transformation: A National Imperative”

Friday, September 13 from 9:30 – 11:30am at PFEN 241

Most of us who work in higher education today are aware that controversy and tension currently abound on university campuses. From the unrest stemming from clashes over the limits of free speech, reexamined campus histories, heightened student protests, external challenges to higher education from powerful political and economic pressures, the questioning by some publics of the value and purpose of liberal education, to name a few. More broadly, many educators observe our country (the U.S.) and world to be in a period of extreme divisiveness—torn in how we respond to issues such as the refugee crisis, global warming, increasing racial and sexual violence, class warfare, and intractable healthcare disparities. These highly complex issues and the results of this discord often leave students, faculty, and campus administrators in a quandary as to how to respond to these pressures. Using critical gender and race frameworks, this presentation will explore these quandaries as opportunities that can help to uniquely position colleges and universities such as Purdue as spaces to foster critically empathetic students who can develop the capacity to be both the local and globally minded change makers that we need.



Dr. Yolanda T. Moses currently serves as Professor of Anthropology and most recently as Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Excellence at the University of California, Riverside. Dr. Moses' research and publications focus on the broad question of the origins and sustainability of social inequality systems and practices in complex societies through the use of comparative ethnographic and survey methods. She has explored gender and class disparities in the Caribbean, East Africa and in the United States. More recently, her research has focused on issues of diversity and change in universities and colleges in the United States, Europe, Australia and South Africa.

ENGAGE Event: Cultivating Knowledge

Keynote talk by Dr. Mark Nichter, University of Arizona: “Creating a Buruli Ulcer community of practice in Bankim Cameroon as a model for community outreach in Africa.”

Friday, September 27 from 4:00 – 5:15pm at Nelson 1215

In the Cameroon, previous efforts to identify Buruli ulcer through the mobilization of community health workers have not been effective in combating this illness. This talk will describe the successful creation of a Buruli ulcer community of practice in Bankim, Cameroon composed of hospital staff, former patients, healthworkers, and traditional healers. Setting up lines of communication, and promoting collaboration and trust between community stakeholders and health staff is essential to the control of neglected tropical diseases. It is also essential to health system strengthening and emerging disease preparedness. The model described in this talk holds great promise for bringing communities together to solve pressing health problems in a culturally sensitive manner.

ENGAGE Event: Science and Technology Studies

Friday, October 18: TBA

Speakers will include Joseph Masco (University of Chicago), Kim Fortun (University of California Irvine), and Stuart Kirsch (University of Michigan)

Graduate Student Defenses

- Sydney Tuller MS Defense on Thursday, September 12 at 2:00pm in BRNG B232
- Katie Whitmore PhD Defense on Friday, November 8 at 3:30pm in BRNG 1254

NEW FACULTY PROFILES

We have four new faculty joining our department this year, bringing our total number of faculty to 18!

Melanie Beasley

Biological anthropology, human-environment interactions, stable isotope ecology, paleoanthropology, bioarchaeology, forensic anthropology



Risa Cromer

Anthropology of Biomedicine, Feminist Science and Technology Studies, Reproductive Politics, Reproductive and Genetic Technologies, Tissue Economies, Evangelical Christianity, Social Movements, Mental Health, Veterans, United States



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Anthropology of the Hometown; Migration & Diaspora; Visual Anthropology; Multiple Colonialism, Postcolonialism, and Decolonization; Applied Anthropology; Philippine Studies; East and Southeast Asia



Kali Rubaii

Middle East Studies (Iraq), Anti-colonial and Feminist Security Studies, Ecologies of War, Temporality and Non-Living Beings, Anthropology of Material Things (Cement), Displacement and Spatial Politics, Forensic Ethnography, Corporate Accountability, Health Justice Organizing.



NEWS



PhD Candidate **Katie Whitmore** and Professor **Michele Buzon** have recently published an article in the *International Journal of Paleopathology* that focuses on two individuals from the archaeological site of Tombos who lived with a form of dwarfism. Read "Two cases of skeletal dysplasia from New Kingdom (c. 1400-1050 BCE) Tombos, Sudan" available online for a limited time: <https://authors.elsevier.com/a/1ZUiG6hTLQWErR>

This summer, anthropology professors **Amanda Veile** and **Erik Otarola-Castillo** were invited to lecture on their research at the Universidad Nacional Hermilio Valdezán (UNHEVAL), in Huanuco, Peru, while conducting research in the area and providing support and training to local biological and archaeological scientists and students.



Congratulations to **Alison Kirkham** on being awarded the 2019 Purdue College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Master's Non-Thesis Award! Alison's Master's project titled, "That's Disgusting: Perceptions of Arthropods and the Categorization of Insects as (In)edible in the United States" utilizes the scientific method to better understand disgust toward edible insects in the United States. Alison completed her MS in 2018 and has taken a full-time position as the Head of Marketing & Research with the Rocky Mountain Micro Ranch in Denver, Colorado.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Sdunzik** on being awarded one of two 2019 Purdue College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Dissertation Awards for her dissertation, "Mapping Whiteness: Uncovering the Legacy of All White Towns in Indiana." Dr. Sdunzik received her Ph.D. in American Studies with a concentration in Anthropology at Purdue University.



Dr. **Evelyn Blackwood**, Emerita will be giving a talk about her latest book in progress, *Dreams of a New World: Bay Area Lesbian Histories* on September 7 from 1:00 – 3:30pm at the Diamond Library in Oakland, CA. The book chronicles the lives of a generation of lesbians who came of age in the 1970s in the San Francisco Bay Area.

RECIPE

Congratulations, you've made it to the end of the Anthropology monthly newsletter! As a reward, you get a recipe for Yalanchi Sarma, an Armenian dish of stuffed grape leaves. This is a vegan dish, served cold or at room temperature. *Anush lini!*

Yalanchi Sarma

20 stuffed grape leaves

Ingredients

16 oz grape leaves (jarred)
6 Tbsp olive oil
1 onion, diced
1/2 cup basmati rice
2 Tbsp tomato paste
3 Tbsp dried currants
1 Tbsp lemon juice
3/4 cup water
salt
1/4 cup pine nuts
1/2 tsp sugar
1/2 tsp ground allspice
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
4 Tbsp parsley (freshly chopped)

Instructions

- Saute onion in olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. After they begin to turn golden about 5 minutes), add rice, tomato paste, currants, and lemon juice. Cook for one minute longer.
- Add water and salt and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cover. Cook until just cooked, about 15 minutes.
- Turn off heat. Add pine nuts, sugar, allspice, cinnamon, and parsley.
- Stuff leaves in the following manner: Place leaves dull side up on a flat surface. Add 1 tsp filling on stem end. Turn the sides in and roll up into a burrito shape. Press leaf end into the roll.
- Coat the bottom of a lasagna pan with grape leaves to prevent sticking. Fill with grape leaves, going up 2-3 layers as necessary. Refrigerate overnight if desired.
- Place grape leaves in a skillet. Weigh down with a plate. Add enough boiling salt water to cover. Simmer for 30 minutes.
- Remove from water carefully. Cool completely.
- Serve room temperature or chilled.

This recipe is from <http://globaltableadventure.com>

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