

We have had a rich month of activities, events, and accolades in November 2019. Read on for more!

EVENTS



On November 8th, **Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum**, Professor Emerita and former Department of Anthropology Head, gave a talk, “Can Anti-FGM Laws End the Cultural Practices of Female Genital Cutting? Lessons from Global Data, Programs, and Ethnographic Research in Sudan.” The talk discussed her decades of research on why laws outlawing female genital cutting practices are relatively ineffective and even harmful, providing ethnographic cases of effective change in the Sudanese context, and proposing a way forward for the health and human rights discourse and policies. The talk ended with a standing ovation for Dr. Gruenbaum.



Dr. Papa Ibnou Ndiaye, Lecturer at Université Cheikh Anta DIOP (UCAD) in Senegal, recently visited Purdue University. We were treated to a workshop on November 11 on the “Current State of Research on Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) in Senegal.” Dr. Ndiaye reviewed current chimpanzee research sites and teams in Senegal, as well as the associated applied findings for species conservation. The workshop was conducted in Spanish, with graduate student Giselle Narvaez Rivera translating for Dr. Ndiaye.



Pop-up Talk, "The Status of Mebengokre Language and Expression the Brazilian Amazon" on November 14th by Brazilian visiting scholars **Rafael Galvão and Maria Gabriela Fink Salgado**: Coordenadora Synbiporã Socioambiental Bióloga (UFES/CEUNES)

Sponsored by Laura Zanotti PhD, Department of Anthropology (Purdue), The Indigenous and Endangered Languages Lab, The Purdue Linguistics Association



Dr. **Laura Zanotti** along with visiting scholar **Rafael Galvão** had the honor of serving as panelists on November 11th to discuss the award-winning documentary, *Amazonia Groove*, which is part of the MOSTRA 10th annual Brazilian Film Festival.



Dr. **Dada Docot** was a discussant for the film, "**Sunday Beauty Queen**" screened on campus on November 19th. The film is about Filipino domestic workers participating in a beauty pageant, on a Sunday, during their day of rest. Trailer is available at <http://festival.sdaff.org/spring.../films/sunday-beauty-queen/>

Filipino food was served



The Department of Anthropology participated in the **Midwest Graduate School Summit**, welcoming prospective applicants to Purdue, with an orientation to our program and a chance to visit faculty and grads in the department.

Upcoming Events Off Campus



Join us for the **Purdue Anthropology** reception for **alumni, friends, and affiliates!**

American Anthropological Association Meetings
Thu., Nov. 21 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Six Acres 203 Carrall Street, Vancouver, BC

For more info: anthgrad@purdue.edu

On Campus

Come join us for a must-see exhibit opening

INCESSANT

Curated by Laura Garcia, Visiting Undergraduate Scholar

Opening reception Nov 25 | 4:00pm | STON 219

Exhibit dates Nov 25, 2019 - Jan 3, 2020



Figures Lost And Found:

A bioethnography of missing data in U.S. – Mexico transnational public health research

Dr. Mary Leighton

Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Anthropology and the Institute for Social Research University of Michigan

Fri., Dec. 6, 2019

11:30am – 12:30pm

STON 154

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY Department of Anthropology COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS **FRI, DEC 6 @ 11:30 STON 154**

NEWS



Graduate student **Katie Whitmore** successfully defended her PhD research “A Life Course Approach to Health in the Ancient Nile Valley” on November 8th. Congratulations, Katie!

Anthropology **alumnus Dr. Kyle Jones** has an article on anthropology and user experience (UX) in the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA) blog! Dr. Jones discusses changes in industry bringing about UX positions, teaching in UX, and tips for anthropologists interested in working in UX jobs.

[“The Unexpected Pedagogies of Working in UX”](#)

Dr. Kyle Jones

Guest Blog of the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA)



Congratulations to **Dr. Melanie Beasley** for her invitation to serve as an isotope expert at a forensic workshop hosted by the International Committee of the Red Cross in South Africa and the University of Cape Town! The goal of the workshop in Cape Town is to explore the use of isotopes to complement existing forensic tools to deliver humanitarian action in Africa.

RECIPE

Congratulations, you've made it to the end of the Anthropology monthly newsletter! As a reward, you get a recipe for Tuh'u, a 4,000 year old lamb stew recipe found on cuneiform tablets from the Mesopotamian region. *Enjoy!*

Ingredients:

1 lb leg of mutton, diced
½ c rendered sheep fat
1 small onion, chopped
½ tsp salt
1 lb beetroot, peeled and diced
1 c rocket, chopped
½ c fresh coriander, chopped
1 c Persian shallot, chopped
1 tsp cumin seeds
1 c beer (a mix of sour beer & German Weißbier)
½ c water
½ c leek, chopped
2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed

For the garnish:

½ c fresh coriander, finely chopped
½ c kurrat (or spring leek), finely chopped
2 tsp coriander seeds, coarsely crushed

Instructions:

Heat sheep fat in a pot wide enough for the diced lamb to spread in one layer. Add lamb and sear on high heat until all moisture evaporates. Fold in the onion and keep cooking until it is almost transparent. Fold in salt, beetroot, rocket, fresh coriander, Persian shallot and cumin. Keep on folding until the moisture evaporates. Pour in beer, and then add water. Give the mixture a light stir and then bring to a boil. Reduce heat and add leek and garlic. Allow to simmer for about an hour until the sauce thickens.

Pound kurrat and remaining fresh coriander into a paste using a mortar and pestle. Ladle the stew into bowls and sprinkle with coriander seeds and kurrat and fresh coriander paste. The dish can be served with steamed bulgur, boiled chickpeas and bread.

Source: Food in Ancient Mesopotamia, Cooking the Yale Babylonian Culinary Recipes, with permission from co-author and translator Gojko Barjamovic. [BBC Travel](#)