

The 2023 Report from the Department of Anthropology at UMass Amherst





SEATING FOR THE MACHMER QUAD

Just beyond the shade of the Forman Tree, Provost Professor **Sonya Atalay** and some of her students took to the Machmer Quad on a lovely spring day in April. The class, one session of her Indigenous Theory and Method course, was held in a circle around a firepit to discuss gifting and tobacco protocols for Indigenous partners. Sonya arranged to have the set of fourteen Adirondack style chairs she utilized for the class permanently stationed in our Quad for all to use. Subsequently, there has rarely passed a pleasant day where the Quad hasn't been full of humans enjoying the space. Thanks to Sonya for helping to make our Quad more welcoming!

The 2023 Report from the Department of Anthropology at UMass Amherst

CONTENTS

Letter from the Chair	3
Welcomes	4
Connecting to our Alumni	5
Special Events and Programs	6
The Graduate Program	9
The Undergraduate Program	11
Awards and Honors	13
Faculty News	14
Emeriti Updates	19
Supporting Anthropology	21
Donor Spotlight	22

EDITORS

Julie Hemment
Beverly Morrison
Brie Shaw

DESIGNER

Beverly Morrison

Being Human is published annually by the
Department of Anthropology at UMass Amherst
217 Machmer Hall, 240 Hicks Way, Amherst MA 01003
Phone: 413-545-2221
Web: www.UMass.edu/Anthro

ON THE COVER

In late August 2022, the department's faculty gathered and reconnected at the Boltwood Inn for a retreat. Capturing a moment of merriment on the inn's sunny patio, Todd Disotell snapped this selfie with (clockwise from top left) Julie Hemment, Betsy Krause, Tom Leatherman, Felicity Aulino, Whitney Battle-Baptiste, Nick Caverly, Sarah Reedy, Brigitte Holt and Jason Kamilar. Our faculty sure know how to have a good time while getting things done!

BEING HUMAN

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings to all our alumni, friends and former colleagues and welcome to the seventh edition of Being Human, the Department of Anthropology's Annual Newsletter!



At the end of my second full year as Chair, I'm happy to report on a rich year of teaching, research and engagement. We've embraced the opportunity to be in person again, often coming together over food. Machmer Hall, though still less bustling than during the "Beforetimes," has been a much busier place.

Faculty kicked off the semester with a day-long retreat at the lovely Boltwood Inn in late August. Discussion focused on our graduate program, but equally importantly, it was an opportunity to reconnect with one another, share info with our (many!) new and junior faculty colleagues, and think together.

It has been fabulous to resume past practices. Many of us attended our first in-person conferences in several years, reconnecting with old friends and colleagues. We were happy to allocate travel and summer research funds to our graduate students, who (re)launched projects near and far.

As you'll see, we've continued to host a vibrant colloquia and speaker series. Colloquium-convenors **Felicity Aulino** and **Jen Sandler** organized a terrific lineup of talks and events. Read more about them on pages 6 and 7.

This year has seen significant work on our collections. **Eric Johnson** generously returned post-retirement to continue his work with our Curation Center with a team of undergraduate interns. Long a fierce advocate for the ethical sourcing and handling of human remains in teaching and research, **Ventura Pérez** spearheaded an exciting collaboration with the UMass Medical School, partnering with colleagues from the Anatomical Gift Program (see pages 6 and 17).

We welcomed several new colleagues this past year, some of them old friends of the department. **Sarah Reedy** (UMass PhD 2017) joined us as our new Director of Undergraduate Studies. Archaeologists **Maxine Oland** and **Patricia Mangan** (UMass PhD 1994) rejoined us to teach during the spring, and **Hannah Zarembo-Kosovych** joined the department under the auspices of the Ukrainian Virtual Visiting Scholar Program that was established on campus last spring in the aftermath of Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine.

We also welcomed three Anthro babies! Baby Luca arrived to proud parents Assistant Professor **Haeden Stewart** and Lecturer **Johanna Pacyga**, and Katherine (Kit), was welcomed by Assistant Professor **Acshah Dorsey** and her partner **Eric Thomas** (department of Environmental Conservation). The third arrival was Dax, staff member **Shelley Silva's** first grandbaby!

We have lots of accomplishments to celebrate, as you'll see in the pages that follow. A few faculty highlights include **Jason Kamilar's** promotion to Full Professor and **Boone Shear's** promotion to Senior Lecturer. Jason was also elevated to the role of Director of ISSR. **Amanda Walker Johnson** was chosen to receive the ADVANCE faculty peer mentoring award for SBS. And, several faculty advanced major new research projects this year. **Sonya Atalay's** collaborative proposal for a new Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Science made it to the final round of the NSF Science and Technology Center awards program (read more on page 14). **Krista Harper** and **Nick Caverly** are co-PIs on a new collaborative interdisciplinary project to support marginalized communities in energy transition in the Pioneer Valley funded by the US EPA.

Our graduate students have continued to shine, with their publications, presentations, public-facing events and awards, as well as new positions they have landed.

Finally, we want to gratefully acknowledge your generous gifts and ongoing support for our programs. Please check out the awards your support has made possible on page 13 and see the Supporting Anthropology section for more information.

Julie Hemment
Chair, Department of Anthropology

WARM WELCOMES

This year, we welcomed familiar faces and new colleagues.

Sarah Reedy returned to our department as a Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Advising in the fall of 2022. She received her Ph.D. from here in 2017 under the guidance of Professor **Brigitte Holt**. Her research focuses on how stressed environments, social inequality, and malnutrition can impact growth from a bioarchaeological perspective. She has taught many courses for us in the past, plus is a repeat instructor for our Forensic Field School during the summers. As our DUA, she got to work helping our undergraduates, hosting one-on-one meetings, providing guidance navigating the major, and maximizing efforts to recruit new majors. Working closely with the Anthro Club, she also helped facilitate some amazing events, including "grad school" and "field school" nights, and a Career Bootcamp taught by our own Department Administrator **Beverly Morrison**, MBA to help our majors jumpstart their future careers. She recently won an SBS Professional Development Grant to start a podcast with our students and plans to be on the air in fall of 2023. We're excited to have Sarah join us and know our majors will benefit from her enthusiasm.



Sarah Reedy

Maxine Oland returned to our department as a lecturer this spring. She received her PhD in Anthropological Archaeology with a certificate in Gender Studies from Northwestern University in 2009. Her work focuses on applying an archaeological lens to postclassical and historic Mesoamerica, Maya everyday household experience, and the political economy of European colonization in Mesoamerica. She has also maintained a strong interest and passion for developing inclusive course design and classroom structure; she was a Teaching for Inclusiveness, Diversity, and Equity (TIDE) Fellow at UMass Amherst during 2018-2019. Excitingly, she was offered and has accepted a full-time lectureship for the Commonwealth Honors College at UMass Amherst to start in September. Congratulations Maxine!



Maxine Oland

Hanna Zaremba-Kosovych joined us this spring under the auspices of the UMass Ukrainian Virtual Visiting Scholar Program. Hanna is a disability rights scholar and faculty member at the Ethnology Institute of the National Academy of Sciences in Ukraine. Her current research examines the experiences of people with disabilities during the war and is informed by her work with the Ukrainian disability justice NGO "Fight For Right." She is one of a cohort of five scholars hosted by SBS departments this year, in collaboration with the Kyiv School of Economics, and a welcome addition to our department.



Hanna
Zaremba-Kosovych

Patricia Mangan joined us as a lecturer this spring, teaching Anthropology 102: Introduction to Archaeology: Humans Past and Present. She received her PhD in Anthropology from UMass Amherst in 1994 and has taught widely in the Five Colleges in recent years. We were delighted she was able to join us.

CONNECTING TO OUR ALUMNI

Leyla Keough-Hameed

“Faculty live in this universe, and you can see them light up when they talk about their work.” In her current position as Director of Faculty Development in the Office of Faculty Development, **Leyla Keough-Hameed** (pictured, right) is in an excellent position to help the faculty community on campus flourish.



As the daughter of a Turkish mother and Boston Irish father, Leyla grew up between worlds. This helped shape her later studies in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. As an undergrad, she picked up a minor in Anthropology because she “fell in love with anthropological theory.” She transitioned from visiting family in Turkey as a “relative and daughter” to visiting as a researcher studying Islamist veiling, undocumented migration, and trafficking in women. Leyla completed her PhD, in 2008 under the guidance of Professors Jacqueline Urla and Julie Hemment and in 2015 published a book based on her dissertation entitled “Worker-Mothers in the Margins of Europe: Gender and Migration between Moldova and Istanbul” (Indiana University Press).

In her new position, Leyla translated her anthropological skills to support UMass Amherst faculty across the various stages of their careers. “Anthropologists have studied communities, how they connect, how they work, and how they sometimes don’t ... [and this helps] inform how to support and build an inclusive community on campus.” She utilizes strategies and the lenses honed through anthropological work to support all faculty - particularly those traditionally marginalized in academia - and facilitate structuring diverse and equitable spaces.

Linda Ziegenbein

“I’ve had to be a little bit of an anthropologist since the cradle,” because as a mixed-race, first-generation college student from a low-income family, **Linda Ziegenbein** (pictured left, center, with two UMass Students), has utilized the tools of anthropology to navigate the world around her. Linda’s journey has taken her through spaces in which she was “the Other.” The methods she’s developed have lent themselves well to her work as a historical archaeologist and a fierce advocate for marginalized and “Othered” undergraduates at UMass Amherst. Linda notes, “Anthropology helps build a life... one of integrity and coherence, in both what I do academically and in my free time.”



Linda completed her PhD with distinction, titled “Inhabiting Spaces, Making Places: Creating a Spatial and Material Biography of David Ruggles,” in 2013 under the guidance of Professor **Robert Paynter**. She currently works on campus in the Office of Equity and Inclusion as the Director for the Strategic Advancement of Equity and Campus Climate.

“Not all students move through UMass the same way. They’re not monoliths but rather they’re individual and see the world differently... [my training] helps me to identify and see the structures that exist.” Linda’s ongoing work creating spaces for marginalized and other minority undergraduate students on campus is aimed at “making an institution that is deserving of our students”, and anthropology has been central to that work.

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Department Colloquium Series

Associate Professor **Felicity Aulino** and Senior Lecturer **Jennifer Sandler** coordinated a wonderfully robust colloquium series this academic year. The series brought colleagues from near and far - many of whom joined us in person. Talks featured **Tasseli McKay** on abolition and reparations for Black Americans, science journalist **Caroline Winter** who ran a writing workshop for graduate students and faculty, as well as several department alumni and friends: **Michael Berthaume** on Anthroengineering in relation to prosthetic development, **Drew Best** on ultramarathoners and human physiology pushed to the edge, **Boone Shear** on his collaborative solidarity economy research projects, and Emeritus Professor **Art Keene** on his post-retirement independent journalism project, *The Indy*. In addition, the series included several honorary and campus-wide events – read on.

The **William A. Douglass Chair in Basque Cultural Studies** annual lecture kicked off the Fall, organized by Dean of the UMass Amherst Grad School and Anthropology Professor **Jackie Urla** as part of our ongoing partnership with Extepare Institute to promote and expand knowledge of Basque language and culture. This year we welcomed scholar, writer, and native Basque speaker **Begoña Echeverria** of the University of California, Riverside. The talk, “Wily Women: ‘Witches’ and Women’s Language in Basque History, Fiction, and Song,” centered on the realities of the persecution of accused, executed, and subsequently exonerated Basque “witches” of the early 17th century.

Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Director of the Forensic Anthropology Center, Chancellor's Professor and the William M. Bass Professor of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, visited us in the Fall as well. The two-day affair featured her campus-wide talk, “Dignity for the Dead and Human Rights for the Living: Forensic Anthropology as Engaged Anthropology,” included a welcome speech from the Dean of SBS, **R. Karl Rethemeyer**, and was co-sponsored by the UMass Amherst Provost and the UMass Medical School. During her visit, she also consulted with us on a new collaboration with the UMass Medical School’s Anatomical Gift Program spearheaded by Associate Professor **Ventura Pérez** - read more about this important work on page 17.





This year, our annual **Distinguished Europeanist Event** took a dialogic form and brought together scholars working in the context of Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine. Anthropologist and disability rights scholar Professor **Sarah Phillips** (U Indiana) joined us in person to be in conversation with our virtual visiting scholar **Hanna Zarembo-Kosovych**, and graduate student **Volha Verbilovich** on the topic of "Disability Studies in War and Care: how to do work otherwise." This engaging hybrid modality conversation explored themes such as researcher positionality and the challenge of writing, how to best mobilize the resources of the academy as researchers working on these issues in conditions of (post)-conflict.

Spring continued with a fabulous one-week residency on decolonial practice with **Maka Suarez** and **Jorge Núñez** - Founding Directors of Kaleidos, the Center for Interdisciplinary Ethnography at the Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador. They presented on their work and led a series of interactive, participatory meetings and events that seeded exciting conversations about ethics and experimental ethnographic forms.

Finally, we welcomed Professor **Agustín Fuentes**, Princeton University, to deliver this year's **Armelagos Lecture**. His talk, entitled, "It's Biocultural all the way down: anthropological dynamics of human evolution" was co-hosted and co-sponsored by the department's graduate student-run Facets of Evolution Series. It was well attended, by faculty, including emeriti faculty, graduate and undergraduate students - so well attended, in fact, that arrangements had to be made for additional seating.

The Mutual Aid Project

Established in 2022 by Lecturer **Boone Shear** and other partners across campus, the Mutual Aid Project (MAP) at UMass "explores and instantiates mutual aid on campus and beyond." A significant initiative for the MAP has been holding a periodic "Thing Swap". Taking place in Goodell Hall, it has been quite a success. The slogan "take what you need and leave what you don't" encapsulates the spirit of mutual support that abounds. Those participating have also shared knowledge and skillsets through activities like knitting shares and language shares. Learn more and follow the UMass Mutual Aid Project on Instagram, @TheMutualAidProject, and on Facebook, "UMass Mutual Aid Project".



The Ethnography Collective

The Ethnography Collective had another strong year of supporting and developing ethnographic writing and researching skills. The Collective funded three graduate student-led groups focusing on digital ethnography, ethnographic writing group, and a general working group. To follow updates from the Ethnography Collective: <https://www.umass.edu/social-sciences/academics/ethnographic-research/ethnography-collective>

Racial Justice Collective

Housed within the Anthropology Department, the Racial Justice Collective grew from a departmental anti-racism reading group led by Associate Professor **Amanda Walker Johnson** in the fall of 2020. It is now a thriving and fluid community meeting bi-weekly to discuss racial injustice in its many forms at the department, university, and societal levels. Part of the RJC's mission is to hold space for caring conversations from which to untangle the white supremacist, colonial, and carceral logics that infiltrate our daily lives in and out of the university, and the ways we may re/produce those logics.

The RJC's focus this year has been transformative justice, and they have served as a resource to support crucial department work, including our Classroom Equity Action Plan for the university's Provost. They have also spearheaded the design and implementation of a self-study to gauge the current racial climate in the department. One of the RJC's members, **Teniel Rhiney**, notes, "Having this space in our department is valuable to me not just as a person of color but also as a student... [it] offers a safe space to facilitate conversations regarding race, racism and discrimination outside the classroom. This platform provides a space to build solidarity, share my experiences as well as to learn from the experiences of others." In addition to gathering and sharing critical information, the RJC aims to build stronger relationships to enable difficult conversations about racism and move towards racial justice.



Other Department Merriment

The department organized several celebratory events to remind us all to slow down and have a good bit of fun. We kicked off the academic year with a fantastic meeting and picnic lunch on the lawn. Faculty, staff, students and their family members were all welcome to participate in pumpkin carving during a Halloween party, as well as enjoy a bit of midday ice skating before spring break. And some of our classes took to the lawn for fantastic activities such as "Smashing the Plate-riachy" with Assistant Professor **Achsa Dorsey** and the students of her Anthro 415 course, where after a critical discussion on how white supremacist, capitalist, patriarchal values are reflected in and on our bodies, they were invited to write their frustrations on dinner plates and smash them.

Pumpkin carving, left to right: Julie Hemment, Pete Rulu, Eamonn Aulino Moore, Catie Kitrinos, Fu-Yu Chang, Nick Caverly, Abby Thomsen, Anthro family member.



Ice skating, Left to right: Boone Shear, Fu-Yu Chang, Betsy Krause and Seth Dornish



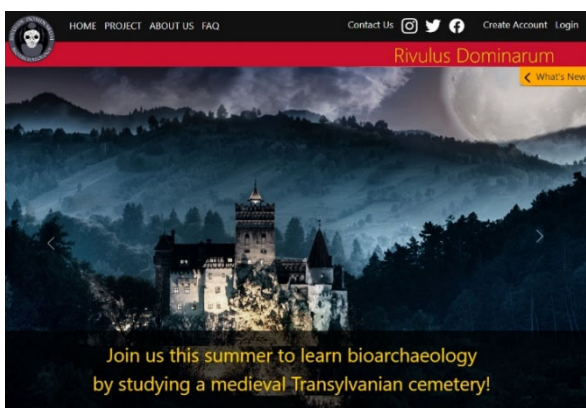
The undergrads of Anthro 415 "Smashing the Plate-riachy"

Our graduate students continue to excel, conducting cutting-edge research, building community and global solidarity, and bringing anthropology and anthropological discussions into the public sphere.

Castriela Hernández-Reyes, pictured at right, was interviewed by CNN en Español's Ilse Borrero regarding the historic 2022 election in Colombia where, for the first time, there are four Afro Colombian candidates running for the Vice Presidency. The video may be found online at <https://www.cnn.com/videos/spanish/2022/05/27/candidatos-negros-afrodescendientes-colombia-elecciones-vicepresidencia-ilse-borrero-cafe-cnn-pkg.cnn>



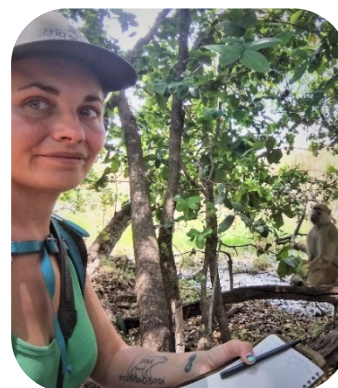
Eleanor Finley has been working with the Solidarity Research Center and Los Angeles for All to develop an organizer training and learning series on municipalism. Her 2017 essay, "The New Municipal Movements," is being translated to German for publication in *Espero*. You can read her essay at: <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2017-08-04/new-municipal-movements/>. She has also been invited to join George Mason University's Center for Social Science Research as an Affiliate Faculty Member for their Next Systems Studies Program.



Founder **Priscilla Mollard** and co-director **Adam Zimmer** inaugurated their first session of Rivulus Dominarum Bioarchaeology's Transylvanian Laboratory Project during the summer of 2022 in Baia Mare, Romania. Their project represents a collaborative, community-engaged biological research project which seeks to analyze and provide legibility to the Piața Cetății skeletal collection. This collection, excavated as part of a salvage project started in 2012, consists of over 800 individual burials from the 14th through 17th centuries. The Project is now accepting applications for this summer.

Also, check out **Adam Zimmer's** new podcast, "A Story of Icelandic Skulls" from SAPIENS, a story about skull collecting, 20th-century race science, colonial-era Iceland, and a haunted island. Its theme of changing attitudes towards the treatment of human remains is based on research for his dissertation in concert with department alumna Dr. Sarah Hoffman. Links to access the podcast can be found at <https://www.umass.edu/anthro/news/zimmer-reports-wenner-gren-sapiens-public-scholar-training-program>

Amanda Fuchs, pictured at right in the field, recently returned from data collection for her dissertation, titled "The effects of food and water on Kinda baboon movement ecology and gut microbiome diversity," at Kasanka National Park in Zambia.



Justin Helepololei successfully defended his dissertation titled, "The Abolition of Care: An Engaged Ethnography of the Progressive Jail Assemblage," in December 2022. He has received an offer for a tenure-track position at the University of Waterloo in Canada to start in Fall of 2023.

Claudia Morales Ramirez has accepted a tenure track position at Dominican University of California, joining the Narrative Medicine Program in the English Department. Claudia successfully defended her dissertation titled, "The Survivors of the Train: Disability Testimonio an Activism in Migrants with Disabilities," in July 2022.

Catie Kitrinis, pictured at right, and Professor **Jason Kamilar** co-authored an article, “Hair Microbiome Diversity within and across Primate Species,” published in the American Society for Microbiology’s journal



mSystem. Over 150 hair data samples from multiple non-human primates were examined for how hair microbiome differs between human and nonhuman primates. The researchers write, “The evolution of reduced body hair and the increase in eccrine gland density in the human lineage has likely played a major role in differentiating the human skin and hair microbiome from that of other primates.” Read more at <https://www.massachusetts.edu/news/new-study-umass-amherst-researchers-examines-microbiome-diversity-across-primate-species>

Sharonee Dasgupta co-presented a paper, “Negotiating boundaries, resisting marginality: Reflections from Delhi’s resettlement colonies,” at an online workshop on Remaking Cities and Margins through Peripheral resettlement in India. She authored a chapter titled “Folklore as Protest” as part of a newly launched Master’s degree Program in Folklore and Culture Studies at Indira Gandhi National Open University, the largest Indian open university. And, she co-hosted a podcast interview with Ratan Kumar Roy, an anthropologist and professor at BRAC University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, regarding his new book for CaMP Anthropology Blog. Listen to the podcast at <https://campanthropology.org/2022/10/10/ratan-kumar-roy-on-his-book-television-in-bangladesh/>

Volha Verbilovich interviewed disability and media scholar Elizabeth Ellcessor for CaMP Anthropology Blog, on the use of media during emergencies, revealing its history and modern use. Read the interview at <https://campanthropology.org/2022/12/12/elizabeth-ellcessor-on-her-book-in-case-of-emergency/>. Volha also joined Professor Sarah Phillips and visiting virtual Scholar Hanna Zaremba-Kosovych for the department’s Distinguished Europeanist event.

DEGREES CONFERRED

MA’s:

Areeg Faisal
Kathleen Crotty

PhD’s:

Ana Del Conde
Claudia Morales
Derek Doughty
Erica Kowsz
Evan Taylor
Justin Helepololei
Vanessa Giraldo-Gartner
Vanessa Miranda Juarez
Ying Li

In anthropology, one must be adaptable and flexible. This was especially true for **Sofiya Shreyer**, who had to shift fieldsites and research focus last spring in the aftermath of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. With the help of her advisor, Professor **Lynnette Leidy Sievert**, she shifted her research focus from the topic of grand-motherhood in Ukraine to the under-studied topic of menopause. As she shared, “It was a difficult shift because it’s so different from my training ... [but] it excited me to work in menopause because it needs to be done.” Sofiya and a research team asked 200 menopausal women about their experiences with hot flashes, night sweats, as well as stress levels and depression. Those interviews underscored the importance of this research, revealing ongoing “frustration from lack of support from doctors, family, their work, etc.” by study participants. “No one has looked at night sweats before. [Prior research] has bunched hot flashes and night sweats together as one,” said Sofiya. Testimony to the importance of this project, Sofiya was interviewed by the online health care news source Healio; she presented their preliminary findings at the 2022 annual meeting of the North American Menopause Society (NAMS).



“This is a promising step toward having a more nuanced understanding of women’s experience with vasomotor symptoms.”

Sofiya I. Shreyer, MA



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Our undergraduate students continue to inspire us with their energies, creativity, and commitment, as well as with their determination to work for social justice and social change. The Anthropology club continues to be an important hub and community of belonging. During their bi-monthly meetings, members talked through academics and course concepts, conceived mentorship opportunities, stayed up to date with each other and the latest in the field, and planned great events like a grad school info night, movie outings, game gatherings, flint knapping, a moonlight hike, and atlatl throwing at a giant cardboard mammoth.

Our Director of Undergraduate Advising, Lecturer **Sarah Reedy** reports that our department will graduate thirty-two students this year. She has shared some fun facts about this graduating class. One third of the students are double majors. Several students have completed a semester abroad to foreign countries. Several others are on the pre-medical school track. And, many have completed departmental internships, field schools, and/or research with our faculty.

"They are active, work hard, participate in research, and represent our department wonderfully," said Sarah of our undergrads. "We are so proud of their drive to make the best of their undergraduate career, especially in the face of COVID-19 related shutdowns and abrupt transitions to remote learning... [then] re-learning how to thrive on campus."

Retired Lecturer **Eric Johnson** stayed on with us for this academic year as our undergraduate internship coordinator and to continue his on-going work with the department's collections, many of which came from the over seven-hundred projects UMass Archaeological Services undertook between 1985 and 2018. Hosting a record-high eighteen interns this academic year, Eric guided them on impactful and varied projects, providing critical experiential opportunities. In addition to moving, organizing, cataloging and digitizing artifacts, records and related documents in the Anthropology Curation Center, the interns also entertained guests - researchers and archaeologists from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Historic Deerfield, and a local archaeological research firm. They also visited that firm and were able to tour the facility and learn more about career opportunities in the field. "It's been a great pleasure," notes Eric, "I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of students."



This page:

Left Photo: Anthro Club movie night. Top, left to right: Providence Ice, Kaylee Maslowski, Katie Lincoln, and Liam Spratt; Bottom, left to right: Bri Fonda, Tara Morgan, and name unknown.

Right Photo: Archaeological Research, Practice, and Methods class conducted a practice excavation in historic Deerfield, marking where the pits would be dug later in the day. Back, Rita Johnson; front left to right: Mikayla Stormo Dolge, name unknown, Katie Lincoln, and Eric Johnson.

Anthropology Club President, **Mikayla Stormo Dolge**, challenged herself to step outside of her comfort zone when students were welcomed back to campus. She took a more active role in the department and the Anthropology Club. She credits the faculty with strengthening her network and “communication with professors.” With a college career marked by the impacts of COVID-19, Mikayla says she “thinks weekly” about Professor **Felicity Aulino’s** course “Approaching Death: Culture, Science, and Experience.” Mikayla received an Anthropology Study Abroad Award in 2022 to pursue a semester of study in Greece, for which she’s been actively involved in ongoing research on the island of Kea in the Aegean Sea.

Kerleene Dorceus found herself faced with the question: “how can I be a good doctor?” As a Pre-Med and Commonwealth Honors College student, Kerleene has used her studies in Anthropology to help shape the physician she hopes to be. “Anthropology teaches ... cultural competency and cultural humility.” She credits Professor **Todd Disotell** and Professor **Whitney Battle-Baptiste** with drawing her to the major and cementing her focus. Anthropology has “necessary conversations” that focus on “things that are real... [pushing] you out of your comfort zone.” Kerleene completed a senior thesis, titled “Rebranding Slavery: Criminalizing abortion as a modern theft of female bodily autonomy” this academic year.

James “Jamie” Macdonald found a home in our department because he saw a place where there was “room” for his perspectives and the exploration of the intersections of law and culture. As an Anthropology and Legal Studies double major and Commonwealth Honors College student, Jamie investigated how laws affect migrants and how they inform and impact our biases and prejudices. He challenged himself in Professor **Elizabeth Krause’s** “Global Bodies” course and produced a digital story titled, “Out – The Injured Athlete;” for which he was awarded a Sylvia Forman Multimodal Award in 2022. He presented his senior thesis titled, “Exploring the Role of Neoliberalism in Imperialism, Immigration, and Free Trade Agreements in Latin America,” this academic year.

Olivia King channeled her passion for studying cultures, politics, and travel into her pursuit of a major in Anthropology and a minor in Political Science. Anthropology is “versatile and you can tailor it to almost any area of interest that you have.” She praises Professor **Tom Leatherman** and his class “Biology of Poverty” as one that prompted her first time visiting a faculty member’s office hours, because “you could tell that he genuinely cared about [students] and what [they] were learning.” Olivia notes warmly that our department is a “tight knit community where nobody gets lost, and nobody gets left behind.”



This page:

Left Photo: some of the Spring 2022 internship crew for the Anthropology Curation Center. Back, left to right: Sylvia Posever, Joanna Rafti, Andrew Sullivan, name unknown, Eric Johnson; Front, left to right: Evelyn Lee, Mikayla Stormo Dolge, Amber Bellou

Right Photo: Mikayla Stormo Dolge in front of the Temple of Nemean Zeus, in Nemea, Greece during a semester abroad made possible by our department Study Abroad Award.

AWARDS & HONORS

On May 10, 2022, the Department held its annual awards ceremony to celebrate the many noteworthy accomplishments and hard work of our students, both graduate and undergraduate. It took place in the newly renovated ballroom of the Student Union, a lofty space which was a perfect venue for the impromptu flash mob that ensued.

Armstrong-Swedlund Dissertation Writing Award:
Peteneinu Rulu

Armstrong-Swedlund Research Awards:
Catie Kittrinos

Art Keene Student Leadership Award:
Quinn Kinney

Dissertation Writing Fellowship:
Claudia Morales

Graduate Travel Award:
Amanda Fuchs, Tabitha Dorshorst, Cagla Ay, Seth Dornisch, Priscilla Mollard, Catherine Kittrinos, Sofiya Shreyer, Castriela Hernandez Reyes, and Volha Verbilovich

Johnnetta Betsch Cole Award:
Cecilia Vasquez

Nat Smith Community Service Award:
Terrell James and Meera Ramakrishnan

Nathalie F.S. Woodbury Distinguished Service Award:
Ame Tsamaase

Oriol Pi-Sunyer Dissertation Prize:
Ana Del Conde and Vanesa Giraldo Gartner

Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award:
Cagla Ay, Eunice Caetano, Tabitha Dorshorst, and Rodrigo Lazo

Summer Undergraduate Internship Award:
Ollie Laliberte, Regan Miller, and Quinn Kinney

Samya Stumo Scholarship:
Ame Tsamaase

Study Abroad Award:
Mikayla Stormo Dolge

Sylvia Forman Graduate Fellowship:
Brie Shaw

Sylvia Forman Writing Prizes:
Azuna Sawada, Jamie Macdonald, and Benjamin Siegel

Worlding Anthropology Award:
Vanessa Miranda Juarez, Claudia Morales and Vanesa Giraldo Gartner



Many of the awards bestowed have been made possible by generous donations from people like you. If you would like more information on how you can make a tax-deductible gift to the department, please see page 21.

*Top row from left: Vanesa Giraldo, Brianna Fonda, Meera Ramakrishnan, Julie Woods, Peteneinu Rulu
Bottom row from left: Mikayla Stormo Dolge, Benjamin Greer, Magnus Popov, Quinn Kinney, Catie Kittrinos*

OTHER HONORS

Many of our graduate students also received external awards and grants this academic year to support their research, predissertation efforts and fieldwork.

Catie Kittrinos' dissertation, currently titled "Bats, baboons, and berries: Microbial transmission at Kasanka National Park," was awarded a research grant by the Leakey Foundation.

Thomas Wilson has been awarded a Graduate School Pre-dissertation Research Grant for travel and research to Duke's Lemur Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Adam Zimmer was chosen as one of just ten SAPIENS Public Scholars Fellows through the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropology for 2022 - 2023.

FACULTY NEWS

Our faculty have had a busy year of research and public outreach, and other accomplishments. Read on to see what they have been up to.

Assistant Professor **Lynnette Arnold** has been selected as one of eight recipients of the Center for Teaching and Learning's 2023-24 Lilly Fellowship for Teaching Excellence. She has been busy writing as well, with a peer-reviewed chapter accepted in forthcoming book *Decolonizing Linguistics*, "From Gatekeeping to Inclusion in the Introductory Linguistics Curriculum: Decolonizing our Teaching, our Psyches, our Institutions, and our Field." She is working on her own book *Communicating Care across Borders: How Separated Salvadoran Families Forge: Intergenerational Survival through Everyday Conversations*. Finally, she co-authored a blog post for the Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA) titled "Strengthening Social Justice Pedagogies: Creating Space(s) for Dialogue" which highlights ideas brought forward at the 2022 SLA Conference regarding pedagogy and its role in "social change work." Read it at <https://www.linguisticanthropology.org/blog/2022/09/08/strengthening-social-justice-pedagogies-creating-spaces-for-dialogue/>.

Provost Professor **Sonya Atalay** and her research team submitted a proposal for a very competitive and prestigious NSF Science and Technology Center Award, which if awarded would net the team \$60 million over five years. Their project, now one of only 10 finalists, proposes to create a Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Science (CBIKS) on campus as well as at eight place-based hub sites across the US, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. The primary focus of research and education for the Center will be climate science, archaeology, and food systems. As they note, "In contrast to the Western approach of academic disciplines existing in their own siloes, Indigenous approaches to research are holistic, with different experts working together in a transdisciplinary way at the intersection of disciplinary boundaries to solve complex problems."

Our Vision



Image Credit: Ora Marek-Martinez

CBIKS | Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Science

2033 after 10 Years of CBIKS

Braiding Indigenous Knowledge & Western Science is at the forefront of scientific inquiry.

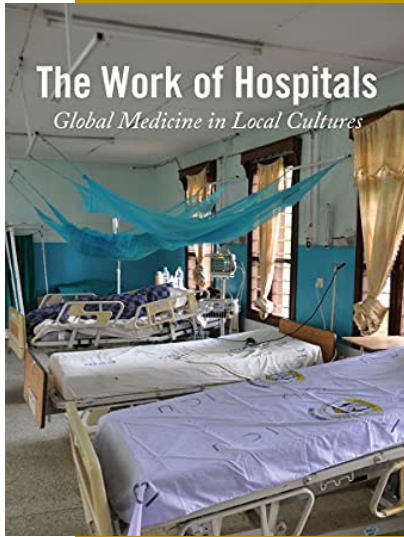
A workforce skilled in conducting and applying braided methodologies, with greater equity in STEM fields.

Improved care of communities, lands, waters, and cultural heritage.

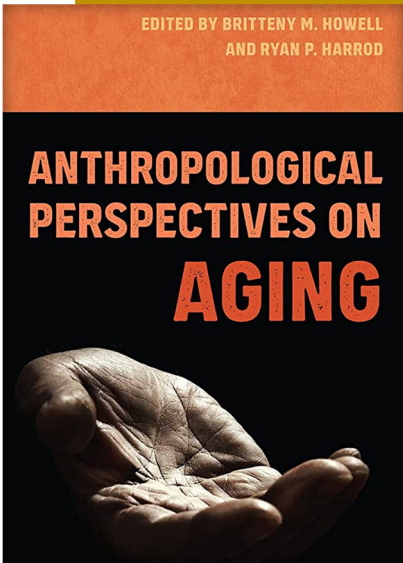


Professor **Whitney Battle-Baptiste**, pictured at left, will assume her position as President of the American Anthropological Association at this year's Annual Meeting in November. She was one of five awardees honored at the African-American Female Professors Association at its 6th Annual Award Ceremony at Bay Path University in October. She also gave the keynote address at the 20th annual Graduates Recognition Event presented by The Women of Color Giving Circle of the Berkshires, the NAACP-Berkshire County Branch, and St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 19 in June.

NEW BOOKS



Professor **Tom Leatherman** wrote a chapter “Critical Biocultural Approaches to Health and Illness” for the *Companion to Medical Anthropology (2nd edition)*. He also published a chapter co-written with the late **Samya Stumo**, Anthropology alumna killed in the 2019 Ethiopian Airlines plane crash. The chapter, “Global Health Goals and Local Constraints in a Rural Peruvian Clinic” appears in *The Work of Hospitals: Global Medicine in Local Cultures*.



Professor **Lynnette Sievert** and grad student **Peteneinu Rulu** wrote a chapter “Menopause: A lifespan perspective with a focus on stress” in *Anthropological Perspectives on Aging*. This volume also featured a chapter co-authored by **Sofiya Shreyer** and **Julie Hemment**, as well as one by **Eric Griffith**.

Adjunct Associate Professor **Pamela Stone** and grad student **Adam Zimmer** wrote a chapter, “Issues of gender, identity, and agency in paleopathology” in *The Handbook of Paleoanthropology*.

A new Russian translation of **Julie Hemment’s** 2007 book *Empowering Women in Russia: Activism, Aid and NGOs* has just been published.



Professor **Krista Harper** has continued her work with the Elevating Equity Values in the Transition of the Energy System (ELEVATE) program in the Energy Transition Institute at UMass Amherst. The ELEVATE program is an interdisciplinary research endeavor to co-create a more just and equitable energy future that “draws upon expertise in a wide range of research fields to ... address resilience and equity in the energy transition.” Among the current cohort of program fellows are anthropology PhD students: **Teniel Rhiney** and **Charlie Sullivan**. To read more about the exciting work that the program fellows and faculty are conducting, visit their website at <https://www.energytransitionumass.org/elevate>.

Krista also teamed up with Assistant Professor **Nick Caverly** and received an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program for their proposal focused on support for marginalized communities in energy transition in the Pioneer Valley. The research team includes Krista, Nick, colleagues from UMass and Northeastern University, and the non-profit Neighbor to Neighbor Holyoke. The award will “support community-based research that places the desires and contexts of low- and moderate-income Holyoke residents at the center of designing the future of renewable energy.”

Associate Professor **Amanda Walker Johnson** was chosen to receive an ADVANCE faculty peer mentoring award from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences this academic year. She is currently working on a book project that focuses on the contributions of Black Francophone women anthropologists.

The Russian language translation of Professor **Julie Hemment's** 2007 book, *Empowering Women in Russia: Activism, Aid and NGOs* was published this year, with a new co-authored introduction and conclusion (with long-time colleague Valentina Uspenskaya). She also published a new article, "Satirical strikes and deadpanning diplomats: Stob as geopolitical performance in Russia-US relations" in *PolAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. In this piece Julie traces how humor became a "political technology" between 2012 and 2020, and asks, "What happens when humor, often approached in interdisciplinary studies as a weapon of the weak, is coopted in the interests of power?" Read the article at <https://doi-org.silk.library.umass.edu/10.1111/plar.12508>.

Jason Kamilar was promoted to full professor by the provost last June. He was also elevated to the position of Director of the Institute for Social Science Research in January of this academic year. Jason continued his busy publishing schedule, co-authoring several articles with other faculty and graduate students, and he continued his role as Editor-in-Chief of *Evolutionary Anthropology*. Check out his publications online at <https://www.kamilarlab.org/publications>.

Professor **Brigitte Holt** also coauthored an article with Jason and alumni **Drew Best**, among others, "Variation in human functional eccrine gland density and its implications for the evolution of human sweating" published in the *American Journal of Biological Anthropology*. Read it at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ajpa.24723>.

Assistant Professor **Achsah Dorsey**, pictured right, has been selected as one of six faculty in the 2023-2024 cohort of Family Research Scholars. Her CRF project, entitled "Intestinal Microbiota and Immune Activation Impacts on Efficacy of Child Iron Supplementation," focuses on how child health and development is shaped by global and local frameworks.



Professor **Elizabeth Krause** concluded her work as a Commonwealth Honors College Terrence Murray Professor this academic year. She and her research team, including Anthropology graduate students **Ying Li** and **Çağla Ay**, completed their report, "Diversity and Discipline: Inspirations and Impediments to Writing an Honors Thesis," based on their ethnographic project with honors students. Additionally, Betsy was invited as the keynote speaker at the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State University to give the talk, "What's Authentic: Uncommon Lessons from Made in Italy." As recipient of an SBS research grant, she traveled to the Wolfskill Experimental Lab near Davis, CA, and the University of California Riverside to conduct archival research on the Ira Condit special collection in support of her book project *The Pedagogy of Figs: Uncommon Lessons for a Sweet Life*. She co-edited a special section in *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies* on "Theorizing Authenticity" in which her article "Authentic Possibilities: Uncommon Lessons from SlowFigs and Fast Fashion" also appears. She was also interviewed by the *Gastronomica* podcast on Heritage Radio Network in March. Read more at <https://online.ucpress.edu/gastronomica/issue/23/1>.



Associate Professor **Ventura Pérez** has been appointed to the Education and Research Partnership Advisory Board established between UMass Chan Medical School and UMass Amherst. Working in collaboration with the UMass Chan Medical School's Division of Translational Anatomy and Anatomical Gift Program, Ventura is helping to address the ethical considerations of legacy skeletal collections on both campuses, instituting a new skeletonization protocol to allow the public to consent to a donation of their skeletal remains for teaching and research. As part of this project **Dawnie Wolfe Steadman**, Director of the Forensic Anthropology Center, Chancellor's Professor and the William M. Bass Professor of Anthropology University of Tennessee

spent two days visiting both campuses as a consultant, and gave a campus wide talk on this critical subject. Her talk featured a welcome speech from the Dean of SBS, **R. Karl Rethemeyer**, pictured above.

Boone Shear was promoted to Senior Lecturer by the Provost last June. Together with colleagues at the UMass Labor Center, STEPEC and the Wellspring Cooperative, he co-organized the "Building Worker Power Conference" during the spring semester. This powerful event brought together activists, scholars and working people to explore "questions and possibilities for working and being in the world beyond instrumental notions of wage-labor, competition, and economic growth; and towards a world rooted in solidarity, cooperation, and care." He has also been busy writing. He and a colleague were asked by Nonprofit Quarterly (NPQ) to adapt their 2022 article, "Fight and build: solidarity economy as ontological politics," for their publication. Read the adapted article at <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/fight-and-build-envisioning-solidarity-economies-as-transformative-politics/>.

BUILDING WORKER POWER THROUGH SOLIDARITY, COOPERATION, AND CARE

**A CONFERENCE FOR ACTIVISTS,
SCHOLARS, AND WORKING PEOPLE**

In this time of economic crisis and ecological collapse, workers of all kinds are organizing to reject the alienation of racial capitalism. This conference explores the deep histories, current happenings, and future possibilities of collaborations between union organizing and worker-owned cooperatives. Please join us to discuss how to advance economic justice and social change in Massachusetts and beyond. Keynote speakers include **Kali Akuno** (Cooperation Jackson) and **Chris Smalls** (Amazon Labor Union).

For more information on registration, panels, and applications to lead workshops visit:
<https://www.buildingworkerpower.com/>

MARCH 24-26 2023
UMASS AMHERST
ORGANIZED BY UMASS LABOR CENTER & WELLSPRING COOPERATIVE

Assistant Professor **Haeden Stewart** and several department alumni were published in the annual volume of the Archaeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association entitled "Contemporary Archaeologies in Old Places: Material Politics Between Past and Future." The volume includes contributions from **Elena Sesma** and **Evan Taylor**, who co-edited the issue, as well as **Marc Lorenc**. Read online at <https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15518248/2022/33/1>

THE INDISPENSABLE STAFF

The staff had another busy year of providing top-notch support to our faculty and students, all while navigating several new systems and university processes. Pictured from left during a staff holiday luncheon: Student employee Hannah Campbell, Department Administrator Beverly Morrison, Chair Julie Hemment, Administrative and Operations Coordinator Danielle Sedelow, Financial Manager Grace Rock, and Academic Programs Manager Shelley Silva. Not pictured, student employee Manoela Kawasaki.



IN MEMORIAM



Professor Emeritus Oriol Pi-Sunyer passed away in April of 2023. Oriol was one of the founding members of the department, whose contributions to UMass as well as to the discipline were deep and wide-ranging. He co-founded the department's European Field Studies Program and taught in the department from 1967 until he retired in 2008. In recent years, we created a dissertation prize in his name that will go to students who undertook research in either Europe or Latin America, where he conducted research over his long career. Those of us who worked or studied with him know he was not only brilliant, but a gentle soul and kind mentor to junior faculty and students alike. His passing is a profound loss to all who knew him.



Professor Emeritus Bob Paynter passed away in April of 2023. Bob was a historical archaeologist who made profound contributions to the department, as well as to the discipline. He received his PhD from UMass in 1980 and taught here until 2015. Bob is best known for his use of critical theory and social activism within his investigation of the past. He made important contributions to the archaeology of capitalism, undertaking extensive historical archaeological research at two important sites - the W.E.B. Du Bois' Home site and Deerfield Village. Those of us who knew him remember him as a tireless, kind and generous mentor and colleague, and he will be deeply missed.



Professor Paul Mullins, whose work was instrumental in chronicling the history of urban displacement in Indianapolis neighborhoods, passed away after a yearlong battle with brain cancer. Paul was a historical archaeologist who received his PhD from this department in 1996. He had a long career at IUPUI where he was Chancellor's Professor. He undertook extensive engaged and collaborative scholarship in Indianapolis, interrogating how race and segregationist policies shaped urban development and the experience of Black communities. He was a respected scholar, teacher and advocate and will be greatly missed.

EMERITI UPDATE

Emeriti Professors **Brooke Thomas** and **Martin Wobst** provided us with this wonderful update after a gathering of retired department faculty this spring. Our department is so fortunate to have benefited from the work they record and reflect on here - and their legacy lives on.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023 the retired Anthropology Faculty met at Ralph Faulkingham's house to reacquaint and catch up since we closed up our offices in Machmer. We had been colleagues and friends for over 30 years, some of us from the very beginning of the department, building together its reputation. In attendance were Ralph Faulkingham, Laurie Godfrey, Al Hudson (who is 92 years young), Don Proulx, Alan Swedlund, Brooke Thomas and Martin Wobst.

We started the gathering with a tribute to colleagues and former graduate students who had passed on, and to those unable to come because of compromised health conditions. Beyond a formality, these were/are people who had walked the trail with us and to whom we had bonded in important ways. We next explored why our shared experience had been so positive, so successful. And, undoubtedly with some sugar-coating, what it was that kept us together as a cooperative unit when members of so many other anthropology departments seemed to be at each other's throats. We learned that UMass Anthropology was renowned on campus as the Department that hung together. From a former grad student who by self-admission was perpetually critical of the program and took a job at another university, "I never imagined we had it so good."

So, what do we think we did right? Many of the points below came out of Julie Hemment's "History of the Department" seminar in which a number of us spoke. Overall, it seems our positive interactions in and beyond the department and sustained cooperation were the prime factors. Specific attributes contributing to the development of UMass Anthropology follow.

We, as faculty, began in a period of questioning traditional dogma and curriculum. We had a commitment to a Four-Field Anthropology and to addressing world conditions. We were a younger faculty with interests beyond traditional subdiscipline boundaries. We were averse to ranking or a hierarchy, having flexible Chairs and not a Head, avoiding

catering to "superstars." We strove to increase the number of female faculty, endeavoring to hire based on broad expertise with gender and race considerations, and on personal compatibility with the department. We truly backed one another in promotion, salary increases, and student support.

Charismatic faculty and student organizers promoted interaction and cooperation, such as first year student seminar, 701s, and sharing publications. The MegaMemo announced events and congratulations, like frequent parties, Friday evening volleyball games in the Machmer courtyard, along with the Primal Scream in Machmer's hallway, and eventually retirement celebrations. Exciting fieldwork involving heavy student and subfield involvement included the European Program, Romanian studies, Andean Projects, Yucatan Mayan and tourism studies, Connecticut Valley past, Radical Anthro Theory Study Group, UMass Archaeological Services, Deerfield archaeological summer school, community facilitation in the US south and locally, and the Madagascar lemur study and student exchange.

Students were encouraged to participate in all aspects of the department and were treated as colleagues. The revision of traditional student requirements was undertaken, with notable changes such as no "gottcha exams", 53 Easy Steps to Graduate, subfield representation on student graduate committees, ability to switch committee members without recrimination, ample teaching opportunities, and invitations to serve on all administrative committees. We spent considerable time working with students and took seriously their teaching and committee commitments. Cross subfield co-authorships among faculty and students were facilitated. Participation and leadership in AAA in other regional and international anthropology meetings was encouraged for visibility. As a result, our students were

sought after for their broad-based expertise and innovative research, achieving prominent professional positions.

Was all this really possible? Well, we thought it was and worked very hard at it.

Having basked in and commented on these glow points, we moved to what we've been up to since "retirement" or rebirth. Of interest were the different paths we have taken. One member continued with research, becoming more productive in publishing and grant getting. Another cleaned up long overdue manuscripts, and still another locked the office door on anthropology and pursued interests such as travel, volunteering, and family activities. One founded an online news service, others consulted, and volunteered in civic affairs and worthy non-profits. Closer attention to family and to observe the little details in life seemed to affect most of us. Clearly the intensity of teaching, service and research had delivered its toll (feeding those dreaded FCRs), but most admitted we had a fulfilling professional life, forming lasting friendships. Anthropology had given us a wonderful perspective on life.

As we adjourned, we agreed to meet again soon and include former graduate students from the area. After the gathering some commented:

"It really did bring the unique culture of our department to light. It was a fabulous work environment. I guess I never fully appreciated how "abnormal" we were!"

"Thanks to all who attended today. It really lifted my spirits to see all of you and hear about all of the important things that are occupying your lives. It was wonderful to reminisce, honor the memory of those who are no longer with us, share some time together, and to celebrate the special departmental culture that we helped to create."

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Thomas and Martin Wobst

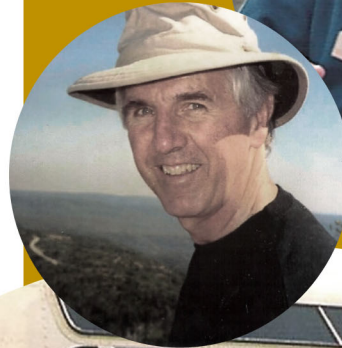
We combed our department photo archive to find these fantastic photos from yesteryear.

Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Brooke Thomas & Martin Wobst



**Brooke Thomas &
Laurie Godfrey**

**Ralph
Faulkingham**



**UMass Grad Students with
Alan Swedlund
(front right)**



OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT ANTHROPOLOGY

We are so grateful to our amazing donors, some of whom went above and beyond to establish additional funds to support our programs and students. Contributions of any size may be made to support any of these great funds, or our general fund to be allocated where the need for funding is greatest. Your gift can make a huge difference!

Learn more and make a gift of your support by visiting us online at www.umass.edu/anthro/giving-opportunities.

Armelagos-Swedlund Medical Anthropology Fund

This fund was established and named after two Professors Emeriti, George Armelagos and Alan Swedlund for their key role in training a generation of biological and medical anthropologists. The fund awards research presented at professional meetings or other formal venues. For a third year, the fund has also been able to sponsor an additional graduate dissertation writing fellowship award. Award priority is given to research topics in medical anthropology, but related topics in biocultural and biological anthropology are also considered.

Johnnetta Betsch Cole Award for Engaged Public Scholarship

This new award recognizes a graduate student who has deeply integrated rigorous scholarship and a commitment to inclusive social justice, in a manner that reflects the values and contributions exemplified by Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole across her distinguished career. These values include relentless intellectual curiosity about power and difference; respectful engagement with communities outside the academy; and, a dedication to making research and scholarship accessible to diverse public audiences, with an emphasis on persons and communities that have been historically marginalized.

“Worlding Anthropology” Award

This new award recognizes the contributions that graduate students are making in building a more inclusive anthropology that honors diversity in language, knowledge practices, and forms of theory. It is inspired by the legacies of former faculty in the department including Emiliana Cruz and Arturo Escobar, whose work has enriched the breadth of anthropology within the department and beyond. Recognized work will include, but not be limited to projects such as, papers written or presented in a language other than English, papers drawing on and thinking with theories emerging from the global South and diasporic communities, papers engaging with indigenous languages, epistemologies, and ethical orientations, work written or presented in English by those for whom it is not a first language.

University Alliance for Community Transformation (UACT)

The UACT organization, part of the Department of Anthropology, is dedicated to building capacity for diverse, community-based social justice work. The “Alternate Spring Break” moniker stems from the core UACT course, Grassroots Community Organizing, a five-credit advanced Anthropology course which takes place each Spring Semester and involves fieldwork during Spring Break.

Samya Rose Stumo Scholarship

Founded in memory of Samya Rose Stumo ('15, Anthropology/ Spanish BA, CHS Certificate), this award recognizes commitments to promoting health and wellbeing around the world, particularly with and for groups who have historically been marginalized and underserved, especially seeking to support young women passionate about improving the wellbeing of those in greatest need and who themselves are in financial need. The scholarship is aimed to help support educational and career goals by providing support for a specific project and/or training opportunity, and/or in recognition of accomplishments that demonstrate efforts improving health equity or advancing people-centered engagement for wellbeing.

Sylvia Forman Graduate Fellowship

Professor Sylvia Forman, former Chair of our department, established this fund shortly before her death in 1992. It was her wish that our department attract people into the discipline as practitioners from communities that have traditionally been the subjects of anthropological inquiry. In establishing the Fund, Sylvia Forman aimed in one small but significant way to redirect anthropology away from its Western and colonial roots and foster its transformation into a discipline with a truly global understanding of the human condition.

Undergraduate Study Abroad & Internships

The Department awards many Study Abroad and Travel Scholarships to help fund student research opportunities. These awards help provide hands-on experience with research and fieldwork. Internships and study abroad are some of the more life changing events for our students. Your donations will enable more of our majors to take advantage of these opportunities.

Pi-Sunyer Dissertation Prize

Established in 2017, the Pi-Sunyer Prize was named after Professor Emeritus Oriol Pi-Sunyer in recognition of his many years of mentoring graduate students. Oriol taught from 1967 to 2008, co-founded the European Field Studies Program, and conducted research in both Europe and Mexico. The prize honors his legacy of mentoring and excellence in dissertation research. Gifts towards this prize reward a student with an outstanding dissertation in Europe or the Americas.

Anthropology Department General Gift Fund

You can help us fund summer fieldwork, improve our teaching and research laboratory spaces, and more through your tax-deductible gift to Department of Anthropology's General Fund. Your gifts to the General Fund make it possible for us to allocate your contribution where we need it most, from travel awards to state-of-the-art labs.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Many generous individuals have contributed to the department and our programs over the past year. It is with sincere appreciation that we recognize you! If we have accidentally missed you, please contact us so we can add your name to our next publication.

GENEROUS GIFTS

Alan Goodman
Alfred & Judith Hudson
Allen Marshall
Andrea Price
Barbara & Douglas Bartlett
Bonnie Gustav-Golub
Cal Inguanti
Carol Coan & David Nixon
Castriela Hernandez
Catherine Tucker
Charlene Reed-Mundell
Claire & Daniel Gold
Claire Nader
Clifton Lawson
Craig & Nancy Goff
Dana Dorman
David & Barbara Lacy
Deborah & Stephen Averill
Deborah Fournier
Dennis & Kristine Malkowski
Dennis Quaintance
Denzil McKenzie
Diane Harnell Cohen
Dianne Harris
Donna & Lloyd Wolenccheck
Ed Liebow
Edith & Michael Germano
Edith & Scott Blackney
Edward Rodley
Elizabeth Krause & William Brashear
Elizabeth Mansfield
Ellen Frank
Eric Johnson & Marguerite Reinke
Frank Argersinger
Gabriela Quijano-Seda

Gary Welterlen
Glenda Price
Gregory Sleet
Gretchen & Daniel Pineo
Heidi & Jason Bauer-Clapp
Henry Walz
Jacqueline Brown
James Moore
Jason Kamilar
Jesse Dietrick
Johanna Bliss
John Gibbons
Judith Taylor
Julie Hemment
Julie Woods
Kabir Prabhu Thatte
Katharine Fernstrom
Keith Maxwell
Kenneth Baker
Kenneth Jacobson
Krista Harper
Lee Baker
Lesley Rankin-Hill
Leslie Traub
Lynda Gray
Lynnette Arnold
Marea Wexler
Mariet Westermann & Charles Pardoe
Marta Calas
Martha Whyte
Matthew Levine
Michael Fuchs
Michaela Koller
Nathalie McCormick
Nathaniel Smith

OUTSTANDING GIFTS OF \$1000 OR GREATER

Alan Swedlund	Ann Magennis
Anonymous Donor	Arthur & Maura Keene
Charlotte & John Collier	Jerome Rose
John & Helen Jarman Family Foundation	
Marjorie Aelion & Thomas Leatherman	
Megan Donnelly	Pamela Stone
Phillip Katz	Ronda Stryker

Nicole Larcy
Peggy Gerow
Peteneinuo Rulu
Ralph & Linda Faulkingham
Sara Gutierrez
Shai Cohen
Sharon Manning
Sharryn Kasmir
Sheila Keene
Shelley Silva
Stephen King & Meg Gage
Stephen Palmer
Suzanne Owen &
Christopher Deangelis
Thomas Marceau
Tilman Freitag
Todd Fuller & Susan Campbell
Urgyen Joshi
Wade Tarzia
William Kaschak

LEARN MORE AND MAKE A GIFT OF YOUR SUPPORT BY VISITING US ONLINE:

WWW.UMASS.EDU/ANTHRO/GIVING-OPPORTUNITIES

THANK YOU!

UMassAmherst

The Commonwealth's Flagship Campus

Anthropology Department
217 Machmer Hall
240 Hicks Way
Amherst, MA 01003

NON PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
AMHERST MA
PERMIT NO. 2



This fantastic photo collage featuring some memorable moments from our celebrations to close the 2022 academic year was created by one of the department's main office student assistants, Hannah Campbell.