

# Anthropology in Higher Education

## About me

As a non-traditional student & mother, I earned my degrees online while working full-time. After receiving my Bachelor's, I had hopes to work in wildlife conservation. However, in my first year of grad school life changed when my sons' school had a mass school shooting. Since then, I've looked for ways to improve the life of communities & students.

- B.S. in Environmental Science from APUS at age 34
- M.S. in Applied Anthropology from UNT at age 31
- Was a non-traditional & online student
- Work at Sam Houston State University as a researcher
- Mother of two, one in college & one in the army



## Current Job

I currently work for Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas as a Research Associate for SHSU Online.



## How I use Anthropology

I use anthropological skills in nearly everything I do at SHSU from quantitative & qualitative data collection to multicultural sensitivity & collaboration. These are a few of my duties:

- Research & Evaluation of online learning
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) support
- Accessibility research
- Employee engagement coordination
- Student worker management
- Academic publishing
- Digital media creation
- Digital Education Summit Chair/Organizer



## Previous Jobs

- Program Manager for an environmental non-profit, Greens Bayou Coalition
- Executive Director for Keep Santa Fe Beautiful
- Instructional Assistant at UNT
- Community Engagement Specialist for the Santa Fe Resiliency Center
- Researcher for Texas A & M, Sprig, and Sam Houston State



## Why UNT Anthropology?

Whether you pursue a degree online or face-to-face, the UNT anthropology department strives to create inclusion & belonging. At North Texas, you will develop new skills, expand your perspectives, & be enriched in university culture & traditions.

- Quality education from a tier 1 research school
- Faculty expertise, support, & compassion
- Lifelong friendships & networking opportunities
- Alumni support with mentoring & career guidance
- Opportunities for research, fieldwork, & teaching
- Engagement with diverse communities
- Volunteer & service opportunities



## Transferable Skills

Regardless of where you are on your anthropological academic journey, many of the skills you have learned here at UNT will be transferable to a career in higher education.

- Ethnography & fieldwork
- Cultural sensitivity, interpretation, advocacy
- Research design and methods
- Qualitative data analysis
- Intercultural communication
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Writing and publishing
- Public speaking and presentations

## Higher Ed Job Titles

- Qualitative Researcher
- Institutional Researcher
- Community Engagement Specialist
- Assessment & Accreditation Director
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Specialist
- Academic Advisor
- Instructional Designer
- Development Officer
- Director of Multicultural Affairs
- Marketing & Communications Dir.
- Professor & more

