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Welcome Students!

By Lucille Gradillas

Welcome to the ninth edition of the Anthro-Spective newsletter. We are already more than halfway through the Spring semester. This past semester afforded us a lot of space to grow, both personally and academically. In February, we came together to get through a winter storm to attend classes and show up for one another. We have survived the Winter and now can look towards the blossoms of Spring. As a department, we have done a lot this semester. Whether it was attending a Field Notes conversation, or chilling in the lounge, it was great to see new and familiar faces. Let's finish this semester strong. "Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." – Carl Bard. I hope you have as much fun reading this edition of Anthro-Spective as it was to make. It was awesome collaborating with so many people in the department to bring you this amazing newsletter. Happy reading!

COMING UP SOON

Anthropology Expo: 4/13

CHARN Fund-Invited Global Speaker, Dr. Barbara Cruz (multiple engagements in April).

BIPOC Collective lunch with Dr. Barbara Cruz: 4/7

(Students interested in joining BIPOC should email: anth-bipoc@unt.edu)

URF Application Deadline: 6/15

Withdrawal deadline: 4/7

Registration Period: 3/20-5/12

SfAA Conference: 3/28-4/1

La Raza Ceremony (4/29)

(R.S.V.P. is required- check out the QR code!)



KUDOS TO



Dr. Narahara, who presented in the In-CLASS Distinguished Faculty Panel, Embodied Heritage



Dr. Wren won the UNT Adjunct Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, an award for a part-time faculty member that exemplifies the highest quality for the teaching and mentorship of students.

Dr Andrew Nelson and journalist Rob Curran released their book "Journey without End: Migration from the Global South through the Americas"

Professor Nelson won an award for excellence in advising in the NACADA Region 7 Awards

Special Envoy Introduction

Hey, everyone!

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Zachary Prater, and I am serving as the department's Special Envoy for the Spring '23 semester! Part of what I do is assist Lucille with their ambassador duties, and in addition I collaborate with Paola—our student-faculty liaison—on various other initiatives around the department. Thus far, it has been a highly rewarding experience to take on a role of leadership in the department. I feel like it has given me the opportunity not only to strengthen the bonds I have formed over the last year since coming into the department, but also to create new bonds with people both within as well as outside of our department.



I am a first generation, non-traditional student, and I transferred to UNT from Tyler, TX in order to pursue my degree in creative writing; however, I made the decision after my first semester to change majors to anthropology. While I still enjoy creative writing, I believe that anthropology gives me something substantial to write about and informs my creative process in unique ways. Further, I discovered that I really enjoy academic writing and research in addition to creative endeavors.

I am always hanging out in Lefty's Lounge, so please feel free to come say hello!



Welcome to anthFM, UNT's official anthropology podcast! Our goal with anthFM is to create a space where we can discuss different topics from an anthropological point of view in a way that is fun, engaging, and informative, but also accessible to those within as well as outside of the discipline. Tune in now and in the future to stay up to date on all things anthropology!

Listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, and more!

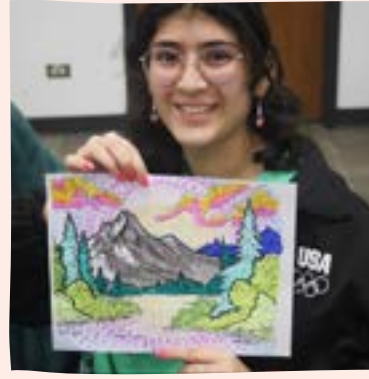


Check out the anthFMwebsite!



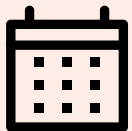
If you have any ideas or suggestions for episode topics, email us at ANTHPodcast@unt.edu

Undergraduate Anthropology Student Association



This semester has had a lot in store for UASA! Members joined us in

- Jackbox Game Nights
- Sugar Cookie Decorating
- Bob Ross Crafts Night
- CLASS Student Org Fair Tabling
- Clothes Swap
- Bead Buddy Keychain Making



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EVENT
4/5/23, 5PM SYCAMORE 119!



Meet the Officers!



PRESIDENT

Ellen Christensen



TREASURER

Aneka Eastman



SECRETARY

Ciara Hendricks



**OUTREACH
COORDINATOR**

Ally Rehmani

Interested in
getting involved?
Fill out this QR
code!



DEPARTMENT OF
ANTHROPOLOGY

APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY EXPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH 2023

Poster Session, Come and Go!

2pm-4pm, Union 333

Careers Panel

4:00-5:30 pm, Union 385 & Zoom

**Meet with UNT Applied Anthropologist Alumni!
Learn a variety of job fields and opportunities!
See how anthropology is used in Alumni's work!**

EXTRA CREDIT:

Students can receive extra credit for attending the Applied Anthropology Expo. Please check with your anthropology faculty for how to get credit.

THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE! WIN PRIZES!



EXPLORING

internship opportunities

Hi there!

Student-faculty liaison, Paola, here to give you a few tips about navigating internships while in college.

Internships can be a great opportunity for you to gain some experience in the field, grow your cv or resume, and possibly land a job after college.

In the summer of 2022 I was an intern in the National Park Service through Environment for the Americas and the Latino Heritage Internship Program. I spent the summer living in Austin, and working for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.

This internship gave me the opportunity to do field work, apply methodology, conduct qualitative research, and I even got to travel to Washington D.C. for a week and give a presentation about my work in the Department of Interior.

Below are some tips that I've put together to help those interested in finding internship opportunities.



Me with the director of The National Park Service, Charles F. "Chuck" Sams III



In front of the Washington Monument



Me and fellow UNT alum, Kristian Enbysk, in front of his poster presentation in D.C.



LHIP interns with an Univision reporter outside of the National Museum of the American Latino



With fellow LHIP interns, Cassie, Sophia, and Leslie on the roof patio of the Department of the Interior Building



Tabling at the San Antonio Mission San Juan during Latino Conservation week

Join extracurriculars

I found out about this internship opportunity through a member of the Hispanic Student Association on campus. Joining other clubs and extracurriculars is a great networking opportunity. You'll never know what amazing friendships and memories you'll build if you never venture out!

Do your research

There are countless internship opportunities available for college students and recent grads. Look up organizations that you're interested in, check out their websites for opportunities, and follow them on social media. You can even try reaching out to someone through email and inquiring about possible opportunities. Just make sure to be professional and courteous!

Be confident!

Think you're not qualified enough or think you don't have enough experience? That's what most internships try to provide! If you're passionate about the position and interested in the organization's mission, that goes a long way. So, go ahead and apply for that amazing position, do your homework, and nail the interview!

Get school credit

Check with your advisor to see if your internship opportunity, paid or unpaid, qualifies for school credit. It's a great way to get some extra hours and can help lighten your school load.

I hope these tips help you navigate internships and better your college experience. As always, if you have any questions or want to chat, just send me an email at anth-liaison@unt.edu

Bye!

How to have a great conversation at a conference

YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO NETWORK!



COME PREPARED

Have a clear goal in mind along with some conversation starters ready and maybe even an elevator pitch.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF WITH CONFIDENCE

relevant

Be sure to smile and ask people questions about themselves. Maybe exchange business cards.



PRACTICE ACTIVE LISTENING

Show that you're engaged and understand by paraphrasing the other person's statement or by asking follow up questions.

WRITE NOTES AFTER EVERY MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION

Nothing formal, just a few quick sentences about that person and what you talked about.

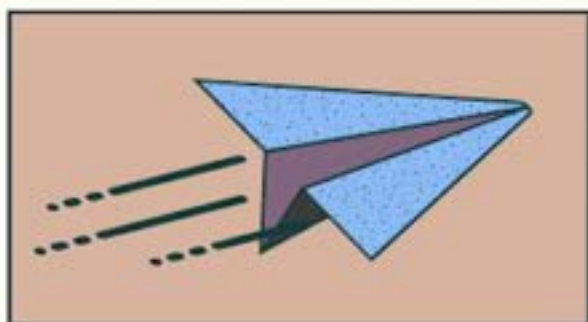


ASK ABOUT THINGS YOU'RE GRAPPLING WITH YOURSELF

This is a great opportunity to learn from people who have more experience than you or different perspectives.

EXIT GRACEFULLY

Be polite and show you were engaged. Maybe ask them to let you know how a project goes, etc.



FOLLOW UP EVERYTIME

Send a personalized email or LinkedIn message within 24 hours to show you're interested in keeping in touch. After, you can occasionally reach out via email, socials, and/or meet ups.

NETWORKING IS JUST ANOTHER WAY OF BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Like all relationships, it takes time and practice to build strong and meaningful professional connections. Be open to the experience, even if it goes nowhere. Also, don't forget to take the time to develop your existing relationships!

Undergraduate Research Fellows

CURRENT ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENTS DOING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROJECTS:

Zachary Prater

With my URF research, I am seeking to gain a better understanding of the LGBT+ experience and how other axes of identity influence our ability to navigate the healthcare system here in Texas. By analyzing survey data through an intersectional lens, I hope to bring attention to areas which often are minimized through the process of homogenization in healthcare access conversations in order to gain a more holistic view of the LGBT+ experience.



Tyler Kruger

My URF project is aimed at analyzing how LGBTQIA+ Christians navigate their identities and these respective spaces. I'm using a survey designed to conceptualize how queer Christians understand their religious beliefs and



sexuality in tangent, as well as recording their involvement in the church and with other LGBTQIA+ identified people. The goal of this research is to problematize the common narrative that suggests that queer identities and Christianity are mutually exclusive.



Interested in learning more about the URF? Follow the QR code above!!

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