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Welcome Students

By Ally Rehmani

Hello, as we are in the middle of the semester we have all gotten to know each other more and form a sense of community. I really appreciate us coming together in our studies and further forming these bonds throughout our academic journeys

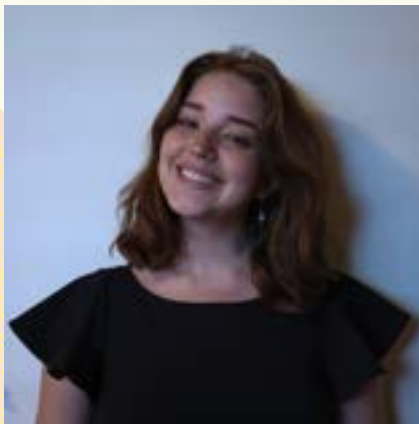
If you want to know more of what to do with Anthropology then Check out the Anthropology Career Readiness Network

<https://anthrocareerready.net/>

2023-2024 Student Leader Introduction

Hello! I am Hannah Rafferty and I am one of the Student Ambassadors for this year! As ambassadors, we are here to help you with any needs you have regarding the anthropology department, opportunities, or even your future!

If you have any questions at all, email me at hannahrafferty@my.unt.edu or anth-ambassador@unt.edu



Hannah Rafferty

Hello I am Ally, representing a new role for the department. My role being the Undergraduate Community Coordinator or UCC for short. My role hopes to bring the Anthro community even closer together. If you want to get further involved with the department email me at anth-ucc@unt.edu



Ally Rehmani

My name is Ciara Hendricks and I am one of your Student Ambassadors! Our job is to ensure that you get all the information you need to begin and continue your journey with us!

I became an Ambassador because I love talking to people and wanted to be a friendly face representing the department. Email me at CiaraHendricks@my.unt.edu



Ciara Hendricks

Hi! I'm Ellen, the Student Faculty Liaison! It's my job to bridge the Undergrads and the Faculty! If you ever have questions, comments, or concerns about classes, materials, or anything departmentally related please reach out to me at ellenchristensen@my.unt.edu!



Ellen Christensen

BIPOC Initiative



Laurie Kone



Lucille Gradillas

The BIPOC Collective is a student led, departmentally recognized initiative aiming to exemplify Anthropology BIPOC voices for students interested in speaking or listening about the BIPOC experience. It is a dedicated, student-created, space that invites all students, regardless of racial or ethnic self-identification, to volunteer their interests in supporting a community focused on "being better together" in line with UNT's mission as a designated HSI and MSI serving institution.



Email anth-BIPOC@unt.edu for more info

Undergraduate Anthropology

Student Association

The Officers!

President



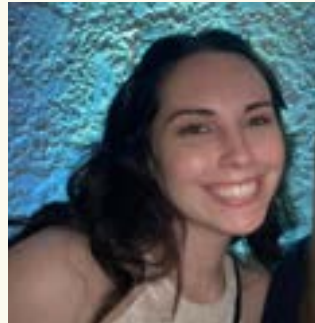
Anneka Eastman

Treasurer



Faith Sandstrum

Secretary



Amelia Collins

Outreach Coordinator



Lucille Gradillas



So far we have had Study halls, Board Game Night,

and even Bead Bracelet Making Night

UASA Events are BiWeekly on Thursdays

Please come they are a lot of fun!!!!!!

Undergrad Column

An Unexpected Opportunity

By Amelia Collins

Over the summer of 2023, I was lucky enough to participate in an archeological field school through Wichita state University. This experience in itself was something I never considered as an option for myself, but once it was presented I figured why not try it out. After finishing the field school I realized just how amazing the experience was and wanted to encourage other students to explore avenues they may not have considered before, but I had no idea how to do this other than in person networking at UNT. As the Fall semester was rolling around, another unexpected opportunity presented itself, the chance for students to contribute to the NAPA Notes August blog. The National Association for the Practice of Anthropology has a Blog series called NAPA Notes in which they search for applied anthropologists and anthropology students to contribute their experiences and research. Dr Johnson and Dr Henry had sent out an email to students who had participated in an ANTH/Arch field school that would want to write about their experience.



It was such an exciting moment in itself to have taken part in the field school, but to get the opportunity to talk about it on a public platform was so incredible. The process was straightforward and my contact was extremely kind and encouraging during the rough draft process. After submitting my contribution to the publication, the link was released and the support was incredible. It was an amazing moment to have my writing and experience published in a public forum for fellow anthropologists and anthropology students. I recommend to all students out there, take up those unique and unexpected opportunities as they present themselves. You never know where an experience can lead you, and a publication could be at the other end of that opportunity

Alumni Profile

Lisa's Girls

By Mia Rogers

Who we are

Girls and women of color make up a large portion of the U.S. population, yet a lack of reflection of such cultural diversity in tangible roles of leadership remains to be a common experience. My mother, Lisa, dedicated her life to embodying what a leader should be. Leadership is authenticity. It is fostering community. It is constantly striving to be a better person both professionally and personally.



My sisters and I created Lisa's Girls as a 501c3 after our mother's passing to help bridge this gap. Through Lisa's Girls we work to enhance the agency of BIPOC girls and women in reshaping what leadership looks like, creating intergenerational change towards empowering, culturally diverse spaces.



What we do

From ages 10 to past the age of 70, Lisa's Girls mobilizes skills, resources and tools to provide BIPOC girls and women opportunities to further their life skills and leadership abilities. After completing a series of workshop lessons, in collaboration with a multitude of BIPOC professionals from different facets of life, each participant receives and becomes a mentor. This process helps each participant become the best version of themselves while establishing the impactful relationships necessary to create the inclusive and culturally appreciative world we aim to build for the future.

-Link to our website: <https://www.lisagirls.com/>

Putting Anthropology to Work

My time at UNT allowed me to develop a strong foundation towards navigating qualitative research and relationships to create a broader impact on my community. From crafting surveys to participant observation in workshops, anthropology has provided me the framework to listen and actively address the intersectional needs of my community as Lisa's Girls continues to grow. In doing so, we will continue to hold our five core values (leadership and representation, intersectionality, education and skills development, health and wellbeing, and cultural preservation and recognition) at the center of all the work we do.



Mia Rogers

Co-Founder of Lisa's Girls

<https://anthropology.unt.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-alumni>

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Andrew Nelson



**Associate Professor of
Anthropology and Director of
Graduate Programs**

What classes are you teaching?

Currently:

- **ANTH 3700 Peoples and Cultures of South Asia**
- **ANTH 4021 Development of Anthropological Thought**

Upcoming for Spring 2024:

- **ANTH 4760.100 - Inequality, Social Justice and the City (pictured below on class field trip!)**



Field Notes W/Pramod Acharya: 10/19/23

1st year Masters student Pramod Acharya and Dr. Nelson discussed how anthropology and journalism can inform each other to better understand issues and reach larger audiences. They spoke about the pros and cons of how anthropology and journalism can be combined

Please come to out to more of our Field Notes

Finding Internships in Anthropology

Hi all! Your Student Faculty Liaison, Ellen, here! This summer I had the opportunity to serve as a Youth Leadership Intern at the Alaska Center in Anchorage Alaska, and I wanted to share both what I worked on while there and also talk about what it means to find internships or opportunities that are related to anthropology.

While in Anchorage I created a summer camp program that focused on environmental land stewardship, and engaged with environmental activist work surrounding river restoration and bycatch reduction, as well as clean and solar energies. The program I worked for placed 16 different interns from around the US at different conservation agencies around Alaska.



Learning about life and environmental impacts in tide pool areas in Whittier- found a starfish!

Often times when looking for jobs or internships you will not see the word “anthropology” in the job title! However, many companies may seek people with experience that studying anthropology directly equips you with! Here are some qualifications that my program sought-

- Commitment to racial justice and equity, and understanding of intersections between climate justice and racial justice.**
- Understanding communities, environmental and social justice issues, cultures and history.**
- Outstanding communications, storytelling, and creative skills demonstrated via past work.**

As you can see, the skills that anthropology classes bring can be used in jobs that aren't labeled as seeking an anthropologist! Check out the next page for more information on where to search for internships!

The Denali Mountain Range



1. Check UNT Resources

The Anthropology Department has community internship connections, check out their website under the undergraduate tab for more info!

The UNT Library system subscribes to PIVOT, a funding based higher education resource. In addition to grants, they also list internships, and job openings- that is how I found out about the Ted Smith Internship Program!



Ted Smith Conservation Interns after our week of activist and cultural orientation trainings.



At the Eklutna River investigating salmon return counts while in conversation on how to restore the River facing tensions from the city of Anchorage, the Eklutna Tribe, and Chugach electric companies.

2. Get Involved!

To find a program that works for you, it is important to know what kind of work you have an interest in pursuing! Even if you do not have a ton of experience, internships are there to provide that to you!

To find your interests or talk with other undergrad anthropologists I highly recommend attending BIPOC Initiative meetings, UASA meetings, or seeking to become involved with the graduate mentor program PADAWAN in the future! Plus the connections you make in classes, clubs, and with guest speakers can all lead to internship opportunities!

3. Class Credit?

The Department of Anthropology can consider your Internship completion as class credit! Make sure to talk to your advisor before you begin your internship in order to be considered for this opportunity and have ample time to apply!

Reach out to me!

Navigating the world of internships can be hard! Please reach out to me at ellenchristensen@my.unt.edu with any questions or concerns about acquiring an internship. I would love to hear from you!

<https://anthropology.unt.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-researchinternship-opportunities>



The AYE 25th Anniversary Community Fundraiser, raising miles and donations to fly 20 teens from rural Alaska to Anchorage to design an environmental impact project.