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THE SEMESTERLY NEWSLETTER OF ANTHROPOLOGY MAJORS







### Final Undergrad Words from the UCC

From coming here in Fall 2021 to graduating Spring 2024 has been quite an eventful experience. Watching the Anthropology community grow in the Lefty's Lounge over the course of my time at UNT has been my favorite part. I love seeing how there is always a sense of community even as students come and go. Since the pandemic hit, we have developed a need for community and third places. Newsletters such as this greatly compile the works and activities of our community. I hope in the future the sense of community continues to grow as future UCCs down the line help to continue to foster the growth.-Ally Rehmani

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## **UASA** and **BIPOC**







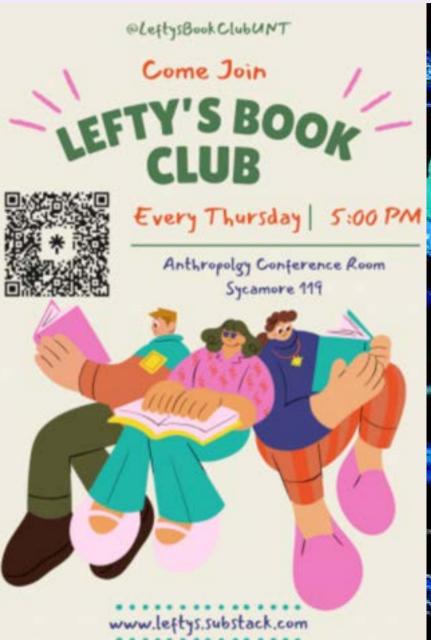


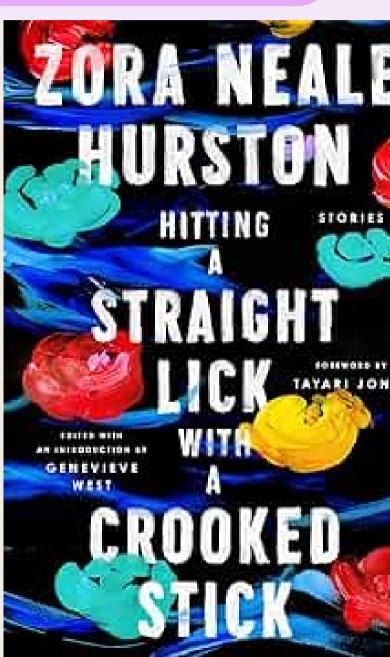
The Undergraduate Student Association and BIPOC continue to deliver unique events. This semester, UASA has given us game nights, suncatcher paintings and custom-made Wordles and Connections. BIPOC hosts movies nights and more to come.



# Lefty's Book Club

UASA and BIPOC aren't the only hosts of undergraduate events, recently some of our undergrads, Leo Vargas and Berkeley Robinson have started the Lefty's Book Club.







The book for April 2024 is Zora Neale Hurston's "Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick"



# COPA FAMIGA



# SFAA Conference 2024





This past week, anthropology students Amelia and Ellen attended the Society for Applied Anthropology conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico!

While there Amelia presented a panel entitled "Talking Trash in Texas". She spoke with other UNT graduate students, and it was a great experience to practice articulating her research. She thanks Dr Jamie Johnson and her Padawan mentor Zachary Prater for the opportunity and support.

Ellen was able to attend panels related to her URF in disaster anthropology.

They both attended the University of North Texas Reception and met and spoke with practicing applied anthropologists and other students. Students also have the opportunity to display their research at the annual poster session, which allowed Amelia and Ellen to speak with other students presenting on their research!

On Friday they attended a grad school fair to learn more about higher education programs in the US- be on the lookout for some of the fliers they brought back with them in Lefty's Lounge!

Overall it was a great experience to see so many anthropologists working in the same space and talking about the directions in which their work, and the discipline, is headed.

We highly encourage students to attend the 2025 SFAA in Portland Oregon. We were both supported by the Raupe Travel Grant which funds up to \$750 for students from UNT to attend conferences.

# Written by Amelia Collins and Ellen Christensen

## Scholars Day

On Scholars Day, April 2nd 2024, these students presented the finished work for their year-long Undergraduate Research Fellowship during a poster session in the Union. We had a wide range of topics from metaphysical objects, to disability healthcare and even snails.



## Undergraduate Research Fellowship Projects

Dr. Andrew Nelson

Ellen Christensen

Dr. Johnson

Amelia Collins

Dr. Karine Narahara

Tarci Lang

Dr. Jara Carrington

Graciela Lyons

Arianna Michaud

Hannah Rafferty

Ciara Hendricks

Dr. Kelsey Lee

Kathryn Mann

Dr. Kimberly Wren

Kaitlyn Reis

From Floods to Fields: Looking to Buyout Lots for Lessons on Spatial Appropriation

Incentives and Barriers to Participation in the UNT Campus Race to Zero Waste

Snail Anthropology: A Multispecies Ethnography

The Role of NAGPRA in Art Mueseums

**ADHD** and Gender: Lived Experiences

Fahrenheit 2024: Censorship, Education, and Immigrant
Youth in Texas

Perceptions of Metaphysical Shops and Objects: A closer Look At Making Value

The Institutional Entity: Conceptualizations and Medicalization of Disability Experiences in Northeast and Central Texas

Attitudes, Opinions, and Implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

#### Do you also want to partake in this opportunity?

The applications for the 2024-2025 URF are open. The deadline is June 20th 2024 which will come sooner than you think. Reach out to a faculty member who aligns with your research interests. You will get class credit and a stipend for the research work. It will also look great on a resume or CV.

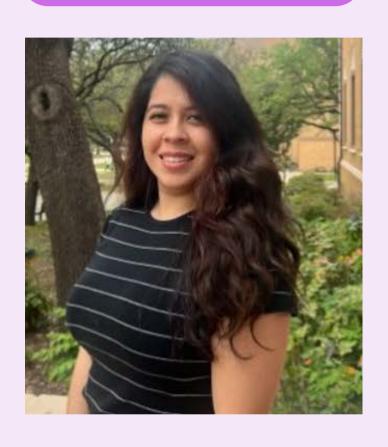
Check out the website for the previous URFs done by students

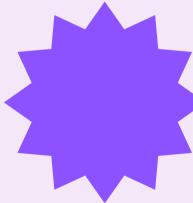
**UNT Anthropology URFs** 

## New Department of Anthropology Staff Member

### Teresa Muro







Meet our new Senior Student and Programs Coordinator



Though the end may be around the corner, the Semester is still not over. Send us pictures of yourselves at Anthropology activities, hangouts, etc. Just scan the QR code. Our Ambassadors have a special surprise for us at the end of the semester.





