

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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The Department of Anthropology offers programs of study and research leading to a PhD in Anthropology. Students admitted to the PhD program may elect to earn an MA en route to their terminal degree. Additionally, a MS in Maritime Archaeology and Conservation is offered as a separate track. Students enrolled within these programs receive training preparing them for professional research and/or teaching careers in academic institutions, governmental agencies, museums or private industry. The department has a well-rounded program in anthropology with offerings in archaeology, biological anthropology and cultural anthropology. The department is particularly noted for its strength and emphasis in the fields of nautical archaeology, the archaeology of the first Americans, archaeological conservation, palynology and paleoethnobotany, behavioral ecology, economic anthropology, globalization, biological anthropology, and zooarchaeology.

Once admitted to the graduate program, students concentrate their academic and research efforts in one or more areas within the Department of Anthropology. The degree plan is prepared by the individual student with the assistance of a faculty advisory committee and the department's academic advisor, and the coursework is kept flexible (within the guidelines of graduate studies) in order to allow students to pursue their individual professional goals. In addition, whenever possible graduate students are encouraged to gain teaching and/or research experience as assistants within the department.

Faculty

Alvard, Michael S, Associate Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of New Mexico, 1993

Anderson, Monya, Instructional Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of Oregon, 2019

Athreya, Sheela, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Washington University in St. Louis, 2003

Bojakowski, Katie, Instructional Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2011

Bojakowski, Piotr, Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2012

Carlson, Deborah N, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of Texas, 2004

Crisman, Kevin J, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of Pennsylvania, 1989

De Ruiter, Darryl J, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, 2001

Dostal, Christopher M, Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2017

Gursky, Sharon, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1997

Hopkins, Allison L, Associate Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of Florida, 2009

Kennedy, Carolyn, Instructional Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2019

Laporte, Catharina M, Instructional Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2013

Lemus Sevilla, Sergio, Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016

Lynch, Darrell W, Lecturer
Anthropology
PHD, University of Tennessee, 2014

Nutor, Benjamin, ACES Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of Texas at Austin, 2021

Perri, Angela, Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Durham University, 2014

Pulak, Cemalettin M, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Texas A&M University, 1996

Sarathi, Akshay, Lecturer
Anthropology
PHD, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020

Thakar, Heather B, Assistant Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2014

Wachsmann, Shelley A, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University, 1991

Waters, Michael R, University Distinguished Professor
Anthropology
PHD, The University of Arizona, 1980

Werner, Cynthia A, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, Indiana University, 1997

Winking, Jeffrey W, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, The University of New Mexico, 2005

Wright, Lori E, Professor
Anthropology
PHD, University of Chicago, 1994

Facilities

Thirteen fully-equipped, modern laboratories help the Department of Anthropology carry out its primary function of teaching and providing research facilities for its staff, students and faculty. Two research centers provide opportunities for graduate students to participate in active research projects around the world. The Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation conducts underwater excavations around the world and conducts research in new conservation methods for waterlogged artifacts. The Center for the Study of the First Americans conducts excavations on the earliest sites in the Americas and their likely precursors in northeast Asia. The department is affiliated with the Institute of Nautical Archaeology which provides support for research projects involving nautical archaeology and maintains research and laboratory facilities in Bodrum, Turkey. The department also boasts a new ancient genetics laboratory, which opened in Fall 2016.

Students also work in collaboration with other campus research centers including the stable isotope lab in Geology, the Center for Chemical Characterization in Chemistry (induced neutron activation analysis and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry with laser ablation), the Electron Microscopy Lab, the GIS and Remote Sensing Lab in Geography, and the Center for Heritage Conservation in Architecture.

Masters

- Master of Arts in Anthropology (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/arts-and-sciences/anthropology/ma/>)
- Master of Science in Maritime Archaeology and Conservation (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/arts-and-sciences/anthropology/maritime-archaeology-conservation-ms/>)

Doctoral

- Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/arts-and-sciences/anthropology/phd/>)

Certificates

- Conservation Training Certificate (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/arts-and-sciences/anthropology/conservation-training-certificate/>)