

# American University, Department of Anthropology

Program Information	
Program Name	American University, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	Potomac River Archaeology Survey, Great Dismal Swamp Landscape Study, The Great Depression Undocumented Labor Project, and Cooperative Education placements in federal agencies and DC-area service-related organizations. Consortium member with George Washington University, Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, Howard University, University of the District of Columbia, the University of Maryland, Gallaudet University, George Mason University, Mount Vernon College, Trinity College, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Approved courses may be taken at these institutions.
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## Program Details

Degrees Offered	PhD with concentrations in cultural/social anthropology and archaeology; MA Public Anthropology; Anthropology BA/MA; BA major
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	Graduate certificate in Public Anthropology, Graduate and Undergraduate certificates in Health Inequity and Care
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> </ul>
BA/ BS Requirements	All university requirements; All general education requirements; 42 credit hours with grades of C or better. If a student's career plans require skill in a foreign language, a cluster of courses in a second discipline, field experience, or some other special preparation, arrangements will be made in discussion with the undergraduate advisor.
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> </ul>
MA/ MS Requirements	33 hours course work, thesis or substantial research paper, computer knowledge or statistics strongly encouraged, oral defense of thesis
MA/MS Specializations	Public Anthropology, Public Archaeology
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> <li>• Cultural Anthropology</li> </ul>
Phd Requirements	2-3 years of course work followed by dissertation research and writing, 2 languages or 1 language and another tool of research, 3 comprehensive examinations, oral defense of dissertation, fieldwork strongly recommended
Research Facilities	Lab facilities, Great Dismal Swamp Landscape Study Archaeology Research and Teaching Laboratory, Smithsonian collaboration, US Fish and Wildlife Service/Great Dismal Swamp Landscape Study Collaboration, National Endowment for the Humanities "We the People" Collaboration
Support Opportunities	Graduate: A significant portion of full-time doctoral students are supported through Fellowships and outside grants. Fellowships offer full tuition plus a stipend of \$22,000; work as teaching and research assistant is required. All awards are potentially renewable. The University has University Dissertation Fellowships and the Harvey C and Sarah M Moore Fellowship. Archaeological crew jobs, ethnographic research, and work-study positions are also available.
Internships Available	
Internship Required	
Phd Specializations	Critical inequality studies, including critical/community archaeology; race, gender and social justice; poverty, development and displacement; environmental anthropology
Certs Offered	



## Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Daniel Sayers		sayers@american.edu	Historical archaeology, political economy, landscapes and spatialities of modern world, maroons, community, diasporas and exile, agrarian capitalism, animal emancipation and archaeology, labor, archaeological research modeling		
Adrienne Pine		adrienne@quotha.net	Anthropology of violence, medical anthropology, public anthropology, migration, neoliberalism, political economy, labor, anthropology of the state	Honduras, US	Western Hemisphere
Arvenita Chery		AWCherry@american.edu	Race, identity, education, the African diaspora, Afro-Latinas/os and African Americans/African American Cultures	School, museum, and non-profit settings, US (Prince Georges County, Maryland and Washington, DC), Latin America, Carribean	Western Hemisphere
Buck Woodard		woodardbw@gmail.com	cultural anthropology, political economy, colonialism, ethnohistory, ethnology, kinship, cosmology and ritual, indigenous food ways, material culture, heritage tourism, civic engagement	Native North America	Western Hemisphere
C. Claus		claus@american.edu	Political ecology, environmentalism, ocean studies, food studies	Japan	East Asia and the Pacific, Japan
Chapurukha Kusimba		kusimba@american.edu	East African archaeology, ancient trade networks, origins of inequality, archaeology of Islam	Africa, Indian Ocean	Sub-Saharan Africa
David Vine		vine@american.edu	US foreign policy, war, US military, US foreign policy, military bases, militarization, human rights, displacement, gentrification, Indigenous peoples' rights, ethnographic writing	Urban US, Indian Ocean	Western Hemisphere
Kareem Rabie			Urban anthropology and geography, political economy, state theory, circulation	Middle East, Israel/Palestine, China	China, East Asia and the Pacific, Middle East and North Africa
Manissa Maharawal			Social movements, activism, protest, urban studies, gentrification, displacement, affect, critical race theory, racial capitalism, public anthropology, neoliberalism, political economy	US	Western Hemisphere
Orisanmi Burton		oburton@american.edu	Policing and carceral studies, race and racialization, urban geography, political economy, social movements	US	Western Hemisphere
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Sibel Kusimba		skusimba@gmail.com	Economic anthropology, archaeology, technology and society, gender, kinship and family, money, mobile money, mobile communication	East Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa

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Gretchen Schafft		gschafft@verizon.net	Violence, exclusion, anthropology of the Third Reich, US health, welfare, education	US, Western and Eastern Europe	Europe / Eurasia, Western Hemisphere
Sue Taylor		suetaylor@verizon.net	Public anthropology, medical anthropology, life course and aging, oral history and heritage, tourism	US	Western Hemisphere
Amelia Tseng		tseng@american.edu	multilingualism, migration, identity construction, language and place, US Latino diaspora	US	Western Hemisphere
Jack Rasmussen		rasmussen@american.edu	Art and anthropology, curatorial practice		
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Robert Albro		albro@american.edu	cultural policy in contexts of national security, public diplomacy, climate change, human rights, urban planning, science and technology; ethnography, ethics, and science policy	indigenous politics in Bolivia, the Andes and Latin America	Bolivia, Western Hemisphere
Scott Freeman		freeman@american.edu	Anthropology of development, NGOs, political ecology, conservation, labor	Haiti and the Dominican Republic	Haiti, Western Hemisphere
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Audrey Cooper		audrey.cooper@gallaudet.edu	Signed languages and sociopolitical change, deaf education and deaf social organizing, political economy of language policy and planning	Vietnam, US	East Asia and the Pacific, Vietnam, Western Hemisphere
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Dolores Koenig		dkoenig@american.edu	Rural and urban development, gender in development, development-caused forced displacement and resettlement	Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa
Geoffrey Burkhart		gburkhar@american.edu	Social anthropology, ethnicity	India	India, South and Central Asia
William Leap		wlm@american.edu	Language, culture and media, language and sexuality studies, queer theory, globalization, necropolitics	US, Southern Africa; Not in Residence	Sub-Saharan Africa

