

Appalachian State University, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	Appalachian State University, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	The largest undergraduate-only department of anthropology in the United States with nearly 200 majors and 13 tenure-line faculty. Undergraduate concentrations in Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, Sociocultural Anthropology, Multidisciplinary Anthropology, and Social Practice and Sustainability; faculty work in China, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, the Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and the United States (American Southwest, American Southeast, Appalachia, and the Atlantic Coast); Laboratory courses in archaeology, bioarchaeology, visual ethnography, experimental ethnography, experimental archaeology, human evolution, microscopy, osteology, paleopathology, zooarchaeology; Allied interdisciplinary programs in Appalachian Studies (minor; MA), Global Studies, Sustainable Development, Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology BA major, BS major
Highest Degree Offered	BA/BS
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship
Other Field Areas	BA, Social Practice and Sustainability, BS, Multidisciplinary Anthropology
Research Facilities	<p>Laboratories of Archaeological Science for contract archaeological work, cultural resource management and research in Southern Appalachians and Russia; microscopy lab; primatology lab; experimental ethnography lab; archaeology visualization lab; human skeletal biology lab; 3-D printing and scanning lab With the exception of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, we have the largest vertebrate osteological comparative collection in North Carolina. Our human skeletal collection and fossil cast collection--used for teaching and research in biological anthropology, skeletal morphology, and forensic analysis--is the second largest in the UNC system. We house archaeological research collections from the following periods: Archaic South East, Hopewellian (Biltmore Estate), Late Prehistoric (North Carolina), Protohistoric (Broyhill Property), and Historic (Fort Defiance and others) The L. Jill Loucks Memorial Library contains 2000 books, in addition to hundreds of journals and magazines, on topics covering all of the sub-disciplines of anthropology. Included in the collection are numerous ethnographies that cover the history of anthropology. There are also books on artifact typologies, and articles on archaeological theory from antiquarian times through the present. The Stephen Richard Weller Memorial Student Lounge is available to all of our undergraduate majors. It offers a place for study, quiet reflection, student study sessions, lunch, and many other uses that benefit our students.</p>
Internships Available	
Internship Info	https://internships.appstate.edu/
Internship Required	
Grants Or Funding	<p>The Department offers two types of scholarships to undergraduate students pursuing a degree in anthropology. The Dr. L. Jill Loucks Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year to anthropology majors based on their academic achievement. Both financial need and scholastic achievement are considered when choosing the recipient of the Stephen Richard Weller Memorial Scholarship. Summer stipends for undergraduate research are available through the Dr. L. Jill Loucks Memorial Scholarship Fund. An Outstanding Senior is selected each year out of the graduating classes. The Department also recognizes a student with the Dr. Susan E. Keefe Practicing Anthropology Award, who has contributed in a significant way to solving problems using anthropological theories and methods.</p>
Certs Offered	

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Timothy Smith		smithtj2@appstate.edu	Sociocultural Anthropology, Latin American development, electoral politics and democracy, ethnicity and representation, environmental subjectivities, indigenous languages (Kaqchikel Mayan and Napo Kichwa), immigration	Latin America (Guatemala and Ecuador) and Europe (France and Spain)	Western Hemisphere
Marc Kissel		kisselm@appstate.edu	The evolution of modern humans and the processes by which hominins became human, the evolutionary arc of human warfare, Neanderthal behavior, quantitative genetics, computer modeling, semiotics, paleoanthropological theory		
Cameron Gokee		gokeecd@appstate.edu	Landscape, kinship and political economy, pottery and craft production, materiality and identity, GIS and spatial analysis, contemporary archaeology of migration	West Africa, Southwestern United States	Sub-Saharan Africa
Susan Lappan		lappansm@appstate.edu	Biological anthropology, primate behavior, ecology, conservation biology, small apes	Indonesia, Malaysia	East Asia and the Pacific, Indonesia, Malaysia
Thomas Whyte		whytetr@appstate.edu	Archaeology, zooarchaeology, experimental archaeology, island and coastal adaptations, zoogeography	Eastern United States, southern Appalachia	Western Hemisphere
Larry Kimball		kimballr@appstate.edu	Southern Appalachian Prehistory, Middle Palaeolithic of Caucasus Mountains (Russia), Lithic Technology and Microwear Analysis, Quantitative Methods	Russia, Appalachia	Europe / Eurasia, Russia, Western Hemisphere
Jon Carter		carterjh@appstate.edu	Political anthropology, anthropology of violence, borders and immigration, incarceration and surveillance, media theory, fictocriticism and ethnographic writing	Honduras, Latin America	Western Hemisphere
Dana Powell		powellde@appstate.edu	Environmental anthropology, political ecology, critical development studies, energy, social movements, infrastructure, new materialism, and climate change	Navajo/Diné Nation, Native America	Western Hemisphere
Rachel Horowitz		horowitzra@appstate.edu	Lithic technology, organizational approaches to technology, Maya archaeology, economic organization	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Christina Sornito		sornitocv@appstate.edu	Visual anthropology, ethnographic film, video/audio documentary, voice theory and anthropology of sound, healing and sorcery, magic and religion, anthropology of nature and the Anthropocene, indigenous studies, nationalism, transnational labor, psychoanalysis, Central European avant-gardes	Southeast Asia and the Philippines	East Asia and the Pacific, Philippines, South and Central Asia
Cheryl Claassen		claassencp@appstate.edu	Archaeology, shell, sociology of archaeology, gender, Archaic, symbolism, caves	Eastern US	Western Hemisphere
Eric Karchmer		karchmeri@appstate.edu	Medical anthropology, science studies, the politics of knowledge, Chinese medicine, China studies, colonial and postcolonial societies, history of medicine, ethnobotany	China, East Asia	China, East Asia and the Pacific
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Diane Mines		minesdp@appstate.edu	Cultural anthropology, materiality and time, narrative, phenomenology of time and place, Tamil Studies	India, South Asia	India,South and Central Asia
Alice Wright		wrightap2@appstate.edu	Southeastern archaeology, pre-Columbian interaction, Hopewell, the built environment and monumentality, landscapes, GIS, archaeological geophysics, community and applied archaeology, heritage management	Southeastern US, southern Appalachians	Western Hemisphere
Gregory Reck		reckgg@appstate.edu	History of Anthropology, magic and religion, narrative ethnography, neoliberalism and the global economy	Mexico, India, Appalachia, Nepal	India,Mexico,Nepal,South and Central Asia,Western Hemisphere
Garrett McDowell			Neoliberalism, globalization of agriculture, local/global food and culture, visual anthropology, transnationalism, migration and identity	Latin America, Japan	East Asia and the Pacific,Japan,Western Hemisphere
Brian Burke			Alternative economies, grassroots activism, power and subjectivity, community-based development, political ecology, politics of environmental knowledge, climate change	Colombia, Mexico, Latin America, US, Southern Appalachia	Colombia,Mexico,Western Hemisphere
Fred Hay			Folklore, ethnohistory, bibliography/documentation	Appalachia, US South, African America, Caribbean	Western Hemisphere
William Schumann			Government, democracy, and civil society, globalization and rural community development, sustainable development, community-based/applied education	Appalachia (US), Wales (UK)	Europe / Eurasia,United Kingdom,Western Hemisphere
Brian Bennett			Peasant studies, social change, social theory	Croatia, East/Central Europe, Third World	Croatia,Europe / Eurasia
Harvard Ayers		harvardgayers@gmail.com	Archaeology, physical anthropology, forensic anthropology, human ecology of southern Appalachians, energy development in Arctic Alaska and Canada	North American Indians, southwestern US	Western Hemisphere
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Patricia Beaver		beaverpd@appstate.edu	Cultural anthropology, social organization, gender	Appalachia, China	China,East Asia and the Pacific,Western Hemisphere

