

University of Alabama, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	University of Alabama, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	<p>Our four-field department encompasses biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology and archaeology as well as integrative subfields, with a particular commitment to medical, psychological, and applied anthropology. We value and support synthetic work that crosses sub-disciplinary boundaries. Our medical anthropology faculty take a biocultural approach to health and illness, with expertise including lifespan human development, identity and the body, language and the body, syndemics, health systems, human behavioral ecology, and social justice, among other areas. Medical anthropology faculty have well-established research sites in East Africa, East Asia, Central Europe, North America, the Caribbean, and Central America. The expertise of our archaeological faculty includes the study of the origins and evolution of complex societies, colonialism, ancient foodways, political economy of households and communities, epigraphy, place, memory, and identity, ecology and warfare, among other areas. Archaeology faculty work principally in the Southeast US, Belize, Guatemala, and Peru.</p> <p>We offer four-field BA and MA degree programs, as well as PhD programs in our two primary specialty areas: Archaeology of Complex Societies of the Americas and Biocultural Medical Anthropology. In cooperation with the University of Alabama Department of Health Science, we also offer MA/MPH and MPH/PhD dual degree programs in Biocultural Health Promotion, providing robust training in both biocultural medical anthropology and applied health education and promotion.</p>
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD, MA, BA; additionally, MA/MPH and PhD/MPH dual degree programs
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	
Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum Studies
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Applied Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
BA/ BS Requirements	See University of Alabama Undergraduate Catalog at https://catalog.ua.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/anthropology/ba/ , or contact Undergraduate Program Director Dr. Cameron Lacquement (clacquement@ua.edu).
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Applied Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Linguistic Anthropology
Experience Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Fellowships/Grants • Field Work
MA/ MS Requirements	30 credits (36 for non-thesis option); a comprehensive written exam; reading knowledge of one foreign language or demonstration of a research skill such as statistics; thesis prospectus presentation, thesis defense and colloquium for the thesis option. Additional details at https://catalog.ua.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/anthropology/ma/ , or from Graduate Program Director Dr. Christopher Lynn (cdlynn@ua.edu). In cooperation with the University of Alabama Department of Health Science, we also a MA/MPH dual degree program in Biocultural Health Promotion, which provides robust education in both biocultural medical anthropology and health education & promotion. Requirements for the dual degree programs differ from the standard MA track; inquire with Dr. Stephanie McClure (smcclur1@ua.edu) for more details.
MA/MS Specializations	
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology
Phd Requirements	All PhD students must be enrolled in one of our two specializations (Archaeology of Complex Societies of the Americas or Biocultural Medical Anthropology). 48 credits, with no more than 24 transferred from an MA program; reading knowledge of one foreign language appropriate to dissertation topic; 3 credit hours of quantitative research skills beyond the MA level; 2 core courses in either the archaeology or medical tracks; preliminary examination taken prior to undertaking dissertation research; substantial ethnographic or archaeological field work; dissertation presentation and defense. Additional details at https://catalog.ua.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/anthropology/phd/ , or from Graduate Program Director Dr. Christopher Lynn (cdlynn@ua.edu). In cooperation with the University of Alabama Department of Health Science, we also a MPH/PhD dual degree program in Biocultural Health Promotion, which provide robust education in both biocultural medical anthropology and health education & promotion. Requirements for the dual degree programs differ from the standard PhD track; inquire with Dr. Stephanie McClure (smcclur1@ua.edu) for more details.

Research Facilities	Our association with the College of Community Health Sciences provides opportunities for clinically and community health-oriented research. The complex Mississippian site of Moundville is curated by the University of Alabama Museums and maintains an extensive southeastern ceramic and lithic collection. Major research facilities within the department include Dr. Elliot Blair's X-ray fluorescence lab (elemental composition of materials); Dr. Katherine Chiou's Ancient People and Plants Lab (archaeobotany); Dr. Jason DeCaro's Developmental Ecology and Human Biology Lab (health and development related human biomarker analysis); Dr. Christopher Lynn's Human Behavioral Ecology Research Group (HBE, neuroanthropology, evolutionary psychology); Dr. Sonya Pritzker's Discourse Lab (linguistic anthropology); and Dr. Alexandre Tokovinine's Visual Documentation Lab (digital photography, drawing, photogrammetry, 3D scanning).
Support Opportunities	Graduate: 20 teaching assistantships, approx. \$14,670 over 9 months plus tuition and health insurance; also, all admitted students are considered for University-level fellowships. The department also has several endowed scholarship programs that provide funds annually to support students, which include (1) The Allen R. Maxwell Endowed Scholarship: ethnographic and/or linguistic anthropological research; (2) The David and Elizabeth DeJarnette Endowed Scholarship: archaeological research at Moundville, in Latin America, or in the southeastern US; (3) The Vernon James Knight Endowed Scholarship: research on the anthropology of art and design; (4) The Dr. Milady Murphy Endowed Scholarship: research on the anthropology of health, illness, and wellness; (5) The Dr. John William Cottier Endowed Scholarship: graduate study in Southeastern US archaeology.
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	Archaeology of Complex Societies of the Americas; Biocultural Medical Anthropology
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2017-18	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	6
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	20
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	93
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	5
	Number of Male Grad Students	13
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	7
	Number of Female Grad Students	24
	Number of New Grad Students	8
	2016-17	Number of Female Undergrad Students
BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males		0
AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
Number of Male Undergrad Students		0
PHD Degrees Granted To Females		1
AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males		0
BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES		0
PHD Degrees Granted To Males		0
Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding		86
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males		1
Number of Male Grad Students		12
MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females		6
Number of Female Grad Students		23
Number of New Grad Students		12

2015-16	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Number of Male Grad Students	10
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	7
	Number of Female Grad Students	25
	Number of New Grad Students	12
2013-14	Number of Female Undergrad Students	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	1
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	4
	Number of Male Grad Students	9
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	6
	Number of Female Grad Students	24
	Number of New Grad Students	12
2012-13	Number of Female Undergrad Students	84
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	8
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	54
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	2
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	12
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of Male Grad Students	12
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of Female Grad Students	24
	Number of New Grad Students	14

2011-12	Number of Female Undergrad Students	75
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	7
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	50
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	3
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	11
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	2
	Percentage OF FULL-TIME GRAD STUDENTS receiving funding	100
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	5
	Number of Male Grad Students	14
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	4
	Number of Female Grad Students	24
	Number of New Grad Students	11
2010-11	Number of Female Undergrad Students	74
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	9
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	54
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	18
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	1
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	3
	Number of Male Grad Students	12
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	3
	Number of Female Grad Students	26
	Number of New Grad Students	13

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Areas of Expertise United States	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
John Abbott		jabbott1@ua.edu	My research career has focused around many aspects of entomology from the ecology of stoneflies to endangered beetles. My current interests include the biogeography, systematics, and conservation of dragonflies and damselflies throughout the New World. I have incorporated citizen science and crowd-sourcing initiatives as a way to help collect data on a variety of odonate topics from presence/absence of species to trying to unravel the mysteries of dragonfly migration. Some of my current projects include the conservation of two rare southeastern dragonflies using population genetics, conserving the endangered American Burying Beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>) by understanding its environmental constraints, using citizen science to promote education and generate otherwise unobtainable datasets, writing a field guide to the Common Insects of Texas, and creating a new Peterson Field to the Insects of North America. I serve as Editor-in-Chief for the International Journal of Odonatology and Associate Editor for <i>Odonatologica</i> .		
Alexander Benitez		avbenitez@ua.edu	Archaeology, ceramic and lithic technologies, museum anthropology	Southwest	Western Hemisphere
James Bindon		jbindon@charter.net	Physical, chronic, human adaptability, growth and development	Oceania	East Asia and the Pacific
Elliot Blair		jehblair@ua.edu	Archaeology, historical archaeology	Southeast	Western Hemisphere
John Blitz		jblitz@ua.edu	Archaeology, political economy, pottery	Southeast	Western Hemisphere
William Bomar		bbomar@ua.edu	Museum studies		
Ian Brown		ibrown@ua.edu	Archaeology, ethnohistory, historical archaeology, cemeteries, museology	Eastern North America	Western Hemisphere
Rachel Cajigas		rmcajigas@ua.edu	I specialize in Geoarchaeology, which uses techniques from geology to address archaeological questions. I incorporate interdisciplinary methods such as shallow geophysical prospecting techniques, soil description and analysis, and soil petrography (micromorphology) into my research. I have been practicing archaeology since 2004 and have participated in fieldwork in New York, Virginia, Georgia, Arizona, Mexico, the British Virgin Islands, and Costa Rica. Since graduating from SUNY Potsdam in 2006, I have worked as an archaeologist for the World Trade Center Recovery Project and the American Museum of Natural History. My current research focuses on human-environment interactions during the Early Agricultural Period (2100 B.C. – A.D. 50) in the Southwest United States and Northwest Mexico.		
Katherine Chiou		klchiou@ua.edu	Archaeology, Paleoethnobotany	South America, Peru	Peru, Western Hemisphere

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Jason DeCaro		jdecaro@ua.edu	Child developmental ecology, biocultural, biomedical	North America	Western Hemisphere
Richard Diehl		rdiehl@ua.edu	Archaeology, ethnology	Mesoamerica, Latin America	Western Hemisphere
William Dressler		wdressle@ua.edu	Medical, research methods	Caribbean, urban US	Western Hemisphere
John Friel		jpgriel@ua.edu	John Friel has worked in natural history museums for over 30 years, and has extensive experience in collections-based research, collections management, citizen-science programs, exhibit planning, fundraising, grant writing, and museum administration. He is currently the Director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History, as well as the Program Advisor & Internship Coordinator for the University of Alabama's Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies. Prior to joining the University of Alabama in 2015, he was the Curator of Fishes, Amphibians and Reptiles at the Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates, and a Senior Research Associate in the Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Cornell University. While there he conducted field and collection-based research on South American and African freshwater fishes to help document the biodiversity of tropical river systems. His research specialties are catfishes of the families Aspredinidae (South American banjo catfishes) and Mochokidae (African squeakers and suckermouth catfishes).		
Matthew Gage		mdgage@ua.edu		Southeast	Western Hemisphere
Marysia Galbraith		mgalbrai@ua.edu	Political, psychological, national identity	Poland	Europe / Eurasia, Poland
Courtney Helfrecht			Human health and childhood development	Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa
Holly Horan			Applied critical biocultural medical anthropology	Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories	Western Hemisphere
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Vernon Knight		vknight@ua.edu	Archaeological theory, ethnohistory, historical archaeology	Eastern North America	Western Hemisphere
Richard Krause		kkrause30@comcast.net	Archaeology, method and theory, ethnoarchaeology, ethnography	Plains	Sub-Saharan Africa
Cameron Lacquement		clacquement@ua.edu	Archaeology, experimental archaeology, architectural energetics	Southeast	Western Hemisphere
Lisa LeCount		llecount@ua.edu	Archaeology, political economy, feasting, pottery	Mesoamerica, Andean South America	Western Hemisphere
Christopher Lynn		cdlynn@ua.edu	Biocultural medical, human behavioral ecology, biopsychological, religion	North America	Western Hemisphere
Stephanie McClure		stephanie.mcclure@ua.edu	Medical, gender and race, health disparities, body image, obesity	US, Jamaica	Jamaica, Western Hemisphere
Michael Murphy		mdmurphy@ua.edu	Religion, protected landscapes, politics, psychological	Spain	Europe / Eurasia, Spain
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Lisa Pawloski		lpawloski@ua.edu	Medical, nutrition, adolescents, growth and development, global health	China, Kurdistan, Thailand, Nicaragua, Mali	China, Mali, Sub-Saharan Africa, Thailand
Sonya Pritzker		sonya.pritzker@ua.edu	Medical, linguistic anthropology	China	China, East Asia and the Pacific
Melissa Sartain		msartain@ua.edu			
Claire Thompson		cethompson1@crimson.ua.edu	Southeastern archaeology with a focus on Woodland and Mississippian cultures; Origins and development of complex societies; Political economy; Hierarchy, heterarchy; Lithic and ceramic technology; Zooarchaeological analyses		
Alexandre Tokovinine		atokovinine@ua.edu	Archaeology, Maya archaeology and epigraphy, writing systems, political landscape, museology	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Joseph Vogel		joseph_vogel@bellsouth.net	Prehistory, analytical archaeology, museology	Africa, Eastern North America	Sub-Saharan Africa

