



Appalachian State University, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

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| Program Name | Appalachian State University, Department of Anthropology |
| General Description / Special Programs | One of largest undergraduate-only department of anthropology in the United States with nearly 150 majors and 10 tenure-line faculty. Offers three degree tracks: B.S. in Anthropology, B.A. in Anthropology, and B.S. in Multidisciplinary Anthropology; faculty work in the Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Oman, the Philippines, Senegal, Yemen, 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. |
| Established | 1978 |
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Program Details

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| Degrees Offered | B.S. in Anthropology, B.A. in Anthropology, B.S. in Multidisciplinary Anthropology |
| Tuition Information | |
| Highest Degree Offered | BA/BS |
| Certificate Info | |
| Other Degree Requirements | |
| AA/ AS Requirements | |
| BA/BS Field Areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology |
| BA/ BS Requirements | |
| Experience Offered | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship |
| MA/ MS Requirements | |
| MA/MS Specializations | |
| Phd Requirements | |
| 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 nearly 2,500 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> |
| Support Opportunities | |
| Library Resources | |
| Internships Available | |
| Internship Info | https://internships.appstate.edu/ |
| Internship Required | |
| Publications | |
| Collections | |
| 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> |
| Misc Information | |
| Phd Specializations | |
| Certs Offered | |

Program Contacts

| Name | Phone | Email | Interest/Specialty Areas | Geographic Areas of Expertise United States | Geographic Areas of Expertise International |
|-------------------|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 | Honduras, Latin America | Western Hemisphere |
| Sophia Dent | | dentsc@appstate.edu | Biological anthropology, skeletal biology and osteology, stable isotope analysis, nutrition, food security, periodontal disease and dental calculus, physiological plasticity | Southeast | United States of America, Western Hemisphere |
| 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 |
| 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 | | |
| Susan Lappan | | lappansm@appstate.edu | Biological anthropology, primate behavior, ecology, conservation biology, small apes | Indonesia, Malaysia | East Asia and the Pacific, Indonesia, Malaysia |
| Krista Lewis | | lewiska5@appstate.edu | | | Middle East and North Africa, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Yemen |
| Alex Nelson | | nelsonaj3@appstate.edu | | | |
| 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 |
| Timothy Smith | | smithtj2@appstate.edu | Sociocultural anthropology, Latin American development and ethnicity, electoral politics and democracy, historical ethnography, environmental subjectivities, indigenous languages and pedagogy (Kaqchikel Mayan and Napo Kichwa), immigration | Guatemala, Ecuador, Spain, France | Ecuador, Europe / Eurasia, France, Guatemala, Spain, 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 |
| 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 | Southeast | Western Hemisphere |

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| Anna Brown | | brownam14@appstate.edu | | | |
| Harvard Ayers | | harvardgayers@gmail.com | Archaeology, physical anthropology, forensic anthropology, human ecology of southern Appalachians, energy development in Arctic Alaska and Canada | Southwest | Western Hemisphere |
| Patricia Beaver | | beaverpd@appstate.edu | Cultural anthropology, social organization, gender | Appalachia, China | China, East Asia and the Pacific, Western Hemisphere |
| Brian Bennett | | | Peasant studies, social change, social theory | Croatia, East/Central Europe, Third World | Croatia, Europe / Eurasia |
| Jefferson Boyer | | boyerjc@appstate.edu | Social anthropology, peasant and agrarian studies, rural and sustainable development | Honduras, Central America, Appalachia | Western Hemisphere |
| Cheryl Claassen | | claassencp@appstate.edu | Archaeology, shell, sociology of archaeology, gender, Archaic, symbolism, caves | Eastern US | Western Hemisphere |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Thomas Whyte | | whytetr@appstate.edu | Archaeology, zooarchaeology, experimental archaeology, island and coastal adaptations, zoogeography | Eastern United States, southern Appalachia | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

