



Pennsylvania State University, Department of Anthropology

Program Information

Program Name	Pennsylvania State University, Department of Anthropology
General Description / Special Programs	The Department of Anthropology at Penn State integrates social, ecological, and evolutionary approaches to understand variability in the human condition through time and across space. We offer an integrated program of graduate study at both the Ph.D. and Master's level focusing on specialized training in human and behavioral ecology, cultural anthropology, anthropological demography, archaeology, paleodemography, archaeometry, anthropological genetics, human evolution, and the behavioral and evolutionary biology of human and non-human primates. Students also have the option of enrolling in dual-title Ph.D. graduate programs in Demography, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment (HDNRE), and Bioethics, and dual-title M.A. programs in Demography and HDNRE. The Department also offers two Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate (IUG) programs (B.A/M.A. and B.S./B.A/M.A.): with the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS). Museum: The Matson Museum offers undergrad training in museum studies. Classes are regularly conducted in the museum and make extensive use of collections.
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Program Details

Degrees Offered	Anthropology PhD, MD/PhD, MA, BA; BS
Tuition Information	
Highest Degree Offered	PhD
Certificate Info	
Other Degree Requirements	
AA/ AS Requirements	
BA/BS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology • Museum/Curatorial Studies
BA/ BS Requirements	
MA/MS Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology
MA/ MS Requirements	<p>Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements stated in the DEGREE REQUIREMENTS section of Penn State's Graduate Bulletin. A minimum of 30 credits is required, with least 18 credits at the 500 and 600 level, combined. All Master's students are required to take three core theory seminars for a total of nine credits and two core methods seminars for a total of 6 credits. Students are also required to enroll in a literature review seminar for a total of 2 credits. A Master's thesis, including 6 credits of ANTH 600 Thesis Research is optional. Students in the non-thesis track must write a satisfactory scholarly paper, while enrolled in ANTH 596. All entering graduate students are expected to complete online training in Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI), also referred to as Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), by no later than October 1 of their first semester in residence.</p>
MA/MS Specializations	
PhD Field Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biological Anthropology • Cultural Anthropology
Phd Requirements	<p>Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements stated in the DEGREE REQUIREMENTS section of Penn State's Graduate Bulletin. The doctoral degree in Anthropology requires a minimum of 30 credits, 27 of which are required coursework. The PhD requirements include successful completion of coursework as stipulated by the department and doctoral committee, passing the candidacy exam, preparing a dissertation proposal, successfully passing the comprehensive exam/dissertation proposal defense, and writing and defending the subsequent dissertation. The dissertation must be accepted by the doctoral committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School, and the student must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense). All entering graduate students are expected to complete online training in Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI), also referred to as Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), by no later than October 1 of their first semester in residence.</p>
Research Facilities	<p>Research facilities include labs for the study of archaeological materials and skeletons, anthropological genomics, ancient DNA, evolutionary developmental biology, and three-dimensional morphometrics. Facilities within the Department include Geographic Information System (GIS), genomics, morphometrics, human osteology, zooarchaeological, ethnobotanical, isotopic, archaeological, human environmental dynamics labs and the Matson Museum of Anthropology (worldwide ceramics, Dupree Afghanistan collection, Mesoamerican and northeastern US archaeological collections, and hominid fossil casts). In addition, there is easy access to other University facilities including the Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Radiocarbon Facility, the Center for Quantitative Imaging (micro CT facility), the Animals Resource Program, the Transgenic Mouse Facility, the Genomics Core Facility, the Breazeale Nuclear Reactor (Neutron Activation Analysis), the Rock Ethics Institute, the Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics, the Population Research Institute, the Materials Research Lab, the Human Performance Research Lab, and other laboratories for research in palynology, soil science, animal behavior, reproductive endocrinology, and physiology.</p>

Support Opportunities	The usual possibilities for scholarships and fellowships, as well as department teaching or research assistantships with tuition-free status and a stipend of up to \$30,000. Research assistantships and faculty aid of varying stipends are available in conjunction with our supported research projects. The Matson Museum provides several awards for ceramic research and contributions to the museum.
Library Resources	
Internships Available	
Internship Info	
Internship Required	
Publications	Occasional Papers in Anthropology.
Collections	
Grants Or Funding	
Misc Information	
Phd Specializations	
Certs Offered	

Statistical Information

2011-12	Number of New Grad Students	9
	AA/AS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	Number of Female Undergrad Students	1
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Females	0
	PHD Degrees Granted To Males	0
	BA/BS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Number of Male Undergrad Students	1
	Number of Male Grad Students	3
	Number of Female Grad Students	4
	PHD Degrees Granted To Females	0
	MA/MS Degrees Granted To Males	0
	AA/AS DEGREES GRANTED TO FEMALES	0
	Proportion Of Full-Time Grad Students	0
	2010-11	Number of New Grad Students

Program Contacts

Name	Phone	Email	Interest/Specialty Areas	Geographic Area(s) of Expertise	Geographic Areas of Expertise International
Audrey Arner		ama6560@psu.edu			
Stephen Beckerman		stv@psu.edu	Human ecology, optimal foraging theory, subsistence, warfare, reproductive strategies	Lowland South America	Western Hemisphere
Douglas Bird		dwb5537@psu.edu	Human ecological dynamics, indigenous livelihoods and land use, ethnoarchaeology, behavioral ecology Primary fields: Archaeology and Human Ecology	Australia, Western US	
Rebecca Bird		rub33@psu.edu	Human-environment interactions, Hunter gatherer socio-ecology, human behavioral ecology, costly signaling, gender. Primary fields: Archaeology and Human Ecology	Australia	
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José Capriles		juc555@psu.edu	Environmental archaeology, human ecology, pastoralism, South American archaeology, zooarchaeology Primary Fields: Archaeology and Human Ecology	Bolivia, Chile	Western Hemisphere
Audrey Chambers		avm14@psu.edu			
George Chaplin		guc5@psu.edu	GIS, landscape analysis, spatial statistics, primate and human adaptation		
Alejandra Domic		aid4@psu.edu	Palaeoecology, paleoethnobotany, tropical ecology		
Kristina Douglass		kgd14@psu.edu	Human-environment interaction, anthropology and archaeology of Sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian Ocean, coastal and island archaeology, ethnohistory, ethnoarchaeology, historical ecology, extinction, migration, ethnogenesis	Sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian Ocean, Madagascar	Madagascar, Sub-Saharan Africa
Emily Durham		ejd5264@psu.edu	Molecular and Cellular Biology and Pathobiology		
E Durrenberger		epd2@psu.edu	Religion, peasant and agrarian economics, political economy, economic anthropology, political anthropology, cognitive anthropology, maritime anthropology, structuralism and symbolism, fisheries policy, industrial agriculture and policy	Southeast Asia, modern and medieval Iceland, contemporary US	East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia, Iceland, Western Hemisphere
Laurie Eccles		lre101@psu.edu	Sample prep for hplc, GC-MS, EA-IRMS and 14C		
Susan Evans		ste@psu.edu	Mesoamerican archaeology, settlement systems, palaces, Aztecs	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Kirk French		kdf146@psu.edu	Alcohol production/consumption, water management, human/environmental interplay, Mesoamerican culture history;		
Sagan Friant		srf215@psu.edu	Evolutionary anthropology of human health, disease ecology, nutrition, socio-ecological systems, bushmeat hunting, Nigeria	Nigeria	
Santhosh Girirajan		sxg47@psu.edu	Genetics of neurodevelopmental disorders		

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Luke Glowacki		glowacki@psu.edu	Warfare and violence, collective behavior, human behavioral ecology, small-scale societies, social organization		
Sarita Greer		swr5324@psu.edu			
Kenneth Hirth		kgh2@psu.edu	Ancient economy, Mesoamerican archaeology, cultural complexity, household archaeology, craft production	Mesoamerica	Western Hemisphere
Carter Hunt		cah59@psu.edu	Tourism-supported biodiversity conservation and sustainable community development, political ecology of tourism, social and environmental consequences of tourism and ecotourism	Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru, Tanzania	Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Sub-Saharan Africa, Tanzania
Nina Jablonski		ngj2@psu.edu	Evolution of human skin and skin pigmentation, Primate evolution, Mammalian paleoecology in the late Tertiary and Quaternary, and Evolution of Hominid bipedalism	China	Sub-Saharan Africa
Patricia Johnson		plj2@psu.edu	Cultural anthropology, kinship, social organization, gender ideology and women's roles, economic development, social change, demography	New Guinea, Orkney	East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia
Kazuhiro Kawasaki		kuk2@psu.edu	Skeletal biology, genetics		
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Ann Killebrew		aek11@psu.edu	Syro-Palestinian archaeology, late Bronze age urban settlements, archaeological surveys	Israel, Turkey	East Asia and the Pacific, Israel, Middle East and North Africa, Turkey
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Stephanie Marciniak		szm316@psu.edu	Ancient DNA and the historical context of pathogens, reconstructing human population and disease histories		
Stephen Matthews		sxm27@psu.edu	Demography, Spatial Inequality, Population Health, Ecologic Exposure, Spatial Analysis		
Joseph Michels		j4m@psu.edu	Archaeology, prehistoric social and political systems		
Claire Milner		cmm8@psu.edu	Claire McHale Milner is a North American archaeologist who focuses on the Late Prehistoric period of the Upper Great Lakes. Her current research combines ethnohistorical and ceramic style data to investigate the adaptation of forager-farmer populations to high-risk environments. Her interests include tribal societies, ethnohistory, ceramic analysis, and museum studies.		Western Hemisphere
George Milner		ost@psu.edu	Eastern North American archaeology; Small-scale society warfare; Paleodemography; Paleoepidemiology; Skeletal age estimation		Western Hemisphere
Nicole Moore		nem5326@psu.edu	Biomedical Science, Human Genetics and Molecular Pathology		
Warren Morrill		wtm@psu.edu	European peasants, cognitive systems	Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa
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Susan Perrine		qzk2@psu.edu	Physiology and genetics of craniofacial development and dysmorphology		
George Perry		ghp3@psu.edu	Anthropological genomics, Paleogenomics (ancient DNA), Human rainforest hunter-gatherers, Human impacts on non-human evolutionary biology, Parasites as proxies for human evolution, Madagascar people and lemurs	Madagascar, Uganda, Peru	Madagascar, Peru, Sub-Saharan Africa, Uganda
M. Pitirri		mup896@psu.edu	Human Evolution, Paleoanthropology, Living Primate Adaptations, Evolutionary Developmental Biology, Craniofacial Development and Dysmorphology, Morphological Variation; Miocene, Plio-Pleistocene		Sub-Saharan Africa
Bronwen Powell		bxp15@psu.edu	Social, cultural and environmental drivers of human nutrition, diet and food security.		Burkina Faso, Morocco, Sub-Saharan Africa, Tanzania
David Puts		dap27@psu.edu	Behavioral endocrinology, evolutionary psychology, sex differences, sexual selection, sexuality Primary fields: Biological Anthropology and Human Ecology		
Tanambelo Rasolondrainy			African Environmental Archaeology		
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Joan Richtsmeier		jta10@psu.edu	Craniofacial development, Craniosynostosis, Genetics of craniofacial development, and Genotype-phenotype correspondence		
Erick Rochette		etr109@psu.edu	Anthropological Archaeology; General Anthropology; Economic Anthropology; Political & Domestic Economy; Craft Production; Complex Societies; Ancient Mesoamerica; Archaeology of the Americas; Lithic Analysis; Experimental Replication; Human-Environmental Interaction; Globalization		Western Hemisphere
Asher Rosinger		axr579@psu.edu	Water and dietary intake, water insecurity, hydration status, environmental and lifestyle transitions, anthropometrics, global health Primary Fields: Biological Anthropology; Human Ecology		Bolivia, Western Hemisphere
Timothy Ryan		tmr21@psu.edu	Human evolution, trabecular bone, biomechanics, skeletal biology microCT	Magnetostratigraphy and paleontology of the Eocene Yuanqu Formation, China; paleontology of the Oligocene Chilga Formation, Ethiopia; magnetostratigraphy of the Eocene Kishenehn Formation, Montana; paleontology of the Paleocene Washakie Basin, Wyoming.	

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Pat Shipman		pls10@psu.edu	Taphonomy, animal domestication, human paleontology, vertebrate paleontology, anatomy, primate paleobiology, and paleoecology,		
Mark Shriver		mds17@psu.edu	Human Genetics, Population Genetics, Population Genomics, Sexually Dimorphism, Pigmentation, Hair Form, Facial Features, Predictive Biometrics, Molecular Photofitting, DNA Phenotyping		
Dean Snow		drs17@psu.edu	Ethnohistory, prehistory, paleodemography, GIS	North America	Western Hemisphere
Amara Solari		als66@psu.edu	Pre-Columbian and Colonial Latin American art, architecture and anthropology		
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Nicholas Stephens		nbs49@psu.edu	Evolutionary Biomechanics and functional morphology, Trabecular/cortical bone structure, Palaeoanthropology, Virtual Anthropology, and Physical Anthropology	African and Eurasian Plio-Pleistocene	Sub-Saharan Africa
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Catherine Wanner		cew10@psu.edu	Migration, religion, diaspora studies, nationalism	Modern Europe	East Asia and the Pacific, Europe / Eurasia, Ukraine
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David Webster		dxw16@psu.edu	Archaeology, cultural ecology, cultural evolution, evolution of complex societies, evolutionary significance of warfare	Mesoamerica, Near East	Middle East and North Africa, Western Hemisphere
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