



Dr. Hunt and Dr. Howard: Awarded NIH Grant

Dr. Linda Hunt and Dr. Heather Howard have been awarded a major National Institute of Health (NIH) grant to study the complex relationships between electronic health records, genomic concepts, clinical decision-making, and patient self-perception. Their study is designed to: 1) Examine how clinicians integrate genomic concepts with their existing understandings of racial identity, risk and responsibility, 2) Understand how patients interpret these complex concepts, and 3) Examine how electronic health records systems may promote concepts of biological racial/ethnic difference, and the consequences of these practices for individual clinicians and patients.

The focus of the study will be diabetes management clinics currently using electronic health record systems (EHRs). The use of EHRs is expanding rapidly, and is intended to improve efficiency and increase standardization. However their rapid implementation has occurred without careful consideration of how their use may be redefining clinical care. Drs. Hunt and Howard seek to identify ways that concepts of genomic difference are being articulated in EHRs, and consider how clinical care may be changed by the use of these new technologies. They want to address how different racial and ethnic group identities are treated within this changing landscape of health care. The project is designed to produce broad insights into the impact of new technologies on clinical care, so that these technologies may be implemented in ways that maximize equal access and unbiased treatment for diverse groups.

The grant will provide multiple years of support for ethnographic research, including participant observation in diabetes management centers, of clinical consultations, nutritional counseling sessions, support groups and any other health services patients may be receiving. They will also conduct interviews with patients and practitioners, and review electronic health records as they are used throughout the process of care.



Dr. Hunt and Dr. Howard's research is important because it demonstrates how an anthropological lens can be used to critically consider how healthcare is being transformed through increasing reliance on genomic concepts, and use of EHRs. Their approach will provide an ethnographic perspective on the ways these innovations are entering into routine practices of everyday health care and their immediate impact on individual clinicians and patients.

Message from the Chair: Dr. Jodie O’Gorman



Summer of 2013 the department launched the seventh and eighth courses in our planned expansion of online course offerings. These courses are important for a number of reasons. In today’s world many students find an online course helps them fit more into their schedule, graduate sooner, and some simply prefer the venue. Some students find online courses give them more, or a different kind of opportunity to be interactive with their instructor and classmates. There are also innovative ways of presenting content that are not possible in a classroom setting.

Our graduate students teach most of these courses in the summer, and several have helped develop online versions of courses. This experience is important in today’s job market where such skills are increasingly in demand. Another undeniably important aspect of these courses is that the MSU system is set up to allow the summer online courses to bring revenue to departments. With the continued trend of marked reduction in public funding for universities, this revenue source is essential to our mission.

In the near future, we will call on other sources of support and expertise, including our alumni, to further strengthen the department and insure that our students continue to experience exemplary instruction, personalized mentoring, and experiential learning in foundational anthropological skills and technological advances.

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Welcome the New Undergraduate Advisor: Jackie Lillis-Warwick

The Department of Anthropology is proud to introduce our new Undergraduate Advisor, Jackie Lillis-Warwick. Jackie has been a proud MSU Spartan since she was an undergraduate student here. She graduated from MSU in 2001 with a bachelor’s degree in Anthropology, and then pursued her masters from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Anthropology and Museum Studies. Following graduation, she worked for the cultural research management company, Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, in the Midwest for six years. She was excited to return to MSU to assume the position of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act collections manager for the MSU Museum.

Currently, Jackie works in as both the NAGPRA collections manager and as the Undergraduate Advisor. As an advisor, Jackie meets with undergraduate students to help plan their schedules and coursework, advises new students at orientation, aids with planning degrees, conducts outreach for recruiting new Anthropology majors, and participates within broader academic affairs. She is excited to work with undergraduate students; she likes seeing their enthusiasm for the discipline, hearing about their different interests, and helping them plan for life after graduation. Jackie believes that her own experience as a Spartan helps her to better communicate with the students.

Featured Faculty Member: Dr. Mara Leichtman

Mara Leichtman decided that she wanted to be an anthropologist during an internship with Citibank Maghreb in Casablanca. She had taken a year off from pursuing her Master's degree in International Relations at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies to live and work in Morocco. She brought with her a number of books, including the memoirs of Clifford Geertz. Reading Geertz in Morocco was inspirational, as was visiting Sefrou, the town where many anthropologists had conducted fieldwork.

Dr. Leichtman decided to pursue her Ph.D. in socio-cultural anthropology at Brown University. There she studied the Lebanese community in West Africa, an understudied population with significant ties to Lebanon that has contributed to the development of French colonial and post-colonial Senegal. Considering a majority of Lebanese in Senegal today are Shi'i Muslims, she focused on this minority religion. Her research examines how migration, cosmopolitanism, and governmentality contribute to the fluidity of ethnic and religious identities across various historical moments.

She came across a growing network of indigenous Senegalese "converts" from Sunni to Shi'i Islam, inspired by the 1979 Iranian Revolution as well as interactions with Lebanese. Their goal to contribute to education and economic development in Senegal does not call for an Islamic state and their religious identity (unlike that of the Lebanese) is not linked to nationalist Middle East politics. Dr. Leichtman contests the

dominant framework for analyzing Shi'i movements by questioning the assumption that they necessarily follow Iranian revolutionary ideologies. Her book *Shi'i Cosmopolitanisms in Africa: Lebanese Migration and Religious Conversion in Senegal* will be published by Indiana University Press in 2014.

Dr. Leichtman has published numerous other book chapters and articles in journals such as *Anthropological Quarterly*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of Religion in Africa*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, and *Contemporary Islam* (forthcoming). She is collaborating with European and West African colleagues in a multi-country research grant funded by the French government. "Religion and the Private Sphere: Religious Dynamics, Everyday Experiences, and the Individual in West Africa," will compare Islam and Christianity in Senegal, Benin, and Burkina Faso. Her research on Senegal will become part of a second book project that explores how religious movements are increasingly presenting themselves in the institutional form of non-governmental organizations by comparing Shi'i Islamic NGOs in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.

This is Dr. Leichtman's eighth year in the Department of Anthropology, and she is also a faculty member of the Muslim Studies Program, African Studies Center, and Center for Advanced Study of International Development. She enjoys teaching courses on religion and culture, Islam in Africa, Middle East anthropology, globalization, transnational migration, and ethnographic field methods.



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Dr. Helen Pollard: Retires from the Department

Dr. Helen Perlstein Pollard has wanted to be an archaeologist as long as she can remember. Despite her occasional thoughts of being a tightrope walker or ballerina, her focus never changed. When it came time to choose a college she decided to attend Barnard College. During the summer after her first year in college, she used her savings to pay for an archaeological field school in the Southwest through UCLA. The following summer she taught at the field school, this time in Northern California, and also worked for the California Highway Department in a salvage project studying shell midden sites near San Francisco. Her last summer in college was spent at Columbia taking classes in Spanish, and re-analyzing the collection of William Duncan Strong from his excavations in the Nazca region on the coast of Peru. By 1967 she finished her degree at Barnard and had considerable experience in the field and the laboratory, and had taken several postgraduate courses focusing her attention on prehistoric civilizations of Latin America.

Dr. Pollard remained at Columbia for her graduate work, where she gained experience in the Andes and later in Mesoamerica. Her particular focus in western Mexico was something that occurred by chance during the spring of 1969. Taking a graduate seminar entitled *Ethnography and Archaeology*, she dutifully immersed herself in a region that was well known for its ethnography: the Tarascan region of west-central Mexico. The semester was ending when she realized that the wealth of ethnographic data was not accompanied by an equally abundant archaeological information. Her doctoral field work in 1970 focused on making a full-coverage survey in Tzintzuntzan. Relying on the advice of Pedro Armillas and the presence of Gordon Ekholm and Pedro Carrasco on her committee, she carried out her first fieldwork in Michoacán.

Enough questions remained to fuel over forty years of research. One of her greatest joys has been encouraging a new generation of both Mexican and American students to see the possibilities and rewards of research in this otherwise neglected region.

Dr. Pollard has carried out archaeological and ethnohistoric research in western Mexico since 1970 and been a faculty member in the Michigan State University Anthropology Department since the fall of 1986. Her research and teaching deals with two broad issues: human ecology and the emergence and evolution of social, political and economic inequality. Her studies of prehistoric states focus on the emergence and evolution of social stratification, political centralization, and the political economies of archaic states and empires. Specifically, her research deals with central and west Mexico, especially Michoacán and the Purépecha/Tarascons, and the development

of social theory in archaeology to understand the evolution of inequality by class, ethnicity, and gender. In addition to her work in western Mexico, Dr. Pollard has carried out archaeological research in the Andes and the U.S.

In retirement, Dr. Pollard is concentrating her efforts on completing two monographs based on field and lab research from 1990-2009 including one on the Prehispanic ceramics of the Tarascan Region, and one based on the archaeological site surveys and excavations in the southwestern portion of the Lake Pátzcuaro Basin. The second direction

of the manuscripts she plans to produce will be based on archaeological and ethnohistoric research done over the last 20 years. This book will be designed to be a synthesis of our understanding of how and why this civilization emerged in a form accessible to all interested educated readers, not just archaeologists.



Dr. Barbara Johnston: Examining Society and Environment

Barbara Rose Johnston began her interest in Anthropology with undergraduate courses at San Jose State University she transferred to University of California Berkeley, where she graduated with a BA and honors for her thesis on “Native California Medicinal Ethnobotany.” She continued her studies at San Jose State University earning a masters in Environmental Science with her thesis “A Problem of Water: A Cultural Ecological Study of St. Thomas, USVI”. For her PhD she studied Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts, publishing a dissertation on “The Political Ecology of Development: Changing Resource Relations and the Impacts of Tourism, St. Thomas, USVI”.

Dr. Johnston has used the Center for Political Ecology as her primary affiliation, as this allows her to do the science and human rights work that has characterized her professional life. A prominent leader in the American Anthropological Association, she has served on the Environmental Task Force, as a founding board member of the Anthropology and Environment and the Feminist Anthropology sections, as chair of the AAA Human Rights and the Ethics Committees, and she just completed a 5-year term as Public Anthropology associate editor for the *American Anthropologist*. Her work as an advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, US EPA, UNESCO, the Marshall Islands Nuclear Claims Tribunal and indigenous survivors of massacre and genocide in Guatemala is chronicled in some 150 publications.

She began her MSU relationship with Dr. Anne Ferguson, Dr. Bill Derman, and other colleagues who shared interests in human rights and the environment. They were brought together in professional advocacy through the Society for Applied Anthropology Human Rights and Environmental Committee which Dr. Johnston organized and chaired in the 1990s. In 1993, Dr. Ferguson invited Dr. Johnston to give an endnote address at a MUS-sponsored gender and environment conference. In 2004, the Anthropology Department invited Dr. Johnston to join as an adjunct full professor. She has served as an outside advisor and referee for MSU students and periodically visits to give lectures on topics related to her research.

In 2011 Dr. Johnston received the Society for Medical Anthropology's New Millennium award for her

“Consequential Damages of Nuclear War - The Rongelap report”. Her most recent publications include a UNESCO and Springer co-published text entitled “Water, Cultural Diversity, and Global Environmental Change: Emerging Trends, Sustainable Futures?” which she served as the editor-in-chief. This interdisciplinary text uses case-specific examples to make a global case that water is a fundamental human need and right, and is a primary sustaining force in biodiversity and cultural diversity.



In 2012, Dr. Johnston also saw the Left Coast Press publication of “Life and Death Matters: Human Rights, Environment and Social Justice.” It contains essays that consider the question of how social and environmental systems and struggles have been re-conceptualized within a post-9/11 security and biosecurity framework, when global warming and resource scarcity are not fears but realities, when global power and politics are being realigned, and when genocide, ethnocide, and genocide are daily tragedies.

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Alumni Updates

Dr. Ellen Elizabeth Foley graduated from MSU in 2002 with a PhD in Anthropology and African Studies. Following graduation, she conducted a post-doc at University of Pennsylvania. In 2009 she received a Fulbright to study HIV and sexual politics in Senegal. She is currently a tenured professor at Clark University in International Development and Social Change, and is currently conducting action-research in Worcester, MA on urban youth and gang violence prevention. Most recently, Dr. Foley published "Your Pocket is What Cures You: The Politics of Health in Senegal", a book that focuses on the implementation of global health policies, and how these are entangled with social and political inequalities in Senegal.

Dr. Marcy Hessling O'Neil received her PhD from the Department of Anthropology in December 2012, and her dissertation focused on the role that higher education plays in family relationships among students at the University of Abomey-Calavi in Cotonou, Benin. She is teaching courses for the Peace and Justice Specialization at MSU and advises undergraduate students. Dr. O'Neil is the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation for the Youth Entrepreneurs Partners (YEP), which won the Fulbright Alumni Innovation Fund. This helps young entrepreneurs in Benin to create business plans that will be funded by YEP's micro-finance partners. In September 2013, Dr. O'Neil was invited to the UN General Assembly for two meetings related to the Millennium Development goals, and plans to return to Benin next year.

Dr. Michael French Smith graduated from MSU in 1970. Thanks to the advice and support of Dr. Bernard Gallin and Dr. Ralph Nicholas, he went on to do a PhD in Cultural Anthropology at the University of California. While there, he had the good fortune to fall in with Dr. Theodore Schwartz, and was taken as his research assistant in 1973. Dr. Smith went back to Papua New Guinea in 1975-76 to do dissertation research and continued his work there after he received his degree in 1978. The result has been three books on cultural and economic change in Kragur Village. Recently, he gave an Anthropology Brown Bag on his book: "A Faraway, Familiar Place: An Anthropologist Returns to Papua New Guinea".

Kimya Massey is an alumni of the Anthropology program, and is currently the Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services at the University of Central Florida. Massey works with student-athletes to determine what academic resources they need to be successful, including tutoring, mentoring and academic advising. She learned many lessons from her Anthropology classes and that training has served her well. Understanding the culture, language and customs of coaches, administration, students and parents is critical to communicating effectively and motivating others to be successful. Massey credits her success and love of Anthropology to Dr. Norman Sauer, Dr. Bill Derman and Dr. Todd Fenton. She is proud of her MSU education, and welcomes current students interested in collegiate athletics to contact her.

Joseph Podrasky graduated from the Department of Anthropology in 2011 and spent a year and a half studying in Morocco and Egypt, where he earned another degree in Arabic from MSU. After that, he travelled to Washington, DC and worked for an NGO focused on fostering democratic transitions in the Middle East. He received a 2013 Fulbright research grant to Egypt to study Nationalism in Popular music in Alexandria. Unfortunately, due to security issues, the Fulbright was cancelled. Joseph is still insistent on finding work with business associations in the Middle East as a way to understand the nexus of business and politics in the region and go on to grad school in order to research the role of business in the politics of Middle East.

Rebecca Richart graduated from MSU in 2012 with B.A. degrees in Anthropology, History, and Spanish, and a specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. After graduation, Rebecca served as an AmeriCorps VISTA for one year at the Backside Learning Center (BLC), which provides education, life skills development, and community activities for the equine workers of Churchill Downs. The Undergraduate Anthropology Club and mentoring from professors helped her grow intellectually, and her experience at BLC helped her explore her interests. In Fall 2013, Rebecca entered the Anthropology PhD program at the University of California, Irvine with numerous fellowships, and will study immigrant labor in the horse racing industry. Current undergraduates are welcome to contact her: rrichart@uci.edu.

Alumna Applying Anthropology: Dr. Anna Jefferson

Dr. Anna Jefferson first became interested in anthropology while she was an undergraduate. She turned to anthropology to give her a holistic framework she could use to more deeply and dynamically understand any issue. In May 2013, Dr. Jefferson graduated from MSU with her doctorate. Her dissertation research focused on the foreclosure crisis in Michigan, and conducted field research with housing counseling agencies, independent nonprofits that work with the state and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. She examined emerging notions of citizenship in the foreclosure crisis, and how these processes intersected with narratives of the American Dream.

Dr. Jefferson is currently a Senior Analyst in the Social and Economic Division at Abt Associates. They provide policy research, program evaluation, technical assistance; and program implementation for federal agencies, states and cities, organizations, international development organizations, and foundations. Dr. Jefferson conducts research and evaluation focusing on access to housing and consumer finance. She has worked on projects for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, New York City government, Corporation for National and Community

Service, and Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Jefferson began working at Abt while she was writing her dissertation because her research directly related to their study about the outcomes of housing counseling, and filled their need for a subject matter expert.

The knowledge and skills she acquired while studying anthropology have been extremely valuable to her position. As the only PhD anthropologist at Abt, Dr. Jefferson believes she is able to look at questions and problems in a different way than her colleagues, and this approach brings both creativity and flexibility to her work. She serves as an internal consultant on ethnography, promoting participant observations, and other qualitative fieldwork for projects across all of Abt's practice areas.

Her advice to current graduate students is to take advantage of the department and university's support, and interdisciplinary and methods courses. She strongly suggests writing and talking to people about the value of anthropology so you

can share its importance with non-anthropologists. In addition to this, she believes it is important to look at different career paths and possibilities. Dr. Jefferson is enthusiastic about her work, and welcomes students with questions about policy research or evaluation to contact her at anna_jefferson@abtassoc.com.



Anthropology Fall 2013 Picnic



Undergraduates, graduate students, staff and faculty from the department celebrated a new academic year at the annual Fall picnic at Lake Lansing Park North.

Kristan Elwell: Graduate Fieldwork and Research in Malawi

Kristan Elwell found her calling in Anthropology while conducting research in a National Institute of Health study on children's health in the Philippines. It was here and while she was conducting her Masters work in applied and medical anthropology at Northern Arizona University that she saw the contribution of anthropology to public health and how this perspective could contribute to understanding of health disparities in low-income populations. She sought out a PhD in order to teach courses in medical anthropology and global health, and conduct research on global health issues from a critical perspective.

Since beginning her graduate studies at MSU, she has enjoyed her involvement in the university. For the past two semesters, Kristan has been teaching ANP 370 "Culture, Health and Illness", and ANP 201 "Sociocultural Diversity." Prior to this, she was a research assistant for Dr. Linda Hunt on her study of "Clinicians' Concepts of Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Management Of Chronic Illness". In addition to this, she works at the MSU Gender Center to help with the publication of the Gendered Perspectives on International Development publication series. Kristan is also a Research Assistant for the project, Linking Community Engagement to Public Health Biobank Research, which addresses ethical issues related to use of neonatal biobanks within Michigan.

For her dissertation, Kristan is looking at social and structural factors that affect HIV positive women's choices in seeking health care and programs to prevent mother to child transmission in Malawi. She is specifically interested in how gender inequalities may shape HIV-positive women's ability to access treatment for AIDS. From December 2011 to December 2012, Kristan conducted research in Malawi, worked at a district hospital in urban Blantyre, and several rural health centers. Prior to this, she was granted funding through the Foreign Language and Area Studies Program to study the Chichewa language in 2009, and during

the summer of 2010 she was granted funds to conduct predissertation research to identify her field sites and meet contacts. She exudes passion for her research, and loved working with the community.

Kristan also had outdoor adventures while in Malawi. During her year in the field, a friend made her a wooden kayak, which she paddled for 5 days down the coast of northern Lake Malawi. She employed her skills as a former kayaking guide and taught her co-paddlers how to kayak. She enjoyed surprising villagers with her knowledge of Chichewa and was



very pleased when they promised her that the only crocodile in the region was a "vegetarian." The highlight of the trip was trading a kayaking lesson with a fisherman for a lesson on paddling his fishing boat.

Throughout this process, Kristan continues to have incredible support from her committee, Anne Ferguson, Linda Hunt, James Pritchett, and Rebecca Malouin.

Grants and Fellowships

Congratulations to our graduate students on their grants and fellowships. If you have accomplishments you would like to share, please send them to us!

April Greenwood received a Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowship to conduct research on cross-cultural workplace relationships between Indian employers and African employees in the port city of Tanga, Tanzania. The project is called "Indian Bosses' and 'African Workers': Race, Stereotype, and Community in Tanga, Tanzania".

Andrew Upton: Graduate Research in Late Prehistory

Andy fell into archaeology and anthropology largely through happenstance. While a freshman at Miami University his options for the summer recess entailed moving back home and finding a part time job or finding something exciting to do. He chose the latter. After a quick application with the Student Conservation Association he found himself in the Great Smoky Mountains as an archaeological intern. Over 20 site assessments, a dozen bear encounters, a new site named after him, an Archaic Savannah River point and an historic Qualla point later and he knew he was hooked. Returning to Miami the following fall Andy determined to turn this adventure into a career.

The following summer Andy accepted another archaeological internship through the Student Conservation Association, this time at southern California's Los Padres National Forest. "Our only shower opportunity was via a hose connected to underground hot springs, which sounds like paradise except when you're covered in poison oak." Following a stint as a Miami University Undergraduate Scholar studying the funerary practices of Amish and Mennonites, especially in Ohio, Andy then found himself at Michigan State.

He quickly found a home as part of Dr. Jodie O'Gorman's long-term research project in the Central Illinois River Valley, and decided to focus

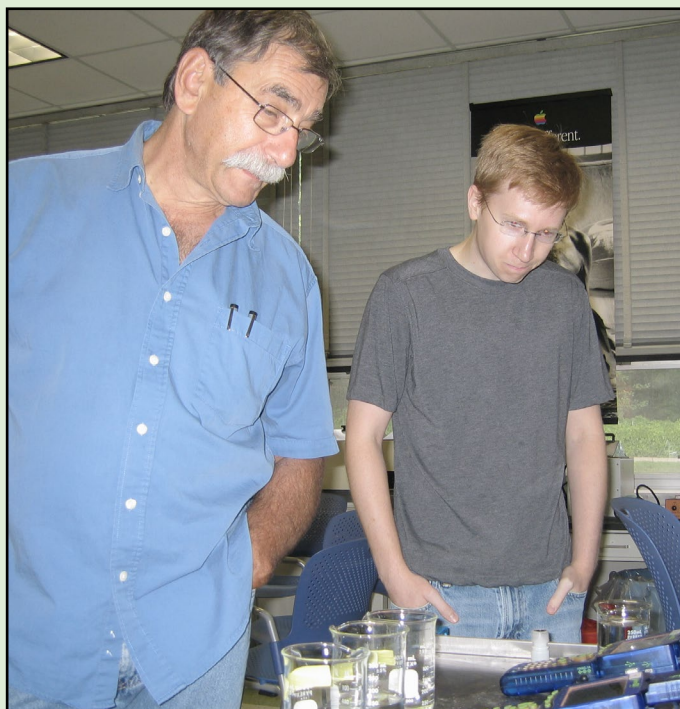
his dissertation there. He plans to examine the intersection of ceramic production with population aggregation, factionalism and conflict during the Late Prehistoric period.



Andy has also been seeking to answer an important question about technological properties of Late Prehistoric eastern North American ceramics. The results of Andy's initial research efforts have already garnered him a 2nd place award in the 2012 Midwest Archaeological Conference Student Paper Competition. Building on this work with the assistance of Professors Bill Lovis, and Jerry Urquhart, Andy just completed a new round of controlled experiments to assess the degree to which the alkalinity of liquids in

which maize is cooked. The research involved using archaeological pottery fragments from Morton Village courtesy of Dr. Jodie O'Gorman and the Illinois State Museum, experimentally replicated ceramic briquettes, and a replica shell tempered ceramic vessel produced with assistance from Cincinnati artist Emily Repp.

Andy will be compiling the data for a paper to be presented at the 2014 Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting in Austin, TX.



Emily Niespodziewanski was accepted to attend the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Central Identification Laboratory Forensic Science Academy for the Fall 2013 semester. This is a four-month fellowship during which fellows are in residence at the CIL and receive specialized training in forensic anthropology, archaeology, and lab techniques.

Sylvia Deskaj received a Lewis and Clark Exploration Grant from the American Philosophical Society for "Assessing Change and Continuity: Intra- and Inter- Regional Interaction During the Bronze - Iron Age of Northern Albania" which will aid in continuing her dissertation research in Albania.

Undergraduate Anthropology Club

The Undergraduate Anthropology Club provides students with the opportunity to learn about anthropological resources, network with professionals, and further their opportunities within the discipline. The 2013-2015 executive board is President Josh Schnell, Vice President Sarah Skoropa, Treasurer Blake Bass, and Secretary Taylor Flaherty.

Over the Fall semester, they hosted talks by Dr. Howard and Dr. Lovis, toured the Forensic Lab, had a bake sale to raise funds, and a Graduate student panel discussion. Most importantly for MSU's history, the club painted the famous rock on campus.



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Exploring Mayan Caves in her Senior Year: Bethany Slon

For senior undergraduate Bethany Slon, anthropology, and more specifically archaeology, has always been a passion. For as long as she can remember, she was fascinated by ancient populations and what we can learn from archaeology. But it wasn't until she began her freshman year at Michigan State University that she realized she could take that interest farther, turn it into a major and a career.

Bethany has taken advantage of opportunities to expand her knowledge of archaeology and help narrow



down her interests. During her junior year, she was an intern for the Campus Archaeology Program under the direction of Dr. Lynne Goldstein. Bethany spent the fall semester in the archives, looking through old scrapbooks from the 1900s made by the female students of MSU, researching the history of Morrill Hall, and learning about the archaeological significance the building had on the campus. She then presented her

findings at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum in the spring. Additionally, she volunteered at archaeology events around campus, and helped to survey construction on campus to make sure nothing of significance was destroyed.

During Summer 2013, Bethany was a member of the Campus Archaeology Program summer archaeology crew. The team surveyed campus construction, excavated an old road outside of the MSU Museum, and conducted labwork to clean and catalog artifacts.

During June, she participated in a five week field school in Belize, during which she excavated within an ancient Maya burial cave and portions of a small Maya city. Under the direction of Dr. Gabriel Wrobel, she learned how to map caves, uncover delicate skeletons, identify pottery sherds, and properly set up an archaeological site. She spent her days hiking through the dense rainforest with other Spartan peers and learning what it takes to become an archaeologist.

When Bethany got back to East Lansing, she began her funded undergraduate research project studying the teeth of the ancient Maya. In this study she is examining dental health in a Mayan population, in order to determine what kind of diet they ate, and how the population differs from others. In November she will present her findings at the Chacmool Conference for undergraduate and masters research in Calgary.

Bethany plans on attending graduate school next fall. She wants to specialize in bioarchaeology, and hopes to continue her research on the ancient Maya.

MSU.seum Mobile App Features Campus Archaeology Program

MSU.seum is a mobile application that was created by MSU Anthropology professors Dr. Ethan Watrall and Dr. Lynne Goldstein. The free mobile app allows you to explore the archaeology and heritage of the university's campus, and uses geopositioning to identify the user's location. For example, if the user was between Linton Hall and MSU Museum, the app would point them to Saints' Rest, the first dorm on campus. They would learn about the history of this building and the

archaeological work that was done there as well. The original design of the app began with the first Cultural Heritage Field School, and based on this first product Dr. Watrall and Dr. Goldstein decided to expand it. They hope to get funding to further develop MSU.seum to include a social aspect that allows for communication and discussion online.

Download this free application from iTunes, and learn more at <http://msu.seum.matrix.msu.edu/>

Outreach

On April 2013, MSU hosted its first ever Science Fest. The Department of Anthropology had three events including "Dig the Past" at Fenner Nature Center, "Hominid Evolution: What did our ancestors look like?", and Campus Archaeology Program. Volunteers included Blair Zaid, Amy Michaels, Sylvia Deskaj, Katy Meyers, Sabrina Perlman, Kate Frederick, Julie Fleischman, Ashley Kendell, Nicole Geske, Emily Niespodziewanski, Jen Vollner and others.



Dana Nyquist with Campus Archaeology at Science Fest

At the end of July, MSU also hosted its annual Grandparents University, where grandparents and grandchildren get the chance to attend three days of classes and stay overnight in a dorm. During these three days, the Department of Anthropology had two events including "Bones and the Law: Techniques of Forensic Anthropology" with volunteers Julie Fleischman, Ashley Kendell, Nicole Geske and Jen Vollner, and "Campus Archaeology Program" with volunteers Katy Meyers, Katie Scharra, Ryan Jelso, Josh Schnell, and Marie Schaefer.

On September 21 and October 26, MSU Campus Archaeology hosted its first sessions of "Dig the Past" at the MSU Museum. "Dig the Past" is an education and engagement project created by Adrienne Daggett in which kids learn about archaeology. Visitors can dig, sift, and sort their way towards learning about how archaeology builds knowledge about the human past. The program involves hands-on activities for kids of all ages that occur once monthly during the academic year at the MSU Museum.



Max Forton and a young explorer 'Dig the Past' at MSU Museum

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Experiential Learning: AAA Film



The MSU Department of Anthropology's diversity of experiential learning opportunities was featured on the American Anthropological Association's new 'Anthropology TV' at the annual meeting that was held in Chicago this past November. The five minute piece can be found on the AAA website or at anthropology.msu.edu under 'News.'

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