



DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY



2025 PHOTO CONTEST



“Llama Caravan in Pucuncho Basin”
Central Andes, Peru 2018
by Emily Milton



“Informal Syrian Refugee Settlement”
Beqaa, Lebanon 2019
by Marwa Bakabas



“Fishing Boat on the Zambezi,”
Zambia 2014
by Robert Billette



“Reading Aloud in Fon”
Benin, 2018
by Marcy O’Neil



“Peruvian Dyes”
Chincheru, Peru
by Nicole Williams



“Mountains”
Albania, 2014
by Sylvia Deskaj

FIELDWORK PHOTO CONTEST

Help the Department of Anthropology showcase who we are and what we do by capturing your fieldwork experiences through powerful images.

Winning entries will be featured on the department website, social media platforms and may appear in promotional materials designed to educate and engage the community about the department.

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 24, 2025

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY GUIDELINES

- This contest is open to MSU Department of Anthropology graduate students, undergraduates, alumni and faculty.
- A maximum of four photographs will be accepted per participant.
- Photographs must have been taken between 2022 and the present.
- Entries must be the original work of the participant.
- Image files must be labeled with participant's last name and a number (e.g., Smith1, Smith2, etc.).

IMAGE EDITING & ETHICAL STANDARDS

- Standard image adjustments such as cropping, noise reduction and adjustments to color and contrast are permitted. However, images that involve manipulative editing—such as adding or removing permanent features from a person or scene—are discouraged and may be disqualified.
- Images of paintings, screenshots, illustrations, or collages incorporating others' work will not be accepted.
- As anthropologists, we are particularly sensitive to the privacy of human subjects. Only photographs taken in public settings—where individual privacy has not been intruded upon—will be considered. If a photo was taken in a private context, a signed release form from the individual(s) depicted must be available and submitted upon request.
- Judges reserve the right to disqualify any submission that violates any applicable MSU, professional, or departmental policies.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Complete the Qualtrics form, which includes the entry form and image upload feature. Accepted file formats: JPEG, TIFF, or PNG. Other formats will not be accepted.
- Winners' names and status (e.g., student, alumni) will be publicized. Personal information will not be shared outside the department. Winners may be contacted for additional background information to be used in displays or publications.

JUDGING & PRIZES

- A panel of department faculty and one graduate student will serve as judges. Judges may not be contestants.
- Photographs will be evaluated on the following:
 - Visual impact
 - Anthropological relevance
 - Technical quality
 - Resolution
- Judges may consider geographic and thematic variety.
- The committee's decisions are final.
- Prizes:
 - First Place: \$300
 - Second Place: \$200
 - Third Place: \$100

COPYRIGHT & USAGE POLICY

The department follows the policy of Michigan State University's International Studies & Programs *Global Focus Photo Contest* as outlined below:

All rights, including copyright rights, in the photographs are retained by the entrant. By submitting a photo to the Department of Anthropology Photo Contest, the entrant grants [the Department of Anthropology at] Michigan State University non-exclusive rights for royalty-free use, including the creation and use of derivative works, in displays and in print and digital publications. The entrant will be credited in displays and publications as appropriate.