



UWM Anthropology Newsletter

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Greetings Anthropologists

This is our first newsletter and we're excited about starting an annual communication with you. If you are an anthropology student who has recently received an award, or has something to share, send it to us and we will share the good news. If you are an alum of our department, we'd love to know where you are and what you are doing.

And, if you'd like to find out about events and colloquia, contact our departmental office staff at anthrodept@uwm.edu, and we'll add you our listserv.

In this newsletter, we feature some of the research that our faculty and students have been involved in and celebrate those who earned grants, awards, and other accomplishments this past year.

Sincerely,

Erica Bornstein
Professor and Chair
Department of Anthropology

Students - Consider Joining ASU!

The Anthropology Student Union is an organization designed to serve the needs and interests of students interested in the four sub-fields of anthropology. Through member-coordinated workshops, publications, and the annual Colloquium, ASU fosters student research and professional development. Last year, the free workshop series addressed Academic Publishing, Getting a Job, and Mental Health in Academia, while the ASU Colloquium featured research on Ethics & Social Practice with keynote speaker Dr. Katherine Verdery.

ASU also takes an active role in advocating for student concerns and promoting the academic interests of both undergraduate and graduate members. By participating in ASU, students have the opportunity to exchange ideas, encourage fellowship, and advance both their social and professional goals. ASU holds general meetings once a month and all students are welcome to attend.





The 2019 UWM Summer Archaeological Field School at Aztalan

The Aztalan site was a palisaded village situated on the west bank of the Crawfish River occupied by a group of Late Woodland and Mississippian Indians from about A.D. 1000 to A.D. 1250. The site is dominated by four platform mounds situated in each corner of a rectangular palisade. The site was likely a village farming community connected to the ancient city of Cahokia in southern Illinois, home to the most complex pre-Columbian society in North America. Aztalan is one of the most significant archaeological sites in the Midwest and UWM has a long history of research at the site. 2019 marked 100 years of excavations at Aztalan's Northeast Platform Mound.

Senior Scientist, Dr. John Richards and UWM graduate students Megan Thornton and Eric Burant worked as teaching assistants for the 6-week course. The 2019 field school program was designed to follow up on earlier research by the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Wisconsin Archaeological Survey, including, excavations into the Northeast Platform Mound, and ground-truthing the recently completed geomagnetic map of the interior of the palisaded part of the site.





Graduate Student Spotlight:

The Leonard Family Anthropology Fellowship is given with preference to students pursuing their PhD. It provides funding for preliminary research outside of the United States, including coverage of international travel and research expenses.

Amy Klemmer - Leonard Family Anthropology Fellowship recipient (pictured with D.A. Leonard)

My research focuses on prehistoric fishing strategies practiced along the coast of Ecuador and the potential impacts of short-term environmental stress on human ecology when viewed through an archaeological perspective. Ecuador is a unique location in which to study human responses to ecological and environmental impacts due to its long cultural occupation, potential for seasonal and cyclical variability, and rich biodiversity. My field research location is based in the small fishing village of Salango on the central coast of Ecuador. The Salango Research Center (SRC) is administered by the indigenous community, with an onsite museum that archives archaeological collections and a laboratory that houses an extensive comparative faunal collection. The SRC is a collaborative research facility where Florida Atlantic University runs a yearly archaeological and ethnographic field school.

Residents of Salango and many other coastal villages in Ecuador still rely primarily on fishing for their livelihood. As ENSO activity grows progressively stronger due to global climate change, an understanding of the ways in which prehistoric humans responded to these types of environmental crises is particularly relevant to the modern day inhabitants of the region. Evaluating fishing strategies from both a modern and prehistoric perspective will provide local residents with a wider

range of tools to cultivate a greater sustainability of resources during uncertain environmental and economic times. It is my hope that my research will provide local residents a means for comparison of modern-day fishing practices to past practices that appear to have been sustainable over long periods of time.



Researchers from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) take core sediment samples from a pond near Rio Chico. Their research focuses on paleo environmental reconstruction. Results from their work will supplement my understanding of the environment at the Rio Chico site during its 5000-year occupation.



Mercy (middle), a local Salango resident, has been working at the Salango Research Center since she was fourteen years old. She is now beginning to train her daughter, Suggeidy (right), in techniques of fish identification. Her son, Youstin (left) comes in to visit. Researchers from Central Washington University and Texas Tech are in the background. The center hosts researchers from around the world.

Forensics Update

The Center for Forensic Science (CFS) is a multi-disciplinary certificate program that helps prepare students for careers in the exciting field of forensic science, which focuses on the analysis of physical evidence collected at crime scenes. Housed in the Department of Anthropology under the direction of biological anthropologist Dr. Emily Middleton, CFS integrates faculty from across campus in departments such as Chemistry, Criminal Justice, and Biomedical Sciences to offer a curriculum as varied as the field of forensic science itself.

Through CFS, students can work towards a certificate in Forensic Science or choose a more specialized certificate in Death Investigation or Forensic Toxicology. With strong community partnerships such as the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and the Milwaukee Medical Examiner's Office, CFS offers students real-world experience via internship opportunities.

Currently, CFS is in the initial stage of developing plans for an on-campus forensic science training laboratory space in the Department of Anthropology, with the goal of providing students additional opportunities for hands-on learning in forensic techniques and experience working with different types of scientific equipment.



Faculty Activities



Bettina Arnold, Director of UWM's Old World Archaeology Program, published several papers in journals and edited volumes on topics ranging from Iron Age mortuary archaeology to orphaned collections of European antiquities at the Milwaukee

Public Museum (MPM). In collaboration with MPM, she coordinated a loan of objects from MPM Accession 213, a collection amassed by Milwaukee industrialist William Frankfurth in the late 19th century, to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano, Italy, for an exhibit on early archaeological explorations in that region: <http://www.iceman.it/en/lost-found/>.

Before the objects were shipped to Italy she presented on the collection and the contributions made by William Frankfurth to Milwaukee and early archaeology in northern Italy, Austria, and Germany at a gathering of Frankfurth's descendants organized at the MPM.

Professor Arnold and PhD candidate Josh Driscoll, have also gained media attention and grant support for their research on Iron Age brewing methods, including an annual brewing competition, "UWM Unhopped Iron Brewer Challenge, held in January 2019 at UWM. The third annual "Unhopped Iron Brewer Challenge" will be held in February 2020. Visit <https://sites.uwm.edu/barnold/category/archaeology-of-alcohol/> for more information!



Erica Bornstein, was elected President of the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA), which is a section of the American Anthropological Association. Her two-year term begins November 2019. She published an article in the journal

Humanity, "The Report: A Strategy and Nonprofit Public Good" Spring 2019 10(1):Pp.109-131.



Bob Jeske, was awarded the Distinguished Career Award from the Midwest Archaeological Conference (2019). He published a co-authored paper: Karsten, Jordan K., Robert J. Jeske, Richard W. Edwards, David Strange, Kayla Kubehl, and Jeffery A. Behm, 2019. Assessing subsistence and its relationship to cultural complexity in the late prehistoric upper Midwest: A new perspective provided by dental health. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*: 1-14. Rick Edwards (PhD) and David Strange (MS) are UWM alums. In October 2018, he co-organized (along with UWM alums Katherine Sterner and Richard Edwards) the symposium, Late Prehistoric Landscapes in the Northern Prairie Peninsula: A Lake Koshkonong Perspective, which was chosen as the Midwest Archaeological Conference Sponsored Symposium for the 62nd Annual Meetings, in Notre Dame, Indiana.



Trudy Turner was promoted to Distinguished Professor. Dr. Turner was also recently named Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. She recently published a book, titled *Savanna Primates: The Genus Chlorocebus* (co-authored with Christopher A. Schmitt and Jennifer Danzy Cramer), published by Cambridge University Press. In February 2019, Dr. Turner organized and led an NSF funded workshop, "Data access and data sharing in Biological Anthropology," which was held in Milwaukee.



Anthropology Department Awards

Anthropology Dissertation Completion Awards

Jennifer Haas, Monique Hassman, and Helen Werner

Ritzenthaler Museum Research Internship in Anthropology

Emma Eisner

Anthropology Department Preliminary Dissertation Research Award

Josh Rivers

Leonard Family Anthropology Fellowship (for preliminary dissertation research)

Amy Klemmer

Ritzenthaler Memorial Museum Studies Scholarships

Alison Brodersen, Kastyn Matheny, Brian McConnell, and Katherine Santell

Graduate Student Accomplishments

Robert Ahlrichs

Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship (2019-20)

Samantha Bomkamp

Nonprofit Management General Scholarship Award, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management at UWM, Fall 2019

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative Scholarship, Fall 2019

Educational Seminar Scholarship, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, February 2019

Omeka Workshop Scholarship, Visual Resources Association Foundation, University of Chicago, March 2019

2019 Lesley Van Der Lee Scholarship, Small Museum Association Conference. College Park, MD, Feb. 17-19, 2019

Nancy Coinman Research Grant, Grant County Archaeological Society, Spring 2019

2019 Ilona Nicole Graduate YNPN Scholarship, Young Nonprofit Professionals Network, Spring 2019

John Palmer Smith Scholarship Award, Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management at UW-Milwaukee, Spring 2019

2018 Best Poster Award Winner, Wisconsin Federation of Museums Conference, Nov. 12, 2018, Kenosha, WI

National Archaeology Education Conference Scholarship, November 2018. LaCrosse, WI

Wisconsin Historical Society: Local History and Historic Preservation Conference Scholarship, October 2018. Elkhart Lake, WI

Ashley Brenneman

Frances A. Ross Trust in Anthropology Award (2018-2019)

Shaheen Christie


R1 Advanced Opportunity Program (R1AOP) Fellowship

Josh Driscoll

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

Heather Thomas Flores

FLAS Fellowship from UWM (CLACS) in 2018 to study the Nahuatl language at the University of Utah, Summer of 2018



FLAS Fellowship from the University of Utah in 2019 to continue with the Nahuatl Language Program: Summer of 2019

Monique Hassman

R1 Academic Opportunity Program Fellowship (2018-19)

Catherine Jones

Catherine received a "Museums Different" Student Scholarship to attend the Council for Museum Anthropology's Biennial Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 19-21, 2019. She spoke on a panel titled, "Anthropo-seen: Confronting Controversial Collections and Navigating Visibility for Underrepresented Communities".

Alexis Jordan

R1 Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship

2019 National Humanities Without Walls Predoctoral Fellow

Carew-Rendle History Prize awarded by the Royal Cornwall Museum for best essay in Cornish history or prehistory

Amy Klemmer

UWM Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship (GSEF, 2019-20)

Allison Kotowicz

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award

Cheri Price

(FLAS) Fellowship from the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies to study Mixtec in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Josh Rivers:

Fulbright Student Award (2019-20)

Leifur Eiríksson Foundation Grant (2019-20)

Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship (2019-20)

Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship (2018-19)

Tennessen Scholar Fellowship (2018-19)

Jessica Skinner

Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship

Congrats to Alumna Dr. Shannon Freire!



Former PhD student, Dr. Shannon Freire has been hired as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences at Marquette University.

Dr. Freire is teaching four-field anthropology, biological anthropology, and advanced bioarchaeology.

Congratulations to our 2018-19 MS and PhD graduates!

Fall 2018 – MS

Madison Auten
Cassandra Coffey

Spring 2019 – MS

Alexander Anthony
Andrew Saleh
Robert Vander Heiden
Nikita Werner

Spring 2019 – PhD

B. Charles
Jennifer Haas
Monique Hassman
Susan Hill
Helen Werner



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