

THE ANTHROPOLOGIST

A newsletter for faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the Department of Anthropology
Case Western Reserve University College of Arts and Sciences

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In remembrance of Aileen Kassen

A memorial service was held for Aileen Kassen on April 7th at The Temple-Tifereth Israel. Aileen Kassen has a wonderful history with CWRU, from receiving her PhD from Western Reserve University and continuing on to auditing classes as recently as 2015. She served on the CWRU Board of Advisors and also endowed the department's annual Anthropology Kassen Lecture, a legacy lecture series that featured invited top female scholars in anthropology. Her involvement in education goes far beyond CWRU; she was active in Cleveland's Jewish Community Federation, served on the Board of Trustees, and she was awarded the inaugural Gries Family Award for Community Leadership.

She was active in the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council - traveling to Israel on several historic trips, a first Jewish delegation to Syria and Jordan and a trip to build bridges amongst American, Israeli and Palestinian women. She was a member of the Ohio Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence and active on women's issues, the civil rights movement, civil liberties and other causes. She and her husband Julian who passed in 2010, were married 60 years. They raised two children, traveled extensively, and loved the city's museums, restaurants and the Cleveland Symphony.



Julian Kassen and Aileen Kassen (January 9, 1927 to February 23, 2016)

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS continued

Dr. Melvyn Goldstein receives Distinguished Faculty Research Award

Dr. Melvyn Goldstein, John Reynolds Harkness Professor of Anthropology received the **Case Western Reserve University Distinguished Faculty Research Award** for his internationally recognized research in Tibet. This award is given annually to a faculty member in recognition of outstanding research and scholarship that makes significant contribution to their field of scholarship and to the research reputation of the university. Goldstein was recognized for, in the words of Dr. Charles Ramble of the University of Oxford, his “monumental contribution” as “the single greatest contributor to our knowledge of Tibet in the long twentieth century.” This was echoed by Dr. Ezra Vogel of Harvard University who wrote “Professor Goldstein is easily the leading Tibetan scholar in the world.”



Dr. Melvyn Goldstein and President Barbara Snyder

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- Dr. Ezra Vogel, Harvard University

Goldstein was the first western anthropologist to gain access to Tibet for study in 1985. During his years of study, Goldstein has moved the field of Tibetan studies away from romanticized ideas of Tibetan life to an empirically based understanding of Tibetan culture, derived from long-term fieldwork in Tibetan communities. He and his students continue to study in Tibet, providing a uniquely long-term perspective on the lives of the Tibetan people in the 21st century.



Left to right: Provost Bud Baeslack, VP Research Suzanne Rivera, Dr. Melvyn Goldstein

Based on the strength of the nominating materials, the selection committee immediately and unanimously selected Dr. Goldstein to be one of this year’s award recipients. The award presentation was made by President Barbara Snyder, Provost Bud Baeslack, Vice President for Research Suzanne Rivera and Dean Cyrus Taylor when they surprised Goldstein by interrupting his class, Anthropology 102: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology, to present the plaque. Dr. Goldstein was previously honored by the university when he received the 2012 Frank and Dorothy Humel Hovorka Prize honoring faculty members for extraordinary contributions to their academic field.

CWRU Anthropology and Engineering Students Collaborate on Global Health Issues in Uganda

Over spring break, Case Western Reserve University anthropology and engineering students traveled to Uganda to work alongside 11 biomedical engineering students from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The students are participating in a course titled “Interdisciplinary Solutions to Global Health Problems,” a collaboration between Andrew Rollins, Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Janet McGrath, Professor of Anthropology. The course builds upon the Uganda-Case Western Reserve University Research Collaboration that began in 1988.

The teams of students are working on finding solutions to gaps in medical waste management as well as vaccine cold-chain preservation and designing a better pediatric pulse oximeter for low-resource environments. The program is collaborating with Makerere University faculty, including CWRU alum Dr. David Kaawa-Mafigiri and with Dr. Robert Ssekitoleko and Henry Kiwumulo. The course will be offered each spring, with optional travel to Uganda. Students can also work on the project through a student organization, Global Health Design Collaborative (GHDC).



Biological Anthropologist designs new CMNH Human Health Gallery

Dr. Nicole Burt, the Postdoctoral Fellow of Human Health and Evolutionary Medicine at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH), is designing a new human health gallery as part of the Centennial Campaign at CMNH. The Department has recently started a Biorepository for hard tissue biological specimens and is beginning a new research program on infant feeding practices in Cleveland. Dr. Burt recently published an educational game called “Origins: An Evolutionary Journey” with co-author Dr. Mindy Pitre and illustrator Holly Hunold. The game teaches the concepts of evolution and the fundamentals of human origins through classroom play.



Welcome Linda LaPinta, New Department Administrator

The department welcomes Linda LaPinta as Department Administrator. Linda has worked on campus for 12 years. The past 10 years she has worked with the Office of Graduate Studies as the Office Manager and began her new role in the anthropology department this past February.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS continued

Anthropology Spotlight Lecture Series featured Dawn Nafus

This year's Spotlight Lecture Series was held on April 18 and featured Dawn Nafus. Dawn is a Senior Research Scientist at Intel, where she conducts anthropological research to inspire new products and services. She has published widely on experiences of time, gender and technology, ethnography in industry, and most recently, quantification. She is the editor of *Quantified: Biosensing Technologies in Everyday Life* (MIT Press, 2016). She also co-leads the Data Sense project, which developed data exploration tools for non-expert use (www.makesenseofdata.com). She holds a PhD from University of Cambridge.

The talk explored how health and wellness data is used within the Quantified Self (QS) community. QS is a group of people who keep track of their bodies in some way, and share what they find with others. Recent discussion in this community has focused on the possibility of “turning the evidence pyramid on its head,” in that participants are revaluing self-experimentation as a significant scientific practice. This reintroduces contextual knowledge into forms of knowledge production that are otherwise designed to erase it. It also opens up broader questions about how relations between individuals and populations might unfold in a data-rich, sensor-rich setting—a setting framed by biomedical sensibilities, but also one where situated knowledges might be valued more than god tricks, and where data in one's hand might be more than just on its way to the cloud.



She discussed these issues through her ethnographic research in the QS community, and by reflecting on her design work on Data Sense, a software project at Intel which investigated the material infrastructures required to aggregate and interpret health and wellness data in this “upside down” way. Her lecture, titled “Getting Out of the Clouds: Context and Data within the Quantified Self Community,” was made possible through the generous support of Mr. Jonathan Plimpton, Managing Director, International Business Management, Inc. and a 1970 graduate of Anthropology at Western Reserve College.

Dr. Eileen Anderson-Fye joins the Department of Bioethics Faculty

Dr. Anderson-Fye recently transitioned into a new role here at Case Western Reserve University, she has taken the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Bioethics, School of Medicine. She has been a member of the anthropology faculty since 2007 and will be missed. We wish her the best in her endeavors.

American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting

Faculty, graduate students, and alumni came together at the 2015 American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting held in Denver, Colorado this past November. There was a tremendous turnout from chairing and organizing roundtable panels to presenting and discussing.

Dr. Katia Almeida presented ““Brazil (is not) for Beginners”: A Cross-Cultural Approach to Active Learning and Critical Thinking.”

Maureen Floriano was a roundtable presenter for “At “HOME” in the Field: Proximity and Perspectives in Ethnographies of Drug Use.”

Dr. Atwood Gaines was co-chair of “Shaping Selves, Senses, and Identities” and presented “The Enchanted and the Disenchanted: The Never Modern Self in Culture and Anthropology.” Conflict.”

Dr. Vanessa Hildebrand was co-chair on “The Right to Health in Practice: Lessons and Challenges for Ethnographic Engagement.” She also presented “Motherhood and Ideal Futures: The Reception of Global Reproductive Health Messages By Midwives and Women in Indonesia.”

Dr. Lee Hoffer presented “A Community of the Self-Interested: How Exchange in Heroin Markets Seeds

Dr. Jill Korbin was a discussant on an invited session “A House Divided: Politics, Professional Mobilization, and Academic Freedom in American Anthropology.”

Kristi Ninnemann presented “From Eels to ECT: Etiology and the Use of Electricity in the Treatment of Mental Disease.”

Jonathan Sadowsky was co-organizer of “Considering Anthropology’s Role in Medical Humanities and Social Medicine: Programs, Ideas, Methods, and Practice (Part 2).” He also presented “Whatever Works: Medical Efficacy in History and Anthropology.”

Allison Schlosser was chair on “Addictions.” She presented ““We Are People Who Have Lost the Ability to Make Choices”: How Clients Navigate Clinically Hybrid Addiction Treatment in the United States.”

Dr. Lihong Shi was a discussant on “The Current Medical Anthropological Research in China”. She also presented “The Transformation of Filial Support and the Preparation for Old Age in Rural Northeast China.”



Dr. Katia Almeida at the AAA 2015

Dr. Cynthia Beall

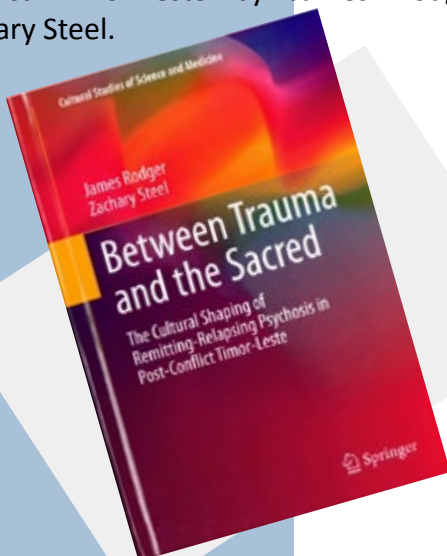
Dr. Cynthia Beall was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). AAAS is an international non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science for the benefit of all people. At the AAAS 2016 Annual Meeting she co-organized a Symposium on “Evolutionary Biology Impacts on Medicine and Public Health.” Speakers in the cross-cutting session included anthropologists, biologists, and physician-scientists who are using evolutionary principles to address health, optimal environments, vulnerability to disease, and treatment options across the human life cycle.

Dr. Janet McGrath

Dr. Janet McGrath was nominated for the 2016 Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. The Wittke Award is presented each year to two Case Western Reserve University faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Dr. Atwood Gaines

Dr. Gaines is the Editor-in-Chief of two new book series from Springer; *Cultural Studies of Science and Medicine (CSSM)* and *Millennial Medical Anthropology*. The first volume of CSSM has just been released and it is *Between Trauma and the Sacred: The Cultural Shaping of Remitting-Relapsing Psychosis in Post-Conflict Timor-Leste* by James Rodger and Zachary Steel.



Linguistics Anthropology is Back!

This fall, Dr. Katia Almeida shared her expertise in Linguistic Anthropology & Semiotics with graduate and undergraduate students that attended Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (ANTH 310/410). This course is designed as an active learning pedagogy and focus is on the experience of language in connection to social practices and cultural meanings. Dr. Almeida highlights how Linguistic Anthropology can enhance and expand the interdisciplinary study of language at CWRU, especially considering that our university currently does not offer an undergraduate major in Linguistics. She also emphasizes that the regular offer of this course will foster academic cooperation between Anthropology and other departments and programs like Cognitive Sciences, Modern Languages, and Psychological Sciences.



ANTH 310/410 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology class

Heather Baily

Heather Baily received support from the **Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fund** for a month-long feasibility study in Ghana this summer. The study seeks to examine how telemedicine technological interventions are being used to improve maternal and infant health in Ghana. The importance is to determine how standardized technologies are attempting to change behaviors surrounding birth and patterns of consumption of biomedical care. This feasibility study will contribute to the development of her research plans for a dissertation project.

Julia Knopes

Julia Knopes received a **Medicine, Society and Culture Grant** from the CWRU Department of Bioethics to attend the 5th International Health Humanities Conference this past April. The conference was hosted by the Cleveland Clinic Program in Medical Humanities for the Center for Ethics, Humanities and Spiritual Care, and the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University.

Sarah Miller-Fellows

Sarah Miller-Fellows received the **Richard A. Zdanis Research Fellowship Award** and a **Wenner Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant** in support of her dissertation research which examines the intersections of genetic disorders, community organization and reproduction among the Amish. She is currently conducting fieldwork in Geauga County, Ohio with plans to expand her work into Holmes and Lancaster County, Ohio settlements.

Catherine Osborn

Catherine Osborn received the **CWRU Student Employee of the Year 2016** award. Upon receiving the award, she was entered into the National Student Employee of the Year 2016 campaign, in which she placed second in Ohio.

Catherine was nominated by her supervisor, Dr. James Edmonson, Chief Curator at the Dittrick Medical History Center for her work as a guest curator and research assistant on an exhibit in the permanent gallery entitled "Re-Conceiving Birth: The History of Childbirth, 1840 - 1940 which opened in October 2015. "



Catherine Osborn leading a CWRU School of Medicine student tour at the Dittrick Medical History Center [Photo credit: Laura Travis]



*Dr. James Edmonson and Catherine Osborn
[Photo credit: Laura Travis]*

CWRU Student Employee of the Year 2016

Catherine has worked at the museum since 2013 on research projects, exhibit installation, social media coordination, public outreach, and as a guest speaker at events on midwifery and historic technologies of childbirth and fertility.

Megan Schmidt-Sane

Megan Schmidt-Sane received support from the **Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fund** for her pilot study entitled “Masculinity, gender norms and HIV vulnerability in low-income communities in Kampala, Uganda: An ethnographic pilot study.” The pilot study seeks to generate a description of men in low-income communities in Kampala where sex work and other leisure activities take place, with the goal of informing future dissertation research on topics such as masculinity, identity, social capital, and HIV/AIDS vulnerability. The project will examine men’s identities, individual beliefs, role(s) in the community and other demographic and community features.

Understanding the social, cultural and sexual links between the men and female sex workers will allow us to fill a knowledge gap and paint a more holistic picture of HIV/AIDS vulnerability. To date, the lived experiences of these men have been largely unexplored; these communities require further study to inform not only an understanding of men’s HIV risk but also women’s HIV vulnerability.

Yan Zhang

Yan Zhang was awarded the **Henry Luce Foundation / American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Program in China Studies Predissertation Summer Travel Grant**. The award will support pre-dissertation summer travel to China for 3 months for her project entitled “Elders for Eldercare: Moral Experiences of Family Caregiving for Elders with Dementia in Shanghai, China.”

Graduate Discourse News

Graduate Discourse (GD) continues its tradition of being a body of unity and support for anthropology graduate students. Fall 2015 elections resulted in the selection of a new round of leadership for GD. Positions for 2015-2016 are : Julia Knopes, Administrative/Advocate Chair; Catherine Osborn & Megan Schmidt-Sane, Professional Development Chair & Social Co-Chairs; Yan Zhang, Journal Chair; Yi Li, Librarian; Sonya Petrakovitz, Graduate Council for Arts and Sciences Representative.

This year, members of Graduate Discourse collaborated with student groups in the CWRU School of Medicine to present a three-part student lecture series on medical anthropology in practice. Kristi Ninneman gave the first presentation in September on the implications of mental health anthropology for clinicians. Catherine Osborn presented in December on the history and anthropology of reproductive choice as a critical issue in biomedical caregiving. Julia Knopes whose talk was on tools, technologies, and physician authority presented in January 2016. These informal lectures were intended to facilitate peer-to-peer discussions between professional and graduate students about contemporary topics pertinent to both fields.

This year also marks the first formal collaboration of the professional development and social representatives as co-chairs. This change reflects Graduate Discourse’s commitment to creating a collegial graduate student community where academic growth and relationships as fellow anthropologists-in-training may be mutually strengthened.

Three Anthropology Majors Traveled to Ethiopia

Students with an interest in paleoanthropology and who have met the course requirements for ANTH 370 have the opportunity of being selected by Professor Yohannes Haile-Selassie Ambaye, Curator of Physical Anthropology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, to participate in his research in Ethiopia. This spring three Anthropology majors were funded by the College of Arts and Sciences to participate in this opportunity: **Diane Bernardoni, Amanda Slater and Catherine Taylor.**

Catherine provided the following description of the experience: “The time I spent with Dr. Haile-Selassie working on the Woranso-Mille Paleontological Research Project was extraordinary. I got to experience all of what it means to do paleontological field work, from the pre-field season preparations, survey and excavation (including logistical aspects), and post-field season museum curation. I cannot overstate how much this amazing opportunity taught me. While the classes I had taken at CWRU prepared me as much as a classroom can, the experiences and knowledge I gained in Ethiopia extend far beyond what any student could learn in a classroom. This field season was unforgettable, and as one of the few undergraduates in the world to have an opportunity like this one, I am truly grateful.”



Photo credits: Yohannes Haile-Selassie Ambaye

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-Catherine Taylor

2016 Spring Intersections Research ShowCASE

This year's Intersections Research ShowCASE was held on April 15 in the Veale Convocation Center and several undergraduate students who major in anthropology and/or are mentored by anthropology faculty presented at the event.

Physical anthropology major, **Diane Bernardoni**, "The Effect of Limb Length on Locomotor Efficiency with Regard to Slope" - Faculty mentor Cynthia Beall

Anthropology major, **Darrell George**, "Addressing the Challenge of Ebola Virus Disease by Examining Sociocultural Factors in West Africa" - Faculty mentor Katia Almeida

Medical anthropology major, **Kristen Klemmer**, "Development of Pediatric Sentence Recognition Materials for Audiological Testing"

Medical anthropology major, **Serena Natt**, "Differentiation Therapies of Hepatocellular Carcinoma are non-toxic to Normal Stem cells but terminate aberrant HCC growth and Division"

Anthropology minor, **Danika Baskar**, "The Development of Maternal Identity in the NICU: An Analysis of Programs and Initiatives Designed to Promote Increased Maternal Engagement" - Faculty mentor Vanessa Hildebrand

Kristina Bowdrie, "Definitions of Child Maltreatment in Cleveland: A Comparison of Residents' Views from 1995 and 2015." - Faculty mentor James Spilsbury

Physical anthropology major, **Katherine Brandt**, "Fertility Study of Carrier and Affected Individuals with Factor IX Deficiency in an Ohio Amish Population." - Faculty mentor Cynthia Beall

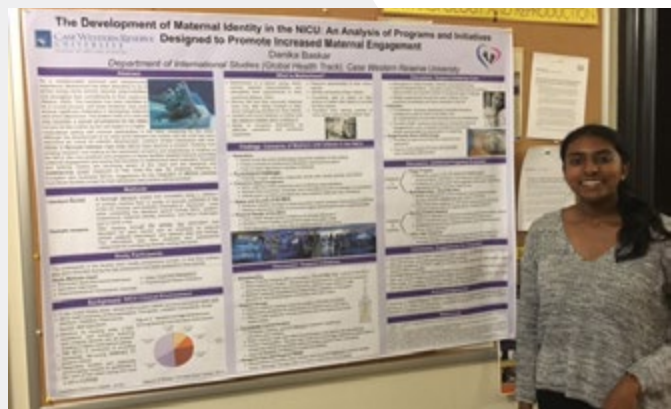
Medical anthropology major, **Neha Gupta**, "The Association of Inherited Variation in the CLOCK gene with Breast Cancer Tumor Grade"

Brandi Jett, "Development of Pediatric Sentence Recognition Materials for Audiological Testing" - Faculty mentor James Spilsbury

Anthropology major, **Surya Khadilkar**, "Finding New Patterns in Malarial Infections in Longitudinal Kenyan Cohorts"

Medical anthropology major, **Serena Natt**, "Differentiation Therapies of Hepatocellular Carcinoma are non-toxic to Normal Stem cells but terminate aberrant HCC growth and Division"

Congratulations to
Anthropology minor
Danika Baskar,
1st place winner in the
Intersections Social
Science Poster Prize!



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2016 Spring Intersections Research ShowCASE continued

Medical anthropology major, **Olga Nazarenko**, “Attention Bias and Electrocortical Activity in Response to Emotion Regulation Tasks in Youth”

Medical anthropology major, **Jevon Montague**, “Applying Engineering and Anthropology Together: An Ethnography on Interdisciplinary Work in Global Health” - Faculty mentor Janet McGrath

Anthropology major, **Susan Peoples**, “KONY2012: a Critical Analysis of Outside Interventions and Internet-based Activism in Uganda” - Faculty mentor Katia Almeida

Medical anthropology major, **Megan Rohrer**, “Ebola, National Security, and Disease Transportation: the Role of Airlines in the United States Ebola Cluster”

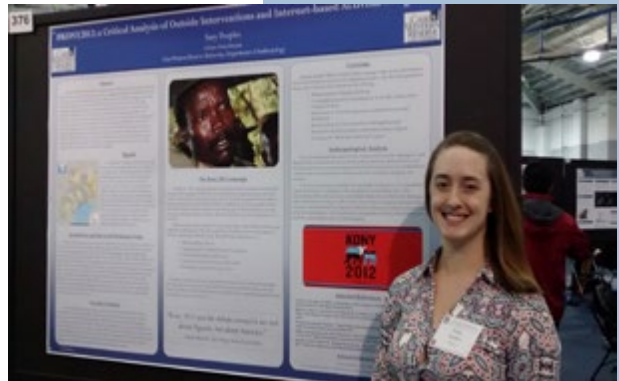
Medical anthropology major, **Sydney Stark**, “Intravenous Drug Use is Associated with Alloimmunization in Pregnancy”

Medical anthropology major, **Tara Tran**, “Analyzing the Effects of Public Policy in Vietnamese Smoking Culture” - Faculty mentor Lawrence Greksa

Zhiqiang Wang, “Modern and Contemporary History of Chinese Cities Development” - Faculty mentor Lihong Shi



Medical anthropology major, Jevon Montague



Anthropology major, Susan Peoples

Ohio Theta Chapter of Lambda Alpha

The Ohio Theta Chapter of Lambda Alpha is the Anthropology National Honors Society and is available to students interested in anthropology who meet the standards of scholastic performance. Membership selection occurs twice a semester. Undergraduate students who have completed 12 credits in anthropology, have a major GPA of 3.25 and an overall GPA of 3.0 are eligible to join. Graduate students in good departmental standing and have a GPA of 3.25 are eligible to join, as well as all graduates of anthropology within the past five years. There is a one time initiation fee of \$25 for this lifetime membership. Contact Dr. Greksa (lawrence.greksa@case.edu) for membership forms.

Plans of Graduating Seniors

Cosette Audi

Cosette Audi will be attending George Washington University to earn Masters of Public Health.

Kiran Bandi

Kiran Bandi will be attending medical school at the University of Pittsburgh.

Catherine Clair

Catherine Clair will be attending Johns Hopkins University to pursue a Masters of Health Science in Mental Health.

Gregory Chang

Gregory Chang will be studying Global Epidemiology in the School of Public Health at Columbia University.

Nusaiba Chowdhury

Nusaiba Chowdhury will be completing her Masters of Public Health degree in December. She then plans to return to Dallas with hopes of working with refugees.

Mercedes Deschene

Mercedes Deschene will be receiving a BA and an MA in medical anthropology through the Integrated Graduate Studies (IGS) program. After graduation, she plans to pursue a PhD in medical anthropology with particular interest in physical, disability, and linguistics anthropology.

Adam Hochman

Adam Hochman will be attending CWRU to pursue a Masters in Medical Physiology.

Lydia Greene

Lydia Greene will be in Chicago working for City Year, a component of Americorps.

Kristen Klemmer

Kristen Klemmer will be attending medical school at the University at Buffalo.

Surya Khadilkar

Surya Khadilkar will be attending the School of Medicine at CWRU.

Zachary March

Zachary March has been accepted into the Master of Science in Health Care Policy and Management program at Carnegie Mellon University.

Susan Peoples

Susan Peoples will be joining Teach for America Northeast Ohio Corp and teaching special education.

Victoria Robinson

Victoria Robinson will be volunteering as an HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Volunteer for the Peace Corps in Botswana.

Are you interested in a one-year MA degree in Medical Anthropology & Global Health?

The Department of Anthropology offers a one-year MA degree in Medical Anthropology and Global Health that provides training in topics including bio-cultural anthropology, global health, evolutionary medicine, reproductive health, psychological anthropology, demography/population aging, globalization and drug use. Our program is designed to prepare students for careers in medicine, allied health sciences, education and research in public, private and nonprofit sectors worldwide. Admission is still open for Fall 2016 enrollment.

Plans of Graduating Seniors *continued*

Megan Rohrer

Megan Rohrer will continue with a marketing internship at a local aeronautical and satellite strategic planning company and will then be pursuing a masters program in geography at George Washington University or George Mason University. She will be focusing on using remote sensing and geographic information systems to study disease spread and distribution and population movement as it relates to national security.

Amanda Slotter

Amanda Slotter will be attending Arizona State University to pursue a PhD in Evolutionary Anthropology.

Chakira Smith

Chakira Smith will be completing her Masters of Public Health degree next year.

Danrui Song

Danrui Song will be receiving a BA and an MA in medical anthropology through the Integrated Graduate Studies (IGS) program. After graduation, she is moving to New York City where she will be looking for work in the User Experience Research area.

Congratulations New Members of Phi Beta Kappa

Anthropology majors **Kiran Bandi, Catherine Clair, Mercedes Deschene, Margaret Kuhl, Rachel Sosnowchik, Sydney Stark, Danielle Turner, Marcel Youkhana, Nisha Malhorta, Raghav Tripathi** were elected as members of Phi Beta Kappa by the Alpha of Ohio chapter at CWRU.

Tara Tran

Tara Tran was accepted into Teach for America. She will be teaching high school mathematics in North Carolina.

Danielle Turner

Danielle Turner will be interning with Senator Sherrod Brown in his downtown Cleveland office and continue working with the Schubert Center for Child Studies, CWRU. Danielle also plans to apply for the Peace Corps next year.

Matthew Yoder

Matthew Yoder will be entering the M.A. Program in Medical Anthropology and Global Health offered by the Anthropology Department at CWRU.

Outstanding Achievement Awards in Anthropology

Congratulations to the following graduating seniors for their outstanding achievements in anthropology.

Recipients of

The Ruth and Newbell Niles Puckett Award
Marcel Youkhana and Kiran Brandi

Recipients of

The Callender Memorial Award
Mercedes Deschene and Rachel Sosnowchik

Recipient of

The Jonathan F. Plimpton Award
Kristen Klemmer

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS continued

Anthropological Student Association

The Anthropological Student Association (ASA) at CWRU is made up of undergraduates passionate about anthropology. The ASA meets bi-weekly at the Coffee House on Juniper Road to share exciting news, opportunities in the field, and plan campus events.



Sruthi Meka and Jenny Ibarra ASA at Spring TSO 2016

On Tuesday, April 26th, the Anthropology Student Association held a booth at Thwing Study Over (TSO) and helped students de-stress for finals by giving away drinks from around the world! The ASA is very excited for next year and welcomes interested undergrads to get involved. If you did not get a chance to sign up for their mailing list at TSO and would like to be added, please email anthrocwru@gmail.com with your name and major. You can also join the CWRU Anthropology Student Association group on Facebook!

ALUMNI NEWS

Ariel Cascio

Ariel Cascio (CWRU PhD 2015) accepted a new position in May as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Neuroethics Research Unit of the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM). She recently co-authored a publication in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* entitled "Systematic Review of Factors Influencing Farmers' Market Use Overall and Among Low-Income Populations."

Rebecca Dreyer

Rebecca Dreyer (CWRU BA 2014) is now a first year student in the MPH program at Stony Brook University and is currently investigating Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among 9/11 responders.

Ben Jiao

Ben Jiao (CWRU PhD 2001) published *Polyandrous Marital Status in Rural Tibet* in 2014 by Beijing: China Tibetology Publishing House. [<http://www.purpleculture.net/polyandrous-marital-status-in-rural-tibet-p-20479/>]

Jamie Shah

The capstone paper of Jamie Shah (CWRU BA 2015) entitled "The Dead Bodies of the West African Ebola Epidemic: Understanding the Importance of Traditional Burial Practices" was accepted to the *Student Pulse*, an open-access academic journal that highlights the work of students at the undergraduate level and above. The journal publishes work across a range of academic disciplines with a particular focus on the social sciences, arts, and humanities.

Joseph Galanek

Joseph Galanek (CWRU PhD MPH 2012) is a qualitative health scientist at SciMetrika, LLC, a public health consulting firm in Atlanta, GA. He currently provides technical assistance and conducts program evaluation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. His most recent publication in *Social Science & Medicine*, "The impact of neighborhood disorganization on neighborhood exposure to violence, trauma symptoms, and social relationships among at-risk youth" was co-authored with Fred Butcher, Daniel J. Flannery, and Jeffrey Kretschmar from Case Western Reserve University's Begun Center for Violence Prevention, Research, & Education.

Additionally, he presented findings from his federally funded prison research at the National Commission on Correctional Health Care's Correctional Mental Health Conference in Long Beach, CA. His presentation, "Implementation and Evaluation of Mental Health Programming in Prison" identified how collaboration between front line mental health providers and correctional staff facilitates implementation and sustainability of prison mental health programs for inmates with severe psychiatric disorders.

Joyce Oh

Joyce Oh (CWRU BA 2009) is a second year family medicine resident in Memphis, Tennessee. Last fall she went on a short-term medical mission trip to Dan Dong, China which sits just 1 mile from the North Korea border.

Amanda Kittoe

Amanda Kittoe (CWRU BA 2009) went on to receive an MA in Anthropology in May 2013 from Louisiana State University where she focused on sexual dimorphism and population variation in the skull. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in Anthropology (molecular, genetic) at the University of Kansas, focusing on population genetics of Central Asia. She also received a 2015 Fellowship awarded through the Chateaubriand Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Health (S.T.E.M.) from the Office for Science & Technology at the Embassy of France in the United States and is currently working on dissertation research at the Musée de l'Homme ("Museum of Man") in Paris, France under the mentorship of Dr. Franz Manni.

Sarah Zavaleta

Sarah Zavaleta (CWRU BA 2014) was accepted into Duke University's School of Nursing Accelerated BSN program come fall. She is also interested in joining the Nurse Corps when she becomes an RN, which would allow her to work as a nurse for two years in critically short-staffed locations.

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