Chair Chat: Our Pandemic Year

In last year’s newsletter, I stated that “We live in challenging times” and noted that “we do not know what the next year will bring.” I ended by inviting you to “join in the adventure of anthropology for 2020.” That adventure turned out to be harder than we ever imagined!

In the Anthropology Department, we have been almost entirely remote since March 2020 when CWRU, like most of the world, ceased most in-person activities. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work over the last year to keep things working as smoothly as possible. Our staff, Linda Rinella and Erin Shelton, have adapted office operations to work remotely, while continuing to respond to faculty and student needs. The University administration and staff at all levels have been working tirelessly to adjust health and safety protocols as the epidemic has shifted and everyone is wearing a lot of different hats these days.

Mostly, however, I want to express my great appreciation to the students and faculty for sticking with it! Our students have shown remarkable patience as we have moved our classrooms, office hours, and department events to zoom. Our faculty have similarly demonstrated flexibility and patience as the demands on their time have multiplied and expanded to include new ways to communicate and new ways to teach. For most of us, myself included, not being able to interact with students in the classroom and in the hallways has been enormously frustrating. Sadly, as one colleague expressed it, teaching “is just not fun anymore.”

In anthropology, the impact of the pandemic on our work is exquisitely felt due to restrictions on in-person research and travel bans. For our graduate students, in particular, the unknowns regarding the future of what we do as anthropologists weighs heavily. Although I cannot say how things will unfold, I am committed to working it out together and I know that the discipline of anthropology will come through this crisis with renewed energy to continue our research on the human experience. New research questions, new data collection strategies, new ways to communicate about our work are already emerging and offer exciting ways to do our work.

In this newsletter you will read about some of the remarkable accomplishments of our students, faculty, and alumni. I am very proud of all of this great work and I look forward to more interesting and important work going forward. So, please continue to keep us posted!

I enjoy hearing from you, so please let me know how you are doing and how your pandemic year has been. I can be reached by email at janet.mcgrath@case.edu or by phone at 216-368-2287. You can follow me on twitter at @CWRUAnthChair.
In memoriam: Robert Kingsley Puckett

The Department of Anthropology is saddened to report the death of Robert K. Puckett, a longtime friend of CWRU and the Anthropology Department. Mr. Puckett passed away on Nov 15, 2020 at the age of 89. In honoring his death, his family requested donations to the Newbell Niles and Ruth Neuer Puckett Prize Fund that was established in the memory of his father, Newbell Niles Puckett and his stepmother, Ruth Neuer Puckett. This fund provides an award each year for an outstanding graduating senior in Anthropology. We are deeply moved by the ongoing support of the Puckett family and send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Thank you to the donors who contributed to support the Puckett award in memory of Mr. Puckett:

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The Newbell Niles and Ruth Neuer Puckett Award

The Newbell Niles and Ruth Neuer Puckett award (the Puckett award) was established in 1967, following Newbell Niles Puckett’s death. The award was established by his widow, Ruth Neuer Puckett, who created the endowment for the initial prize. Since then, the prize has been renamed the Newbell Niles and Ruth Neuer Puckett award and the annual award, given to an outstanding graduating senior in anthropology has increased to $500.

The Puckett family have remained generous supporters of CWRU and the anthropology department. Their philanthropy continues to support and laud the success of our students. Among the winners of the Puckett award are:

Spring 2020: Timothy Fry
Spring 2019: Jennifer Nielsen, Abigail Richard
Spring 2018: Grant Hom, Neha Gupta
Spring 2017: Sydney Stark, Harini Ushasri
Spring 2016: Kiran Bandi, Marcel Youkmana
Spring 2015: Lawrence Monocello, Christine Oak

Spring 2014: Alexander Shappie, Heidi Wagner
Spring 2013: Phoebe Edwards, Kristin Smith
Spring 2012: Matthew Clemens
Spring 2011: Shannon Ohlemacher
Spring 2010: Rebecca Rose DiOrion, Brittany Marie Rogers

Newbell Niles Puckett

Newbell Niles Puckett (1898-1967) was a native Mississippian who became a leading folklorist. Dr. Puckett received his BS from Mississippi College in 1918 and went on to receive his PhD in Sociology from Yale University in 1925.

Dr. Puckett joined the faculty of Western Reserve University (now CWRU) in 1922. He became Professor of Sociology in 1938 and served as the Chair of the Sociology Department from 1954-1962.
As a folklorist, Puckett’s work focused on superstitions, folk beliefs and humor. He traveled across the US south, Ohio, and into Canada to collect data on folk cultures. He helped establish and was President of the Ohio and Cleveland folklore societies. Dr. Puckett’s best known work was his 1926 book “Folk Beliefs of the Southern Negro,” described by the publisher as:

… a book of black folklore and superstition, voodoo and conjure, magic and religion, songs and wonders. The author’s aim has been to present these folk-beliefs, to show their origin whenever possible, and to indicate some of the general principles governing the transmission and content of folklore in general as a means of establishing better relations between the races.

He also published “Names of American Negro Slaves” in 1937. He created and taught what has been characterized as a pioneering course on black studies at CWRU, well before this was a common offering.

Dr. Puckett and his first wife Marion Randall had three children, Randy W. Puckett, Robert K. Puckett, and Sally N. Puckett. Marion Puckett died in 1959. Dr. Puckett married Ruth Neuer in 1960.

Dr. Puckett died in 1967. After his death, his papers were donated to the John G. White Collection at the Cleveland Public Library.

His widow, Ruth Neuer Puckett, created the initial endowment for the Puckett award in 1967.

**Ruth Neuer Puckett**

Ruth Neuer was born in Vienna, Austria in 1917. She immigrated to the US where she attended the University of Pennsylvania, receiving her BA in journalism in 1955, her MA in Sociology and Criminology in 1958, and her PhD in Sociology in 1970. Dr. Neuer Puckett’s expertise included population, criminology, and social stratification.

In 1959, she became an instructor in the CWRU Department of Sociology. She went on to teach courses on social institutions, social stratification, criminology, and population issues on and off at CWRU and Cuyahoga Community College. In 1961, she married Newbell Niles Puckett. Her last appointment at CWRU was as a visiting assistant professor of Sociology in 1972.

Today the legacy of Newbell Niles and Ruth Neuer Puckett lives on through their family’s ongoing generosity. Each year, the Department of Anthropology is pleased to award the Puckett prize to a deserving senior who exemplifies excellence in Anthropology.

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**COVID-19 Response**

**Gabriela Arima**

Gabriela Arima (BA/MPH 2020) is a Research Coordinator/Community Outreach Specialist at the Public Health Institute (San Francisco, CA). Currently she works in COVID-19 contact tracing for several counties in California. In addition to epidemiological investigation, the program aims to help patients successfully isolate in their homes and recover from the socio-economic impacts of infection. Her role as a community outreach specialist is to listen to patients, speak with them about their options, and refer them to community resources. This is, she notes, “a continuation of my undergraduate anthropology capstone on social determinants of health screening!”
Heather Baily

Heather Baily (PhD 2020) is with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment where she serves as the Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Program Manager, and oversees about 400 contact tracers and 50 staff. Roughly half of the contact tracers are current AmeriCorps members/volunteers, 25% are Colorado School of Public Health students, and 25% are former AmeriCorps members who completed their service term and were hired full-time. Heather and her team work to ensure all of the contact tracers learn about topics like social determinants of health and health equity to better understand the variety of factors at play in people’s lives beyond their COVID-19 exposure or diagnosis. By helping them to understand the structural forces that make some more susceptible to COVID-19 and its effects than others, the contact tracers develop more compassion for those they call, and learn when to engage cultural navigators or resource coordination. Additionally, the program recently hosted anthropologist Peter Locke from Northwestern University to give a lecture on global mental health. Mental health is a topic regularly addressed with the contact tracers, but Dr. Locke introduced concepts beyond biomedicine, which was very eye opening for some. By regularly introducing topics studied by medical anthropologists, the program continues to develop better contact tracers.

Kristine Camper

Kristine Camper (MA 2019) has been deployed for the CDC to work with Southwestern tribal communities on a variety of projects, including a community readiness model to try and lower youth alcohol and opioid usage within the community. She writes that her anthropological training helped develop research materials and improve rapport with the community. A tribal representative said one of her presentations was the most comprehensive he had ever seen come out of his partnership with her organization. Sadly, COVID-19 has put a pause on any direct intervention for the project because the community had to switch efforts over to full-time COVID-19 work. Her work includes collaborating with the Office of Minority Health to get a tribal representative to work with the federal government on allocating funds not just for COVID-19, but also for basic necessities such as clean water, cleaning supplies, and food.

In addition, Kristine is on a team that passed a resolution for declaring that racism is a public health concern and is now working on different ways to turn that into actionable items. She writes about the paradoxical relationships between Black Lives Matter (BLM) and Indigenous rights because there is both reluctance and empathy at the same time. A Navajo elder explained that she grew up with racism all her life, including boarding school, child labor, discrimination, cutting hair, and so many other instances. Until BLM came to light, she didn't understand that it was labeled “racism” because racism was not a word in Navajo. She just saw it as a component to life that you have to overcome to survive.

Last summer, it was revealed that a local hospital in New Mexico was secretly conducting COVID-19 tests on pregnant women thought to be Native American when they delivered in the hospital. Kristine is part of the team challenging this discriminatory practice. Propublica described the case here and here.

Kristine writes: “The biggest hurdle that I have had is recognizing myself as a stock character in a long and complex history since I am one of the few white women in the organization working with tribal communities … that is when I think the most of Anthropology and how to recognize the impact of historical trauma and colonization that still intersects with native lives to this day. So far, I have made incredible relationships and networks with people that have taught me so much. I am really excited to return to the communities though as soon as it is safe enough.”
Reports from the Field

Brooke Jespersen

Brooke Jespersen is remotely conducting her dissertation research, which investigates how older Puerto Rican adults and their families pursue “good” lives in the context of Puerto Rico-US migration and the COVID-19 pandemic. While the notion of “remote anthropological research” often feels like a contradiction, Brooke has found that adapting her research design to the constraints of COVID-19 has generated exciting opportunities and connections in her work. Originally, Brooke had planned to conduct a multi-sited ethnographic study of older adults in Puerto Rico and Cleveland, primarily focused on recruiting participants through senior centers. Due to restrictions on travel and in-person gatherings, she shifted her geographic focus to Cuyahoga County and is recruiting participants through Facebook groups and online networking. One challenge associated with online sample recruitments is that many older Puerto Rican adults in Cuyahoga County lack internet access. To address this challenge, Brooke expanded her sample to include middle-aged Puerto Rican adults who, in turn, recruit their elderly parents for interviews. The strategy has enriched her project by adding an intergenerational perspective and has facilitated recruitment of older adults with diverse living arrangements, family configurations, and levels of functional mobility. As the COVID-19 pandemic influences Puerto Rican migration patterns, Brooke is also drawing on archival research, data sets, and interviews to understand how emergent mobilities and immobilities shape Puerto Rican aging. Brooke will present the ways she has adapted her research to COVID-19 at an invited Presidential Roundtable entitled, “The Best-Laid Plans: Adapting Research to COVID-19,” at the upcoming April meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology.

Sonya Petrakovitz

From August 2019 through December 2020, Sonya lived in Hanga Roa, Rapa Nui while conducting her research on the local ancestral medicines and the island’s ongoing debates about its political and economic status and future. During her nearly 17-month residence, she examined how the protected knowledge of the Rapa Nui ancestral medical traditions persists as a powerful force for bonding vital aspects of “being Rapa Nui” with parallel civic concerns for immigration, land rights, and political & economic authority—addressing persistent community ideologies of who should have access to what on the island.

The appearance of COVID-19 presented Sonya and her research with unexpected and unprecedented access during the first 9 months of the island’s response to the global pandemic. Health, medicine, and local sustainability instantly became the main topics of conversation in all settings as they were abruptly forced to return to a life, once again, as a community in isolation.

To read more about Sonya and her time on Rapa Nui, click here.
Dr. Cynthia Beall

Dr. Cynthia Beall recently participated in a workshop “The Challenges of anaemia (sic) in the Andean region.” It took place the 20th-21st January, 2021 on Zoom and involved participants from North and South America and Europe. She was a member of the Program Committee and chaired a Breakout Group on high-altitude adaptation and hemoglobin. Over a quarter of the world’s population suffers from anemia—too few red blood cells or too little hemoglobin to meet the body’s physiological needs. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines a hemoglobin concentration threshold for diagnosing anemia. That definition can falsely identify Tibetan highlanders as anemic, people who live at high altitudes where there is less oxygen in the air. The WHO provides altitude correction for the thresholds, yet those often misdiagnose healthy people as anemic. This workshop had the goal of establishing research priorities for understanding the epidemiology and treatment for anemia in the Andean region while taking into account the special condition of high-altitude. The UK Academy of Medical Sciences and the Peruvian National Academy of Medicine sponsored the workshop.

Dr. Yohannes Haile-Selassie

Adjunct Professor Yohannes Haile-Selassie presented an invited Topical Lecture “Examining the Evidence of Coexisting Hominin Species in Our Deep Past” on February 11th, 2021 at the virtual annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Dr. Melvyn Goldstein

Congratulations to Professor Melvyn Goldstein on being named a Distinguished University Professor! This is a much deserved honor for his exemplary career.

Click here to read the announcement in the Case Daily.
Dr. Lee Hoffer

Dr. Lee Hoffer was a discussant at the conference: Assessing and Incorporating Intervention Effectiveness in Systems Model of the Opioid Crisis, Utilization of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). This national workshop addressed how the latest science on computational modeling was being used to address the US opioid epidemic. The workshop was sponsored by the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA), The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Dr. Hoffer was also interviewed for the New Yorker article, “The Wrong Way to Fight the Opioid Epidemic” by Paige Williams, that discussed the problems associated with “overdose homicide.” The article (Feb. 2020) can be found [here](#).

Finally, Dr. Hoffer served as an expert witness for the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio (Cleveland, OH) in a case involving opioid possession and distribution. This involved reviewing evidence (body camera footage, cell phone, text message, and other evidence) and writing a report to the lawyers on the matter of what constitutes “illegal drug possession with the intent to sell.”

Dr. Lihong Shi

Dr. Lihong Shi continued her research on grief among Chinese parents who lost their only child born under the country’s previous one-child policy. She presented her findings at virtual events organized by Tsinghua University in Beijing and Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her article on this research will be published in the forthcoming edited volume Chinese Families Upside Down: Intergenerational Dynamics and Neo-Familism in the Early 21st Century (Brill, 2021). She also wrote an essay for the general public, published by Sixth Tone, an online magazine in Shanghai.

You can learn more about our faculty’s research interests and accomplishments [here](#)
In the Classroom

**ANTH 215: Introduction to Medical Anthropology**

In **Professor Jill Korbin’s** Fall 2020 section of ANTH 215: Introduction to Medical Anthropology, students had the opportunity to learn about the work of some of the outstanding alumni of our program through a series of invited talks called, They Sat In Your Seats: The Contributions of Medical Anthropologists.

Presenters discussed their work and how anthropology and medical anthropology contributed to their careers and work. The alumni who participated were:

**Infectious Disease and Medical Anthropology**  *Jennifer Furin, Ph.D., M.D.* is an infectious diseases physician and medical anthropologist who specializes in improving the lives and health of people affected by TB and HIV in a number of global settings.

**Applying Medical Anthropology to work with the CDC on COVID-19**  *Kristine Camper, MA* is currently working for the CDC on COVID-19 in tribal populations.

**Immigrant Health**  *Bridget M. Haas, Ph.D.* is a medical and psychological anthropologist whose work focuses on refugee and immigrant health and mental health; immigration policy and health outcomes; and child health and well-being.

**Medical Anthropology and Mental Health**  *Jennifer Shaw, Ph.D.* is a medical anthropologist and Senior Researcher at Southcentral Foundation (SCF), a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award-winning, tribally-owned healthcare organization serving 65,000 Alaskan Native and American Indian people in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Social Determinants of Health, Structural Racism and Health Disparities and Disproportionality**  *Colleen Walsh, Ph.D.* is a medical anthropologist and an Associate Professor in the School of Health Sciences at Cleveland State University.

**Medical Anthropology, Ethics, Genetics**  *Meghan Halley, Ph.D., MPH* is a Research Scholar in the Center for Biomedical Ethics at Stanford University.

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**ANTH 367/467: Human Evolutionary Biology**

**Professor Cynthia Beall** taught an interdisciplinary course called “Human Evolutionary Biology” in the Fall 2020 semester (ANTH/EEPS/PHIL 367, ANAT/ANTH/EEPS/PHIL/PHOL 467, and BIOL 368/468). Students prepared un-essays instead of the traditional research paper. Un-essays took forms ranging from a comic strip about the evolution of cryptic coloration by Allan Willmon, an illustrated timeline of mammalian skull evolution by Jeb Bugos, and infographic on placental evolution by Shriya Donthi, an extinction game by Giovanni Sabatini, and a high school biology unit plan on evolution and the relatedness of species by Maura Plocek.
In organizing the COVID-19 symposium, Dr. Rynkiewich and Dr. Bergquist provided an opportunity for shared discussion, reflection, critique, and conversation between students interested in the role of infectious diseases in society. The symposium allowed students to discuss the need for communities to be prepared socially, politically and structurally for a future health crisis beyond COVID-19. In the symposium, Dr. Rynkiewich and Dr. Bergquist engaged students in discussing various issues concerning the pandemic, including the politicization of the pandemic and the issue of misinformation. The students emphasized the role of misinformation in the early stages of COVID-19 in contributing to lack of public preparedness.

The students drew multiple comparisons between national pandemic responses and public health measures. For example, students discussed China’s ability to mitigate the virus compared to the United States. Students also considered the current discourse on why the United States has struggled to contain the COVID-19 virus. This highlights issues such as the politicization of mask wearing in the US, a phenomenon that puzzles Dr. Meredith Wylie, an MD who is currently working on a PhD in Anthropology at CWRU: “Whether you’re right, left, or center, masks are not a political issue.”

Students drew attention to the ways in which the debate in the United States has centered on ideas of freedom, liberty, and choice, echoing critiques of “American exceptionalism” in the anthropological literature on infectious diseases. Norma Ojehomon, a CWRU PhD student, pointed to a recent critique of American exceptionalism, noting that “At the beginning of the pandemic there was a lot of panic and concern that many African countries will struggle with COVID-19 pandemic, but there has been a sort of flip whereby the western countries are the ones struggling to contain the virus.” Students also commented on the impact of national coherence among state governments, with each state having their own rules and laws on quarantining and social distancing.

Importantly, students in both classes pointed to the systemic inequities and health disparities exacerbated by COVID-19 in the United States as a major impact of the pandemic. Racial and ethnic minorities in the United States have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has exploited already existing gaps in the American healthcare system. In sum, the students’ observations highlight the ongoing need for attention to the biosocial impacts of infectious diseases to understand epidemics in the past, present, and future.

Thanks to Immaculata Ajuogu, CWRU PhD student, for providing this account of the symposium.
Anthropology Day Celebration & ASA

National Anthropology Day was celebrated on February 18th, 2021 with a virtual watch party featuring the film, *The Anthropologist*, followed by an informal student led panel and conversation about the relevance and impacts of anthropology. The panel was composed of current students majoring or minoring in anthropology and pursuing various academic interests and career paths, including medicine, veterinarian medicine, environmental conservation, music, art history, economics and international development. Student panelists shared their insights and answered questions on how they became interested in anthropology and how anthropology has impacted and enhanced their academic experiences and career goals.

The event was organized by the Anthropology Student Association (ASA) and marked its reorganization and new leadership. Jordan Perez, the new president, believes that “the revitalization of ASA will increase the visibility of anthropology within the Case community, allow students already majoring in or interested in anthropology to connect with and learn from one another, facilitate the communication between students and the anthropology faculty, and support initiatives that anthropology is committed to like diversity and inclusion.” Jordan and Dr. Katia Almeida, ASA’s new faculty adviser, are both “thrilled to help forge the revival of the Anthropology Student Association” and invite all students majoring, minoring or interested in anthropology to become members.

Left: Jordan Perez, ASA’s new president, is in her third year at CWRU. She is combining her anthropology major with the pre-health professional track and plans a career in medicine.

Below: Dr. Katia Almeida and the student panel celebrate Anthropology Day.
Congratulations to our graduate students on their accomplishments in the 2020-2021 academic year:

Alison Harper earned the Mellon Fellowship through the Cleveland Humanities Collaborative. During the Spring of 2021, she is a teaching fellow under Professor Donya Waugh from Cuyahoga Community College. She is also a graduate research assistant at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing under Dr. Stephanie Griggs and currently has an article under review for publication.

Brooke Jespersen received a PEO Ohio Chapter Q Scholarship to support her dissertation research entitled, "Regimes of mobility and aging: The influence of migration on older Puerto Rican adults’ subjective aging experiences."

Graduate Student News

What is Happening with Graduate Discourse?!
Norma Ojehomon and Jillian Schulte

No one rang in the New Year in 2020 imagining that we were about to live through the most significant global health crisis in a century, nor realized how fundamentally (and quickly) our lives would change. When the entire campus went into lockdown in March, there were still faint hopes that this would be over soon and that the 2020-2021 school year might bring with it some sense of normalcy after several months of lockdown. It’s been a long time since we’ve walked down the hallways, met up for tea and discussion, and been around each other in general. It must be even more difficult for those who have never met most of the department in person. And that's one of the reasons Graduate Discourse (GD) has become more critical than ever.

Graduate Discourse is, as the CWRU Anthropology website puts it, “a body of unity and support for anthropology graduate students.” The group is designed explicitly to be a community where graduate students in the anthropology department can discuss what is going well (and vent about what isn’t). Reconfiguring as a virtual community has not been the easiest. It has been exciting (as anthropologists) to watch as we all adapt to this new normal, but just know that we are all in this together and working to make sure you still feel that sense of community. We have continued to put together events (such as the library event detailed below and the fantastic holiday social) redesigned for the new normal we’ve been living.

During the fall semester, GD students attended a virtual research session with our department librarian, Evan Meszaros! Given pandemic restrictions to social, in-person research, GD leadership carved out an opportunity to build up and refine our students’ virtual researching skills. Evan Meszaros provided an overview of CWRU’s databases, shared valuable search optimization techniques, and allowed students to filter their research topics throughout the process. You can email or schedule an appointment with him here to discuss your research interests. As students write up everything from their course assignments to their dissertation proposals, we know we have great support at our library resource department!

The executive board has been working hard to make sure that we bring even more events that we can enjoy in the months ahead (social, professional development, and more) and hope that you will join us for them. Just remember that if you have any questions or need to reach out, or even if there is something that you would like the department to know but are uncomfortable letting them know yourself, Graduate Discourse is here to bridge the gap. We are all in this together.

See you at the next meeting!

The GD Exec Board
Alumni News


Megan Schmidt-Sane (PhD 2020) is working for the Social Science in Humanitarian Action Platform at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex where her efforts include co-authoring two briefs: Rapid Review: Vaccine Hesitancy and Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccination and Key Considerations: Emerging Evidence on Shielding Vulnerable Groups During COVID-19.

Yan Zhang (PhD 2020) was awarded the Margaret Clark Award for Student Papers sponsored by the Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Life Course for her paper: “Cinderella Men”: Husband- and Son-Caregivers for Elders with Dementia in Shanghai. The paper, based on her dissertation research, will be published in an upcoming issue of the journal, Anthropology and Aging.

Yan has also recently accepted a postdoctoral position at the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical Center. She will be working with Dr. Hongtu Chen, Dr. Arthur Kleinman, and Dr. Fawwaz Habbal on a program named “Social Technology for Global Aging Research Initiative.” Congratulations!

Recent Publications


Haas, B. M. (2020). “Asylum is the Most Powerful Medicine”: Navigating Therapeutic Interventions in Limbo. *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 1-25. [DOI](https://doi.org/)


Spring 2020 / Winter 2021 Graduates

Congratulations to our new 2020 PhDs!
Yan Zhang: “A Landscape of Dementia Care: Politics, Practices, and Morality in Shanghai, China”

Congratulations to these undergraduates for receiving their BA or minor in Anthropology!

Grace Ahuja
Anna Anders
Lauren Beier
Hannah Boylan
Madison Burhenn
Cassandra Candel
Mallika Chatterjee
Hillary Delin
Jacqueline Diaz
Chloe Francis
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Jordin Siroyd
Megan Smith
Sarah Starr
Aubri Swank
Gabrielle Watson
Austin Zhang

Congratulations to our Spring 2020 undergraduate award recipients for their outstanding achievements in anthropology!
The Callender Memorial Award: Emma McCann
The Jonathan F. Plimpton Award: Ioanna Skubas
The Newbell Niles and Ruth Neuer Puckett Award: Timothy Fry

Congratulations to these students for receiving their MA!
Alisha Giri
Alison Harper
Estefania Hernandez
Manpreet Kaur
Chase Klingenstein
Grace Nalukwago
Jillian Schulte

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