

Anthropology Newsletter



News & Announcements

Faculty:

Associate Professor Joshua Barker is the new Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) and vice-provost of graduate research and education for a five-year term commencing 01 July 2017, where he transitions into the role from his previous position as Vice-Dean, Graduate Education in the Faculty of Arts & Science. As Vice-Dean, Barker was known for consulting widely with students and faculty. He developed a student-centric strategy to improve graduate student experience by increasing graduate student funding over three years and establishing the Milestones and Pathways Program, which provides support for discipline-specific graduate student professional development. Professor Barker said he sees SGS as having three main functions: acting as a service provider for grad students, a resource for key information for all graduate activities at the university, and an innovation hub for graduate student experiences.

Associate Professor Bonnie McElhinny has been appointed Principle of New College from 01 July 2017 - 30 June 2022 having previously served as Director of Women and Gender Studies (WGSI). Vice President and Provost Cheryl Regehr says McElhinny has a distinguished record of leadership within and outside the University. "Professor McElhinny has a deep appreciation of the New College community and what makes it unique," Regehr said. "Her research on social justice, equity and inclusion reflect the core values of the college."

Professor Emeriti Richard Lee Donates Books to Anthropology Library. Professor Emeritus recently donated his large collection of anthropology books to the Anthropology Library located in AP 74 at 19 Russell St. The department will undertake an overhaul of the current library collection to ensure that it can accommodate Dr. Lee's donation. Dr. Lee's generosity of gratefully acknowledged.

Professor Tania Li explores new rural economies in the global south and shows how development fails to tackle endemic poverty; <http://news.artsci.utoronto.ca/all-news/global-lens/anthropologist-tania-lis-exploration-new-rural-economies-global-south-shows-development-fails-tackle-endemic-poverty/>

Associate Professor Andrea Muehlebach was awarded a 6 month JHI Fellowship (2017-2018), for her project *Property, Right, or Commons? On the Water Insurgency in Europe*

Professor Valentina Napolitano has been named a Visiting Member of the Center of Theological Inquiry for the 2017-18 Inquiry on Religion & Migration, at Princeton University.

Professor Holly Wardlow published in the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI) article; *The (extra)ordinary ethics of being HIV-positive in rural Papua New Guinea*
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-9655.12546/full>

Professor Tania Li has been awarded a 6 month Jackman Humanities Institute (JHI) Fellowship (2018-2019) for her project *Plantation Life*

Graduate students:

Dr. Ornella Bertrand won the 2017 Taylor and Francis Award at the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology conference for Best Student Article in the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology. She won the award for "First virtual endocasts of a fossil rodent: *Ischyromys typus* (Ischyromyidae, Oligocene) and brain evolution in rodents" coauthored with **Professor Mary Silcox**.

PhD Candidate Malcolm Ramsay studies mouse lemurs under **Associate Professor Shawn Lehman**; <https://www.utoronto.ca/news/u-t-anthropologist-malcolm-ramsay-asks-why-didn-t-lemur-cross-road>

Dr. Kathleen Rice published in the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI) *Rights and responsibilities in rural South Africa: implications for gender, generation, and personhood*; <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-9655.12542/full>

Dr. Lianne Tripp accepted a tenure track position (bio-medical Anthropologist) at the University of Northern British Columbia.

Dr. Amber Walker-Bolton published in the American Journal of Primatology; <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ajp.22724/abstract>

Anthropology Events 2017/2018

Colloquium Speakers; <http://anthropology.utoronto.ca/departmental-events/>

Professionalisation Committee events; <http://anthropology.utoronto.ca/departmental-events/>

Department meetings 2017/2018; <http://anthropology.utoronto.ca/departmental-events/>

Diversity, Decolonisation meetings; <http://anthropology.utoronto.ca/departmental-events/>

Awards

Assistant Professor Krista Maxwell; SSHRC Insight grant of \$233,006 (2017-2022) for the project "Anishinaabe kinship law and the Canadian child welfare system: social histories and sovereignty struggles in dialogue", with Collaborator Mr. Adolphus Cameron of Wabaseemoong Child Welfare Authority.

Assistant Professor Julia Gamble; Insight Development Grant (2yr) for the project "One thousand years of disease dynamics: Integrating molecular biology and palaeoepidemiology in Medieval Denmark." This is a collaborative project with McMaster University and the Anthropology Unit in Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Southern Denmark

Assistant Professor Liye Xie; UTM is one of 10 UTM researchers to receive a Connaught New Researcher Awards. It will fund her project on "labour mobilization for early Bronze Age urban construction at Erlitou, China." The annual Connaught awards help establish strong

research programs for U of T assistant professors within the first five years of a tenured-stream academic appointment.

Professor Tania Li received the Faculty of Arts and Science Outstanding Teaching Award at the annual event hosted by the Dean to celebrate Arts and Science's commitment to teaching excellence, outstanding administrative staff and student leadership.

Annual Department Teaching Assistance Award 2017: Congratulations to Laura Eastham! Nominators for this award noted Laura's thoughtful, knowledgeable, enthusiastic, highly efficient, approachable manner as well as her ability to meet student's needs with the highest degree of professionalism. Her tutorials were recognized for being well-structured, and presenting the most recent research while meeting the challenges of laboratory moves and student accommodations. Laura was lauded for 'consistently going the extra mile to demonstrate that she really cared for the learning and well-being of students'. To quote a faculty nominee "Laura really exemplifies what one wishes to see in a TA: she knows the subjects of the classes very well, she is very independent, absolutely reliable, works very well with the students and is a great communicator."

New Department Appointments

Assistant Professor Lauren Schroeder, UTM. Hailing from Cape Town, South Africa, Lauren Schroeder is a palaeoanthropologist whose research is broadly focused on understanding the evolution of cranial and mandibular diversity within hominins. This research agenda combines a variety of quantitative methods, including statistical analyses of 3D forms, with the analytical approaches of quantitative genetics to address questions about the evolutionary processes underlying morphological variation, more specifically to what extent adaptive versus non-adaptive processes contributed to our evolution. Dr. Schroeder was also involved in both the Malapa (*Australopithecus sediba*) and Rising Star (*Homo naledi*) projects as part of the research team studying the recent fossil hominin discoveries from these sites.

Current research includes collaborative projects focused on the evolution, integration and variability of the primate skeleton and identifying the skeletal signatures of hybridization in mammalian taxa for detecting instances of gene flow in the fossil record.

<http://anthropology.utoronto.ca/13087-2/>

Assistant Professor David Samson, UTM. Investigating the link between sleep, health, and cognition in human and non-human primates, Dr. Samson investigates the biology, ecology, and evolution of primate sleep. "I believe the effects of sleep on our lineage were profound. For example, in humans, sleep is critical for immune strength, working memory, attention, decision-making, and visual-motor performance, yet how sleep affects such processes remains unknown for most non-human primates. To investigate this research question, I use pioneering, non-invasive technology to study human and non-human primates with a broad phylogenetic scope. In addition, I engage with the emerging field of evolutionary medicine by using my findings to understand human sleep disorders within an evolutionary framework. The ultimate goal of my

research is to further our understanding of human evolution.”

<http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/anthropology/dr-david-samson-joins-utm-anthropology>

New Interim Chair UTM Professor Gary W. Crawford FRSC; July 2017 – 30 June 2018 will undertake several departmental tasks such as writing the internal review document for the upcoming undergraduate program review that will take place in early 2018 and leading two academic searches; one a teaching-stream position (Biological Anthropology) and the other a tenure-stream appointment (in Forensic Science). Professor Esteban Parra is the current Associate Chair, until he steps into the Chair position 01 July 2018.

Grants

SSHRC Institutional Grants (SIG), were awarded to the following; Professor Michael Chazan, Postdoctoral Fellow Michaela Ecker, Professor Julia Gamble, Professor Ivan Kalmar, Postdoctoral Fellow Atreyee Majumder, Professor Jesook Song & Professor Bence Viola.

Diane Million talk (February 2017)

Professor Diane Million and the 2nd Biennial Krystyna Sieciechowicz Memorial Lecture

We were very pleased, last February 9, to have Professor Diane Million, Associate Professor in American Indian Studies at University of Washington, as our second Krystyna Sieciechowicz speaker. The biennial series was founded in 2014 in memory of our late colleague, Krystyna Siechiechowicz, who spent her career investigating and documenting indigenous relationships with place, land and routes.

Professor Million’s title was “We are the Land and the Land is Us”: Indigenous Land, Lives and Embodied Ecologies in the 21st Century.” To an audience of more than 120 students, faculty, alumni and staff, Professor Million talked about how the dominant narrative in both Canada and the United States has involved a “progressive” and linear trajectory of economic and social growth from primitive to modern. In this paradigm, belief in a primitive indigeneity yields spatial separation with rural indigenous communities viewed as “wasting away” in “wild and pristine” environments, in contrast with the opportunities that bustling centres of urban capitalism can offer. “This is far from the reality of today’s indigenous peoples,” Million points out, noting that something like 70% of indigenous people in the United States and Canada live in urban centres. “Building on Siechiechowicz’s elemental work on kinship and land stewardship in the north.” Million says, “I explore the present moment where American Indian, Alaska Native and Canadian Indigenous peoples recognize complex relations rather than stark separation.” Professor Million moved on to show how enduring relationships with place and land, along with more mobile kinship relations, provide a continuing resistance to settler colonialism and sexualized, gendered violence. “In the North, this is presented within a context of ‘climate change,’ where Inuit and other northern Arctic and boreal forest peoples have begun to starve while Canada and the United States proclaim their indigenous lifeways “unsustainable.”

TAG conference

Last May scholars from across the globe took part in the 10th annual conference of the Theoretical Archaeological Group-North America meetings sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the Archaeology Centre. In recognition of the contributions of Toronto scholar Marshall McLuhan, participants presented fascinating papers on our hyper-mediatized existence and demonstrated that archaeologists have much to offer the social sciences in their efforts to interpret historically specific ecologies of humans, places, and things. The presentations also considered how archaeologists can improve the media, technologies, and ethical standards by which we inevitably represent past realities. A diverse number of subjects were explored in both the plenary and individual sessions, ranging from the effects of new digital media on archaeological inference to the problems inherent in attempts to mediate or translate indigenous lifeways. The conference also featured art exhibitions and video installations from an international group of artists, including paintings by the first president of the Federated University of Toronto, archaeologist Sir Daniel Wilson. The artwork stimulated discussion on how interactive media condition both social realities and archaeological practice.

Convocating students 2017

Iulia Badescu, Ph.D. (Sellen) *Infant care, nutritional development and lactation in chimpanzees at Ngogo, Kibale National Park, Uganda*

Laura Campbell Eastham, Ph.D. (Begun) *Stable Isotope and Trace Element Paleoecology of the Rudabánya II Fauna: Paleoenvironmental Implications for the Late Miocene Hominoid, *Rudapithecus hungaricus**

Alejandra Gonzalez Jimenez, Ph.D. (Napolitano) *Entanglements: Volkswagen de México and Global Capitalism*

Esther Elisabeth Margretha Kuhn, Ph.D. (Lambek) *Mining for the Future: Dynamics of Artisanal Gold Mining Practice and Governance in the Balan-Bakama (Mande, Mali)*

Lukas Ley, Ph.D. (Li/Barker) *Building on Borrowed Time: The Temporal Horizons of Infrastructural Breakdown in the Delta of Semarang*

Hollis Leigh Moore, Ph.D. (Muehelbach) *Imprisonment and (Un)Relatedness in Northeast Brazil*

Dejana Nikitovic Ph.D. (Schillaci) *Embodiment of Puebloan Childhoods: Towards a Bioarchaeology of Childhood*

Elizabeth Anne Sawchuk Ph.D. (Pfeiffer) *Social Change and Human Population Movements - Dental Morphology in Holocene Eastern Africa*

Thomas Rowland Blennerhassett, M.Sc. (Swenson) *Ritual Feasting and the Instruments of Fluid Ethnogenesis at Huaca Colorada, Peru*

Matthew David de Vries, M.Sc. (Lehman) *How "edgy" are tamarins? A preliminary investigation of spatial variation in the behaviour of two sympatric callitrichids*

Samantha Easy, M.Sc. (Chazan) *TRANSITIONS, TECHNOLOGY AND THEORY Investigating Early to Middle Stone Age Occupations at Bestwood 1, Northern Cape Province, South Africa*

Lida Rawofi, M.Sc. (Parra) *A genetic understanding of pigmentary traits in populations of East Asian Ancestry*

Breanne Nicole Reibl, M.Sc. (Crawford) *Paleoethnobotanical Analysis of Light Fractions from the Emmerson Springs Site (AkGx-5)*

Kaitlyn Diane Vleming, M.Sc. (Maxwell) *"You Think You're the Only One": Comparing Mainstream Descriptions and Lived Experiences of Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome*

Cassandra Jessica Anor, M.A. (Kilroy-Marac/Wardlow) *Living with early onset dementias: Exploring the tangles of diagnosis, relationships, temporality, and memory*

Morganne Blais-McPherson, M.A. (Napolitano/Krupa) *Coming of Age in a Time of Crisis A study of youth in Italy today*

Sebastian Burghardt, M.A. (Sanders) *Cannabis and Biopower in Canada*

Melody Devries, M.A. (Paz/Sidnell) *Online Hate and Offline Action: Tracing Internet Publics, Ethics, and Virtuous Violence*

Bronwyn Amelia Fast Frey, M.A. Anthro./Asia-Pacific (Barker) *Go-Jek: Expected and unexpected approaches to flexible labour*

Myesha R Grant, M.A. (Daswani) *Entrepreneurship, The Caribbean Way A Literature Review of the Informal Economy and its Configurations in the Caribbean Region*

Malinda Gray, M.A. (Kalmar/Krupa) *Beads: Symbols of Indigenous Cultural Resilience and Value*

Jose M Gutierrez, M.A. (Swenson) *A Peircean Approach to Understanding the Inka Usnu*

Stephanie Halmhofer, M.A. (Coupland) *The Glass Beads of Sexwamin*

Henry Lee Heinonen, M.A. (Li) *Altered Lyrics: Indonesian Protest Music in Hong Kong*

Carsten Knoch, M.A. (Sanders) *Research ethics and business anthropology Principles, codes, new pathways*

Katherine Laura Mackenzie, M.A. (Dave) *Telling The Story in 140 Characters (or less): Digital Survivance and Indigenous Feminists' #AmINextCampaign*

Hannah Caroline Morrissey Palozzi, M.A. (Li) *Running head: Rippling Downstream: Building Indigenous Resurgence through Water Justice*

Kayla Rae Musyk, M.A. (Wardlow) *Emerging Models of Aid: A Study of Social Enterprise Operations in Humanitarian Spaces*

- Pedrom Nasiri, M.A.** (Kalmar) *Notions of Queerness and Muslimhood: A Prelude*
- Lila Platt, M.A.** (Hillewaert) *Stories of Passion and Paradox: Teaching Global French in Montreal*
- Oggi Rahman, M.A.** (Galloway) *A biocultural analysis of laryngopharyngeal reflux*
- Nirmala Chand Ramprasad, M.A.** (Sidnell) *Stains On My Name, Poison in My Veins: A Critical Analysis of Suicide in Guyana*
- Dima Saad, M.A.** (Kilroy-Marac/Paz) *On Embroidery, Marble Tiles, and the Sunsets of Exile: Materializing Palestinian Memory*
- Yadesha Satheaswaran, M.A.** (Krupa) *Reconciliatory Rhetoric in Canada: An Analysis of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women*
- Leslie Christina Saunders, M.A.** (Cunningham) *First Nations, Metis and Inuit Encounters with Gatekeeping in Regimes of Care: Necropolitics and Necropower in Inner City NGOs*
- Savannah Lee Sloat, M.A.** (Mortensen) *Reconciling the Identity Question: an examination of Indianness and Indigeneity in the Canadian settler state*
- Aria Soha, M.A.** (Boddy) *(M)othering in Germany: Secularism, Islam, and Demographic Anxiety*
- Samuel Tait, M.A.** (Maxwell/Li) *Irreconcilable Differences Historicizing the Frontiers of Settler-Colonial Anthropology, Approaching their Transcendence*
- Jocelyn Alejandra Torres, M.A.** (Kilroy-Marac) *Insomnia: reconfiguring time, body, and practice*
- Marli Alissa Winger, M.A.** (Boddy) *Imagining Amazigh: Tracing the Emergence of Berber Consciousness in Morocco and Algeria*
- Marlo Elia Mae Young-Sponga, M.A.** (Muehlebach) *Cultivating Short-Term International Experiences*

Notes from the Chair

As 2017 draws near its close, our newsletter reviews some of the events and accomplishments of the past year and alerts you to a few things coming up in 2018. I particularly would like to congratulate Tania Li on her Arts & Science Outstanding Teaching Award, Joshua Barker for his appointment as Dean of SGS, and Bonnie McElhinny for her appointment as Principal of New College. I am also pleased to welcome some new faculty to our department — David Samson and Lauren Schroeder at UTM — whose profiles appear elsewhere in these pages.

The tri-campus Department of Anthropology has several more faculty searches this year, with one in Socio-Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology at UTSC, one in Evolutionary Anthropology at St. George, one in Forensic Sciences at UTM, and a search for a teaching-stream Biological Anthropologist at UTM. I urge you to attend the job talks and make your views on the candidates known to the search committees, as

broad participation by department members in the search process is critical to hiring the very best new colleagues, researchers and teachers.

Finally, I should mention that 2017-18 is my last year in the Chair's office, and a search for a new St. George Chair and Chair of the tri-campus department will also be starting quite soon.

The University of Toronto will close for the holidays from 21 December to 2 January inclusive. Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

Job Posting

Assistant Professor - Evolutionary Anthropology 1701848

Job Field: Tenure Stream

Faculty / Division: Faculty of Arts and Science

Department: Anthropology

Campus: St. George (downtown Toronto)

Job Posting: Nov 3, 2017

Job Closing: Jan. 22, 2018, 11:59pm EST.

Description: The Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, invites applications for a tenure-stream position in Evolutionary Anthropology at the rank of Assistant Professor that will commence July 1, 2018.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Anthropology or a closely related discipline by July 1, 2018, or shortly thereafter, with a research focus that complements existing faculty expertise. The successful applicant must have a demonstrated record of excellence in teaching, as demonstrated by a teaching dossier that outlines past experience and accomplishments, a teaching statement that outlines teaching philosophy and plans for future teaching, and strong letters of reference. The dossier must also provide demonstrated evidence of expertise in human skeletal biology in the context of one or more of the following: evolutionary biology, developmental biology, paleoanthropology, bioarchaeology, and bone biology, as well as evidence of an active research program that contributes to one or more of these areas, and an emerging reputation in research as demonstrated by an ability to attract external research funding, publication in appropriate peer-reviewed journals with strong reputations, research in progress that targets such publication venues, and strong endorsements by referees of high international standing. Experience with indigenous community engagement, facility with crossing sub-disciplinary boundaries, and mastery over both scientific methods and ethical dimensions of research would be definite assets. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Toronto is a large, three-campus institution in a vibrant, multi-ethnic region and has a very diverse student population. The Department of Anthropology is a multi-field unit with diverse research and teaching. It has 30 full-time faculty at the St. George campus and 52 graduate

faculty across its three campuses. For more information about the Department of Anthropology, please see our home page at <http://anthropology.utoronto.ca>.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply by clicking the link below. Applications must include a cover letter, full curriculum vitae, teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy), a brief outline of current and proposed future research interests and two samples of published work. Application materials must be submitted online. Submission guidelines are available at <http://uoft.me/how-to-apply> If you have questions about this position, please contact anthro.officeofthechair@utoronto.ca

Please combine attachments into one or two files in PDF or MS Word format as follows: (1) Cover letter and CV (2) teaching dossier, research statement, and sample publications. Applicants should arrange for three referees to send letters of reference directly to Professor Edward B. Banning, Chair, Department of Anthropology, by email to anthro.officeofthechair@utoronto.ca by the closing date of January 22, 2018. If you have questions about the position, please contact anthro.officeofthechair@utoronto.ca

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be assessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see <http://uoft.me/UP>

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.