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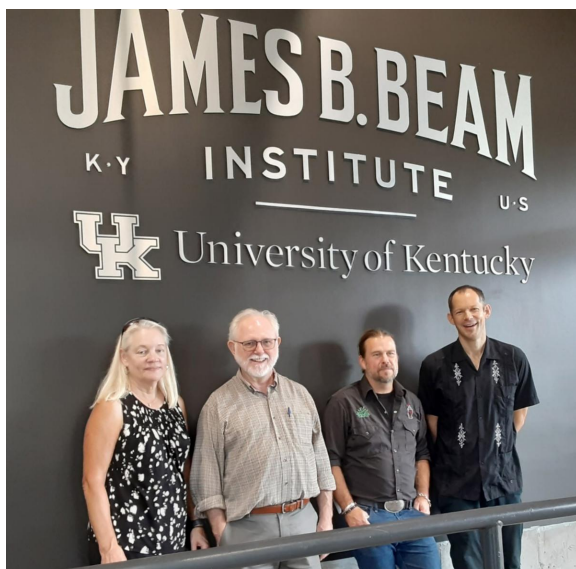
Letter from the Chair



Greetings,

It's been a busy fall in the Department of Anthropology. There are several exciting things to share: a load of speakers from beyond Lexington, new leadership at the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology, updates from recent alumni, and more. Alas, there is also sad news: Nettie Adams and Lathal Duffield passed away earlier in the year. Our thoughts are with their families. I wish everyone a peaceful holiday season and look forward to getting back in touch in the spring.

Sincerely,
Dr. Scott Hutson
Chair and Professor
Department of Anthropology



Anthropology Students and Postdocs Presenting at AAA and KAS Conferences

Booze, Diaspora, Soil, and... Poop: The Fall Colloquia Had It All

The department hosted four dynamic speakers in its colloquium series this fall, each sharing remarkable work in anthropology.

(Above: Juliana McDonald, Chris Pool, Kirk French, and Scott Hutson after Dr. French's colloquium talk on Sept 13th.)

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We are delighted to report that several department members participated in conferences this fall, including the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association and the Kentucky Academy of Sciences.

(Above: Morgan Farrell and Jessica Nwafor.)

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Alumni Notes from Recent Grads



Savon Taylor, B.A. in anthropology, magna cum laude, class of 2023, was awarded a 2024 Summer Internship at the University of Tennessee Knoxville's Forensic Anthropology Center (FAC).

The five-week long internship provided an eye-opening hands-on experience at the FAC's Body Farm. "It was awesome. It exposed us to actual casework, and I loved the team aspect and supportive environment of the internship," Savon said.

Savon is currently applying to graduate programs in forensic anthropology.



Riley Simmons, a 2024 graduate with a B.A. in anthropology, summa cum laude, was awarded a Conservation Legacy Interpretation and Visitor Engagement internship at the Wright Brothers National Memorial in North Carolina. The 16-week internship includes housing, a living stipend, and an AmeriCorps Education Award.

(Above: Riley Simmons operating a flotation machine at her summer 2023 internship at the Cincinnati Museum Center)



Rhode Island Archaeological Field School

Current and recent UK undergraduates, a graduate student, and faculty participated in an archaeological field school in Portsmouth, RI.

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Phil Mink Featured on PBS' "Secrets of the Dead"

On October 23rd, PBS aired "The Civil War's Lost Massacre," an episode in its "Secrets of the Dead" TV series, focusing on the discovery of a mass grave possibly containing 22 African American Civil War soldiers from the 5th US Colored Cavalry.



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Welcome! New Faces and New Positions



Dr. John Schultz, Professor of Biological Anthropology, joined the faculty in August 2024.



Dr. Phil Mink was appointed the Director of the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology in October 2024.



Dr. Morgan Farrell began a two-year research postdoc in August 2024.



Lee Bullock was hired as a department lecturer and director of undergraduate studies for the college's U.S. Cultures and Business Practices major.



Some of our new graduate students, from left to right: Kamal Chowdhury, Maddy Cohen, Meagan Looney, Destiny French, Nicole Marks, and Hanadi Alhalabi
(Not pictured: Sam Koontz and Emily Pettit)

Odds and Ends

- Pasama Cole-Kweli received the Association of Black Anthropologists Presidential Service Award
 - Kristin Monroe was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for the 2024-25 academic year and will be in Egypt for the spring semester
 - Jessica Nwafor was awarded a [William Averette Anderson Fund](#) Award
 - Two Ph.D. students defended their dissertations at the beginning of the fall: Elizabeth Straub (advised by Dick Jefferies) and Ashley Whitten (Advised by Chris Pool)
 - Ann Kingsolver presented at the Middle Tennessee State University Anthropologica series, sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Fund
 - Anthropology was well represented at [K-Week](#) (thanks to Juliana McDonald, Ana Hutterli, and Moriah Raleigh) and the Exploratory Majors program (thanks to Hugo Reyes-Centeno)
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In Memoriam

Nettie Adams



Nettie Kessler Adams

To make a gift in memory of Nettie, click [here](#).

The department lost a longtime pillar of the archaeological community when Nettie Adams passed away at the age of 90 on June 12, 2024. Nettie and her husband, Bill, came to Lexington in 1969 when Bill was hired as a professor in the department. Bill often remarked that he and Nettie shared a career. This shared career began immediately after their wedding in 1955, when they set up their first home: a hogan at the Shonto Trading Post on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona.

From 1959 to 1966, Nettie and Bill spent most of their time in Sudan, documenting archaeological sites soon to be flooded by the Nile due to the construction of the Aswan Dam. Nettie managed the lab for these salvage projects. During her Kentucky years, Nettie became an expert and authority on textiles in the process of analyzing over 100,000 specimens from the site of Qasr Ibrim. She published scholarly articles gave academic talks around the world, and co-authored books such as "Qasr Ibrim: The Ballaña Phase, and An inventory of prehistoric sites on the lower San Juan River, Utah." She worked at the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology and taught alongside Bill in Beijing, China, and in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Beyond her remarkable scholarly contributions, she is fondly remembered for her kindness, generosity, and hospitality.

Lathal Duffield

Lathal "Duff" Duffield, former chair of the Department of Anthropology, director of the Webb Museum, and state archaeologist, passed away on March 21, 2024, at the age of 92. Dr. Duffield, the 12th of many siblings, grew up in rural Oklahoma and was the first in his family to graduate from high school. He earned his bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Oklahoma, a master's in anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin, and his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

After his many years at UK, Dr. Duffield served as the cultural anthropologist with the U.S. Department of the interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. In this role, he applied anthropological, genealogical, and historical research methods to evaluate the strength of petitions from various groups seeking federal recognition as Native tribes. His expertise led to occasional testimony before Congress. Later, Dr. Duffield was promoted to branch chief of



Dr. Lathal F. "Duff" Duffield, upper left, photographed in 1972, as chair of the Department of Anthropology

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