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## Winter 2023

### Message From the Chair

Greetings!

I am delighted to share news from the Department of Anthropology! This newsletter contains updates on upcoming events, milestones achieved by alumni, presentations and conferences hosted by our graduate and undergraduate students, awards won by our faculty and post-docs, outreach to various communities, and information on the passing of members from the UK Anthropology community.

We are always looking for additional news from alumni, so feel free to reach out to me. I wish everyone a happy new year!

Best wishes,

**Scott Hutson**  
Professor and Chair  
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UPCOMING ANTHROPOLOGY EVENTS

**February 2, 2024 - 12:00 pm**

**Anthropology Colloquium** with **Dr. Mark Schuller** of Northern Illinois University.

**February 15, 2024 - 3:00 pm**

**AGSA Distinguished Lecture** with **Dr. Mythri Jegathesan** of Santa Clara University.

**February 16, 2024 - 3:00 pm**

**Anthropology Colloquium/Social Theory** with **Dr. Matthew Kohrman** of Stanford University.

**March 22, 2024 - 12:00 pm**

**Alumni Talk with Lacey Lansaw** (B.A. 2015), an award-winning game designer.

Click [here](#) to see our complete events calendar.



This fall, the Department of Anthropology's own student-organized **Bluegrass Annual Discussions of Anthropology and Social Sciences** featured a full program with 12 scholarly presentations, three posters, a round table discussion on identity in the archaeological workspace, and a keynote address from NKU's **Dr. Sharyn Jones**. Anthropology Ph.D. students Michael Steenken, Leah Bottger, and Jaycee Castro organized the conference with help from faculty advisors Scott Hutson and Geoff McCafferty and several graduate students. A special thank you to our sponsors, **Waypoint LLC**, **CRA**, and the **Student Sustainability Council**.

## **Alum Dr. MaryBeth Chrostowsky Receives the Prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Award**

Dr. MaryBeth Chrostowsky (Ph.D. 2014) is spending the year as a **Fulbright Scholar** in Uganda. Currently teaching at Georgia Gwinnett College, Chrostowsky will work in the Refugee and Migrant Studies Program at Uganda Martyrs University. Chrostowsky has conducted extensive research on migration from South

Sudan. She will continue this work during her Fulbright year, focusing on kinship patterns among South Sudanese refugees currently in Uganda. [Read More](#)



*Dr. MaryBeth Chrostowsky*

## Alum Dr. Katie Zapel Featured by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

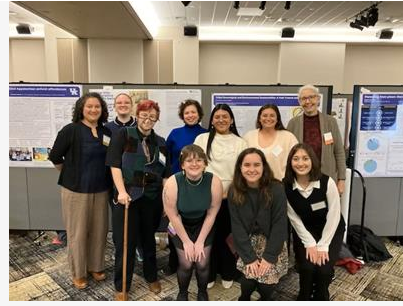
In her recent interview with the [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#), Dr. Katie Zapel (M.A. 2017, Ph.D. 2022) highlights her cross disciplinary work as the historian and archives manager for Zippo Manufacturing Company. Dr. Zapel has done everything from managing archives to planning, creating, and installing the “Masters of Metalworking” exhibit for the Zippo/Case Museum. Dr. Zapel wrote her [dissertation](#) on gendered labor among an indigenous group of weavers (Otavaleños) in the Ecuadorian Andes. Her connection with the Zippo lighter company began with an internship in 2015. [Read More](#)



*Dr. Katie Zapel*

## Anthropology Majors Present at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences Meeting

[Nine Anthropology undergrads](#) gave poster presentations at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences annual meeting at Northern Kentucky University the first weekend of November. According to [Professor Ann Kingsolver](#), who advised many of the students, “Anthropology professors from other universities commented on how prepared they were and how much they knew about their topics.”



*Back row: Elena Sesma, Emilyn Williams, Mack Thompson, Laura McDonald, Claudia Benito, Josie Gallegos, Ann Kingsolver  
Front row: Willow Rose, Rosie Davila, Aliyah Edelstein.  
Not pictured: Riley Simmons.*

## Department of Anthropology YouTube Channel

Thanks to the work of Ph.D. student Stephen Fox and other students, the department now has a [YouTube channel](#) that features recordings of Anthropology Brown Bag talks, colloquia, BADASS (Bluegrass Annual Discussions on Anthropology and Social Sciences) talks, and other presentations.



*Aklilu Reda, Gary Chandler, Stephen Fox, and Renee Bonzani presenting at an Anthropology Brown Bag.*

## College of Arts and Sciences Honors Several Anthropology Faculty

[The College of Arts and Sciences](#) bestowed awards on anthropologists Srimati Basu, Ann Kingsolver, Chris Pool, Elena Sesma and Monica Udvardy.

[Dr. Srimati Basu](#) - Georgia Davis Powers Endowed Professor

[Dr. Ann Kingsolver](#) - Arts and Sciences Endowed Professor

[Dr. Chris Pool](#) - Distinguished Service or Engagement Award



[Dr. Elena Sesma](#) - Outstanding Teaching Award

[Dr. Monica Udvardy](#) - Career Distinguished Teacher Award



*Chris Pool, Monica Udvardy and Srimati Basu. Not pictured: Ann Kingsolver and Elena Sesma.*

## Anthropologists at UK's Curiosity Fair

On November 1, 2023, [Dr. Heather Worne](#), [Dr. Phil Mink](#), and [Dr. Zada Komara](#) participated in [UK's Curiosity Fair](#). Worne and Mink prepared a station named "**Early Human Curiosity and Innovation**," where visitors could see cranial casts of humans and other hominins as well as artifacts made by these species. Komara prepared a station named "**Archaeology and Everyday Life in Appalachia**," focusing on Rendville, a 20th century African American coal town. [Read More](#)



*Dr. Heather Worne demonstrating at UK's Curiosity Fair*

## Anthropologists Offer Tours of Mount Horeb Earthwork at Adena Park

Department of Anthropology faculty and staff are often called to provide tours of the [Mount Horeb Earthwork](#) at Adena Park, a property on Mt. Horeb Pike owned by the university. Most recently, [George Crothers](#), [Dick Jefferies](#), and [Shannon](#)

[Plank](#) have given tours to the [Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation](#), the Undergraduate Anthropology Club, and UK students in LA 105: Introduction to Landscape Architecture.



*George Crothers and Shannon Plank at Adena Park with students from the Undergraduate Anthropology Club*

## In Memoriam

The Department of Anthropology was saddened to hear of the deaths of four past members of our community - **Dr. Art Gallaher**, and alumni **Dr. Ahmed Herzenni**, **Dr. Olaf Jaime Riverón**, and alum **Chi Woodrich**.

[Dr. Art Gallaher](#) was a cultural and applied anthropology faculty member who chaired the department from 1970-1972 and later served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (1972-1980) and Chancellor (1982-1989).

[Dr. Ahmed Herzenni](#) was a Moroccan intellectual and human rights activist who earned his Ph.D. from UK's anthropology and sociology departments in 1995. He returned to the university in 2014 to accept the [Thomas R. Ford Distinguished Lecture Award](#).

[Dr. Olaf Jaime-Riverón](#) completed his Ph.D. on basalt ground stone industries at Tres Zapotes in 2016 under the supervision of Chris Pool. He was the director of the El Tajín archaeological site in Veracruz, Mexico.

[Chi Woodrich](#) was a masters student in the department from 2011 to 2013 and a proud member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**The New Olaf Jaime-Riverón Memorial Fund  
Supports International Graduate Students**

The Department of Anthropology announces the creation of the **Olaf Jaime-Riverón Graduate Student Support Fund**, which will be used as an emergency fund to help defray unexpected financial burdens incurred by international graduate students in the department. Dr. Jaime-Riverón came to UK from Mexico in 2005. He was dearly loved among the anthropology community for his intellect, joviality, generosity, and tenacity, inspiring many of us by rebounding from a debilitating heat stroke in 2007. He completed his dissertation in 2016 under the guidance of Chris Pool and had risen to the rank of site and museum director of El Tajín in Veracruz, Mexico before his untimely death in November 2023. Your gift to the **Olaf Jaime-Riverón Memorial Fund** will make a meaningful impact on the lives of our international students.



*Dr. Olaf Jaime-Riverón*

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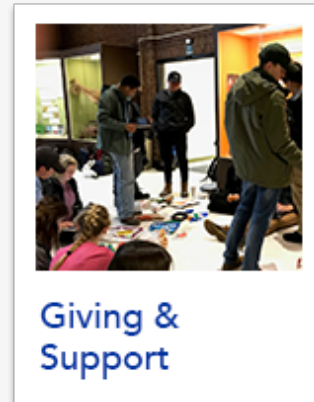
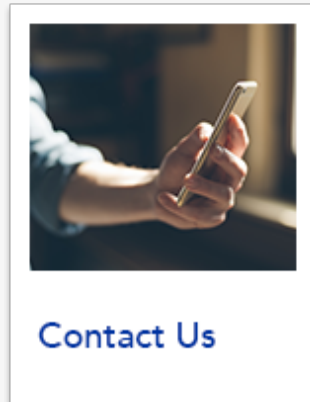
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