

# ANTHRO DIGEST

The Official Newsletter of the University of  
Louisville Department of Anthropology



## WELCOME BACK!

By Morgan Elmore, 2024 Departmental Mentor

Welcome back to campus! The Peer Mentors hope that your winter break was suitably relaxing and that your semester is off to a strong start. With the 2023-2024 academic year over halfway completed, it's important to stay engaged and finish with a bang. Access student resources for advising, tutoring, food, or counseling [here](#). Stay tuned for updates from us and the Department of Anthropology on upcoming events (including Anthropology Day!), internships, research opportunities, and summer courses. Stay warm!

## CONTACT US!

Feel free to contact us at [anthment@louisville.edu](mailto:anthment@louisville.edu) and follow us on Instagram [@uoflanthment](https://www.instagram.com/uoflanthment).

## RAISERED!

Looking for another opportunity to get involved AND benefit your community? Register for RaiseRed at [raisered](#) or contact Bailey Wilson at 573-953-6282.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Melanin Music Monday

**January 22 @ 12:00 PM EST**

If you're looking for a laid back opportunity to celebrate music with food, students, and faculty, join the MLK Scholars Society and Muhammad Ali Institute at the Cultural and Equity Center. RSVP [here](#).

### Medicine Circle

**January 23 @ 12:30 PM EST**

The Hispanic/Latinx & Indigenous Initiative has invited Sandra Howe to lead a Medicine Circle in the Multipurpose room of the Cultural & Equity Center. RSVP [here](#).

### Feminist Space

**January 24 @ 5:00 PM EST**

Also hosted in the Cultural & Equity Center multipurpose room, the Women's Center has planned a laid back event for students interested in them and affiliated organizations. Refreshments and games are provided, mingling is encouraged! RSVP [here](#).

## KEEP UP TO DATE

If you are interested in staying up to date on "going's on" of the Anthropology Department, contact the Department Mentors to be added to the Anthropology Events MS Teams.

## MENTORS LINKTREE



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. THOMAS JENNINGS

I'm an Associate Professor of anthropology and directing the Center for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (CACHe) is a really important part of my role. At CACHe, we curate archaeological collections from the Falls of the Ohio and surrounding Southeast and Midwest. We protect and preserve these important artifacts for future research and exhibits. Many collections were



excavated decades ago and don't meet current standards, so I have hired anthropology students to help revitalize them. We're also working on designing a more robust database. Community engaged scholarship is also an extremely important part of our mission, and multiple anthropology faculty are collaborating on a grant to map the tragically mismanaged Eastern Cemetery and capture stories of living descendants, and students are involved in this work, too. We're also working to repatriate the NAGPRA Native American funerary collections curated at CACHE. Finally, my personal research involves searching for the first Clovis hunter-gatherers in Kentucky. Any students out there interested in curation, database organization, or Paleoindian archaeology, please don't hesitate to reach out!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER GRADS!

Four undergraduate anthropology majors completed their degrees at the conclusion of the Fall 2023 semester. Their achievements were celebrated with personalized certificates and plenty of drinks and snacks at our Winter Grad Celebration.

Congratulations to Catherine John (pictured on the left), Kaydee Thompson (pictured on the right), Gregory Barnett, and Jake Hendrix. Good luck in all your future endeavors, here in UofL's graduate program and beyond!



## GET INVOLVED IN THE DEPARTMENT

- [Join the ASA!](#)
  - UofL's Anthropology Student Association is a free to join club for majors and minors to help plan and run events and get involved in community service.
- [Join Lambda Alpha!](#)
  - UofL's chapter of the Lambda Alpha national honors society works closely with the department and ASA. View details at the above link.