

ANTHRO DIGEST

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ANTHROPOLOGY DAY CELEBRATION

By Morgan Elmore, 2023 Departmental Mentor

On February 23rd, anthropology faculty, student, and mentors gathered to (belatedly!) celebrate Anthropology Day 2023. To get into that academic spirit, attendees put together brief presentations over their research, interests, and particularly anthropological personal experiences. From mysterious horse bones to type 2 diabetes, everyone left with new insight into disciplines they may not have looked into before.

CONTACT US!

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

HAVE AN IDEA?

Use the form [Events and Office Hours](#) to share your ideas and schedule virtual or in-person office hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Self-Care Cardinal Fair

March 8th @ 11:00 AM

Join UofL's counseling center for their annual Self-Care Cardinal Fair. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to learn about wellbeing, try various self-care activities, and have fun!

ArchaeoCon 2023

March 11th @ 12:45 PM

Join the Archaeological Institute of America for ArchaeoCon 2023. ArchaeoCon is a day of presentations, hands-on workshops, and exclusive specially curated on-demand activities and interviews that showcase archaeology.

PINK Student Drag Show

March 31st @ 7:00 PM

PINK is a student-produced drag show. PINK is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community to celebrate the rich culture and diversity of UofL's LGBTQ+ community.

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.

ANTHRO DAY STUDENT & FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

Click the link [here](#) if you'd like to view a selection of both student and faculty presentations on niche anthropological topics from last week!

COMMUNICATING YOUR RESEARCH

UofL's graduate school is hosting a workshop about communicating research. This workshop will prepare students to present their research and for a successful thesis/dissertation defense.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. ISHANI DASGUPTA

In 2022, I received my joint doctoral degree, in Anthropology and South Asia Studies, from the University of Pennsylvania. My research is based on eighteen months of fieldwork amidst the Tibetan refugee communities in India and the United States. I was drawn to studying the Tibetan refugee community when I went to Dharamsala, their exile political headquarters, as an undergraduate. The way in which they have built their exile community, through an ethics of care and a culture of revolution, drew me in. I was



fortunate enough to spend a year in Dharamsala, during my doctoral research, studying the Tibetan language, before I went for fieldwork. Living and learning from Tibetan refugees has also shaped my understanding and critique of the refugee system—the deep injustices of it, and the conditions of precarity that are imposed on 27 million people by a global order of nation-states. Through my research and engagement, I hope to add to the conversation about a new emancipatory politics that will create a more inclusive and just world.

My scholarship has been supported by various fellowships from the University of Pennsylvania, and external fellowships from the Wenner-Gren Foundation and the American Institute of Indian Studies. As a graduate student I was awarded the Best Graduate Student Paper Prize from the Association of Political and Legal Anthropology for my manuscript, “The Burning Body and the Withering Body.” I was also awarded distinction jointly by the departments of Anthropology and South Asia Studies for my dissertation, “Emergence of a Deterritorialized Nation: How Tibetan Political Practices Confront the Precarity of Statelessness.” Currently, I am the Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Asian Democracy, University of Louisville. I also serve as the associate editor of the trans-regional, peer-reviewed journal Himalaya.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES



Anyone looking for research, internships, or field schools to apply to and take part in this summer should click [here](#). Kindly compiled by the department, these opportunities span archaeology, cultural, and biological anthropology, with room for applicants of varying experience levels, some are even paid! If you're looking for something to fill your summer 2023 with, look no further!

APRIL PANEL - GRADUATE PROGRAMS

On April 5th at 12:00pm we will be hosting a MS Teams panel with three post-graduate anthropology students about their experiences in their current graduate programs. If you're on the fence about what you want to do or where you want to go, make sure to [RSVP for the panel!](#)