

ANTHRO DIGEST

The Official Newsletter of the University of
Louisville Department of Anthropology



APRIL PANEL - GRADUATE PROGRAMS

By Morgan Elmore, 2023 Departmental Mentor

At 12:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5th via MS Teams, the Mentors will be hosting a panel of former anthropology undergraduate students who have moved on to participate in a variety of exciting graduate programs. There will be students from UofL, as well as other institutions. If you are interested in hearing about a selection of what kind of programs are out there, what it takes to get into them, and what will be expected of you once you're there, RSVP to the event [HERE!](#)

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

Mindfulness and Meditation

April 5th @ 6:00 PM

Join LSAMP ambassadors for their event discussing the importance of prioritizing your mental wellbeing and activities that will allow you to do this. This event will be located in the Cultural & Equity Center MPR.

Out & About: Craft & Chill

April 19th @ 10:00 AM

The SSC wants to help you chill--come grab a snack, relax, and craft after you check out the resources available here at UofL to make your end of semester projects and studying a little less hectic.

Anthropology Graduation Party

April 25th @ 1:00 PM

The Anthropology Department is holding a party for our graduating seniors. Join us for lunch and a small reception where students will be recognized by their peers and faculty. The reception will start at 1:30 PM.

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.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for something to fill in that Summer downtime or beef up your resume? Check out this collection of summer opportunities compiled by the Anthro department, linked [HERE!](#)

2023 STUDENT AWARDS

Each year the University of Louisville recognizes the achievements made by our students, student organizations, and advisers. This year's award ceremony is on April 19th at 7:00 PM.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. CHRISTOPHER TILLQUIST

I consider myself an evolutionary anthropologist, and have long-time research interests in the peopling and population genetics of western Eurasia. In the past, I have used my expertise in evolutionary theory to collaborate with a psychiatrist on the neurological consequences of human brain expansion and with other anthropologists and human biologists to better understand the rise of type 2 diabetes among indigenous populations of the Americas. I am presently shifting my focus back to elucidate the early



events of western Eurasia and the consequences and persistence of signals of serial founder effect on modern European populations. I am always looking to collaborate with undergraduate and graduate students who share my research interests and a desire to learn about the research process. Simply stop on by or shoot me an email.

Over the past few years, I've taught our two introductory courses to biological anthropology, a new hybrid course of math and biological anthropology with a colleague in Mathematics, Darwin, medical anthropology, nutritional anthropology, primates, methods in biological anthropology, engaged anthropology, and history of anthropological theory. In the fall, I'll be teaching medical anthropology and history of anthropological theory. I look forward to seeing some of you in class in the fall!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - MICHAYLA GATSOS



Hello, my name is Michayla Gatsos and I am currently a senior in the Anthropology program here at UofL! My passion for anthropology stemmed from my work in the biological sciences. I was incredibly interested in infectious disease, including where these diseases came from, how they spread, why they spread, and which communities were most affected. I spent the beginning of my undergraduate career working in UofL's Global Health and Refugee Clinic and got to experience how they responded to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. When I switched my major to anthropology during my sophomore year, I began working

with Dr. Crespo in experimental immunology with syphilis and periodontitis. I've been conducting trials in his lab for almost two years now and am currently finishing up my honors thesis on our results. I was fortunate enough to travel (thanks to the Anthropology Department!) to present my research at the American Association of Biological Anthropology last year and plan to return this year to the Paleopathology Association conference to discuss my new findings.

I've loved working with diseases within immunology, but after graduation I plan on moving into medical anthropology. Classes like the History of Anthropology; Race, Culture, and Identity; and Engaged Anthropology pushed me to question the role that anthropology could play in serving different cultural communities. I want to switch into researching the social side of disease and illness. Next year I will attend North Carolina State University to pursue an MA in Anthropology with a concentration in medical anthropology. I plan on working with the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition to help resolve disproportionate health issues in Appalachia. Outside of anthropology, I play classical guitar for the School of Music at UofL, I'm a barista at North Lime Coffee and Donuts, and I love to take my cat on walks. I'm always looking for people to play music with or exchange cat pictures!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - JORDAN CHATELLIER

Hello, I'm Jordan Chatellier. I'm a senior graduating in May with a BA in Anthropology and a minor in Biology. After graduation, I plan on continuing my education, though I'm not sure where. I've been a Peer Mentor for two years and it's been one of my favorite ways to get involved in the Anthropology Department! I've enjoyed planning events, creating newsletters, and helping creating a community amongst faculty, staff, and students. My favorite event was our 2022 Anthro Day event, mainly because it was my first in-person event as a Mentor. I hope that our work encourages other students to get involved in Anthropology!

P.S. Please enjoy the picture of me and my cat, Binx!



A MESSAGE FROM THE MENTORS

This is our last edition of ANTHRO DIGEST for the semester. We appreciate all the support we've received from students, faculty, and staff this year. We hope that everyone's finals go well and that you enjoy your summer break. We can't wait to see you at our last two events for the spring semester and for more events in the fall!