AnthroGroup Meeting
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- Dr. Hames – no show
- Katie Starkweather – How to find a Grad School
  ○ First steps
    ▪ Read! – pay attention to the authors of the articles you read
    ▪ GOOGLE that author
    ▪ Talk to an advisor
      • They can point you in the right direction
      • Ask them to contact their contacts
  ○ Once you have a good list of schools, Surf the Web!
    ▪ Look at everything you can on the sites
      • Departmental interests, faculty, grad student info, affiliations
    ▪ Check out faculty CV’s
      • What they’ve done/are doing now
      • How active they are
      • Classes they teach/grad students
    ▪ Look up what you can about the admission processes/undergrad requirements
    ▪ Look up info on the town the school is in!!
  ○ Once you have a compact list, start making contacts
    ▪ Pick a couple people in the departments and email them
      • Tell them about yourself (name, work, interests)
      • Ask questions (grad work, interests, etc)
- Do they think your interests would make you a good fit there?
- Follow up on all responses in a timely manner!!
- Speak with your advisors throughout this process!!
- Make every effort to meet the necessary contacts
  - Why? – face-to-face is the BEST way to make a decision
  - Katie bummed on a trip to the west coast to see 3 schools
    - Met with faculty and students
  - Also went to the AAA conference in Philadelphia where she met people from different schools she was interested in
  - Katie recently went to University of Mizzou
  - These visits/meetings allowed her to:
    - Make informed decisions
    - Express interests directly to the program
    - Demonstrate her dedication
    - Found out some very important info which helped a lot come application time
  - These visits/meetings allowed the people there to:
    - Evaluate her interests in depth
    - Get to know her
      - They’ll have a real person to go along with the paper application
  - Katie followed up with these people she met periodically via email to:
    - Ask questions
    - Express continued interest
    - Make sure they REMEMBER her!
  - Remember, not every program is for everyone
Things to look for:

- At least one person you want to work with who is willing to work with you
- A program that is interested in and able to help you reach your goals
- A program that has resources you can utilize to help put you in a good position to find a job (or another program) after graduation
- Funding!
- A group of people (faculty/students) you will feel comfortable with and be happy working with for the next 3-5 years
- A town you will want to and be able to live in

- Possibly have Dr. Waters come and speak next meeting.

- Food? Anyone??