A Message from Sophia Perdikaris, Chair

Dear friends, colleagues, students, esteemed Alums,

I wanted to thank you all for making my first semester here at UNL a memorable one. Even though we had some moments of uncertainty with the state budget, we were able to persevere and work towards building and expanding our programs and enhancing the possibilities and opportunities for our students. Our Anthropology faculty are top notch and have been working really hard to bring nothing but the best to our students and department. Go team Anthropology! I am so fortunate to be surrounded by such incredible colleagues!

Our students have excelled, 15 made the Dean’s List, 1 Fullbright, 1 Phi Beta Kappa, 2 McGinnis awardees, 3 Ward Weakly awardees, 2 Champe Waters awardees, and our very first award to a student from the Excellence Fund. The Alumni Community and UNL Anthropology Alumni and Friends Advisory Board (AFAB) in particular have been incredible mentors to the faculty, students and me! Their enthusiasm, support and contributions have been invaluable. From making our beautiful Digital Scanning Lab come to fruition last fall to funding a deserving grad student to complete her research at the Smithsonian; to talking to us in our Alum event series and in the Anthro Group events about their research and life; to mentoring students in their independent studies. No one could ask for a more active alumni community that continues to care about the field and the future generations of Anthropologists. Please join me in a huge THANK YOU to AFAB and all our ALUMNI! We are better because you care!

A big THANK YOU, also goes out to Priscilla Hayden-Roy who navigated the interim chair position with poise, effectiveness and love for the anthropology department over the last year. My life in the prairie and UNL started with a party to thank Priscilla for her service and a bon voyage for her Study Abroad in Berlin semester and a welcome to me. Priscilla has been incredible and has left big footsteps for me to fill!

But the changes and adventures continue. The Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Joseph S. Francisco will be leaving UNL at the end of June and we are waiting to see who will take on the leadership role for our College. THANK YOU Dean Francisco for supporting us and providing needed resources to our department. You have given us strength and confidence in times of challenge and you allowed for our vision to start taking shape. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Kathleen Hellwege, our wonderful office assistant, that has served the UNL community for 30 years, with the last 10 here in anthropology, has decided to retire and enjoy cozy mornings with her dog Kirby, babysitting and playing with her grandchildren, visiting her mom and working on her garden. Kathy has been the backbone of the Anthropology Office and has worked, helped and greeted one and all with a big welcoming smile. She has been a fantastic helper to me and I could not have done it without her. THANK YOU Kathy for being you!!! We will miss Kathy terribly, but we are so excited for her and all the new beginnings that are coming to her life.

I am happy to say that the curriculum committee approved two Graduate Certificates one in Museum Studies and one in Forensic Anthropology along with two undergraduate Options in the same respective fields. We are looking forward in working as a team to build these programs with our partners in the Museum, Classics, Forensic Science and DPAA.

Hope to see many of you at our department end of semester party on April 27 from 12-2pm in 827 OLDH.

To our graduates, A HUGE THANK YOU! You have been the soul of Anthropology and we wish you continued success. We will always be happy to see you. Come and say hi when you are in Lincoln and remember you are now ALUMS!

All the best wishes for a restful yet fruitful summer. Enjoy all the adventures you embark in whether digging in the Sand Hills, catching up with research, relaxing at home or having an exotic vacation.

Looking forward to an even more exciting and rewarding Fall semester with all.

Sophia

Kathleen Hellwege
Student News

Aidan Graybill, a senior was recently accepted into the University of Kansas Law School for this upcoming fall.

Andrea Hartman is a recipient of a the Fulbright scholarship to Mongolia for the fall of 2018.

Elizabeth Koenen, UNL graduate, successfully defended and submitted honors senior thesis on “Analysis of the Placement of Maya Hieroglyphs at Copan,” Faculty Members: Heather Richards-Rissetto (Anthropology) and Lola Lorenzo (Modern Languages and Literatures).

Congratulations to our Champe-Weakly-Waters Recipients for Spring 2018: Anna Dempsey, Chase Horn, Andrea Kruse, Jade Robsion, and Rebecca Salem. Also, congratulations to our Friends of Anthropology Excellence Fund recipient, Sara Anderson.

Unique Students within the Anthropology Department

This bar graph, designed by Dr. LuAnn Wandsnider represents the unique, high-performing students with an Anthropology major and then either a major or minor in another discipline.

Congratulations to our Summer 2018 MA graduate, Rebecca Salem.

Department Colloquium Series Recap

January 26, 2018
Dr. Kyle Gibson (UNL College of Business & Anthro alum): “Anthropology in Entrepreneurship and Business: Discovery, Diversity, and Responsibility.”

February 23, 2018
Dr. B. Holly Smith (U Michigan): “Teeth are Woven into Life History.”

March 30, 2018
Dr. Ryan Schact (U Utah): “Too many men? Too many women? The Patterning of Family Formation, Sexual Risk-Taking, and Violence in Response to Sex Ration Imbalance.”

April 16, 2018
Dr. Carrie Heitman (UNL): “Launching the Salmon Pueblo Archaeological Research Collection.”
Faculty News

Dr. Effie Athanassopoulos is continuing the analysis of medieval deposits from the excavations at the Sanctuary of Zeus, in Nemea, Greece, in collaboration with the University of California-Berkeley Excavations. She was on Faculty Development leave during the fall of 2017, which she spent in Greece, preparing the publication of the Nemea material. Last fall, she participated in two international conferences on digital heritage, in Berlin, Germany, and Vienna, Austria. https://www.unl.edu/anthropology/effie-athanassopoulos

Dr. Wayne Babchuk, in the fall of 2017 began his appointment as a Teaching Fellow in the inaugural Arts and Sciences Teaching Academy at UNL. He also taught research methods courses for the African Doctoral Academy at Stellenbosch University in South Africa in both their Summer and Winter Schools (https://www.sun.ac.za/english/SUInternational/ADA/home). While in Africa, he traveled to Namibia to meet with colleagues and continue fieldwork for the Kalahari Peoples Fund for which he serves as an Executive Board Member of that organization. (https://www.kalaharipeoples.org/about_us). In 2017, Dr. Babchuk was also the recipient of the College of Education and Human Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award. https://www.unl.edu/anthropology/wayne-babchuk

Dr. Phil Geib is leading the archaeological field school in the Sand Hills. An expert flint knapper himself, he had a chance to view and discuss Native American material remains with avocational archaeologists at the annual Native American Artifact Show at the Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Visitor Center in Nebraska City, NE. https://www.unl.edu/anthropology/phil-geib

Dr. Raymond Hames continues his active research profile. He delivered a talk entitled “Pacifying Hunter-Gatherers” at the WESIPS 2017 Conference on Warfare. A longer version is under review for Human Nature. In addition, he produced publications in 2017 on male androphilia, cross-cousin marriage among the Yanomamó, and human grooming with other colleagues across the country. https://www.unl.edu/anthropology/raymond-hames

Dr. Carrie C. Heitman gave an invited presentation at Columbia University on the endangered Greater Chacoan Landscape. She is also currently serving as Program Chair and President-Elect for the Council of Museum Anthropology. She will also be launching the NEH-funded Salmon Pueblo Archaeological Research Collection digital project in May 2018. Additionally, Dr. Heitman’s proposal for the College of Arts and Sciences ENHANCE award has been accepted for funding. This semester, she also taught three courses with 115 students (undergraduate and graduate), mentored 1 UCARE student project and is currently Chairing three thesis committees and serving on five others. https://www.unl.edu/anthropology/carrie-heitman

Dr. Heather Richards-Rissetto gave two professional talks at the 46th Computer Applications in Archaeology, Tubingen, Germany. Dr. Richards-Rissetto’s proposal for the College of Arts and Sciences ENHANCE award has been accepted for funding. She also carried out duties associated with being a Scientific Committee Member for CAA International and General Secretary of CAA-North America Chapter. CAA travel supported in part by a College of Arts & Sciences International Travel for Scholarly Presentations Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She will also be participating in four events at the 83rd Society for American Archaeology Meeting, Washington DC, April 11-15th, 2018. For this, she is Co-Chairing for CAA-NA Sponsored Session on Analog vs. Digital: Is Digital Always Better? Additionally, she is Co-Chairing for a Panel on Cityscapes and Landscapes: benefits & Challenges of 3D Visualization and Analysis. https://www.unl.edu/anthropology/heather-richards-rissetto

Dr. LuAnn Wandsnider continues her examination of domestic architecture as signals of family competence in homesteaded Custer County, Nebraska. With recent graduate and UCARE student Megan Wilson, she presented a poster on demographic aspects of the pioneer population of Custer County at the 2017 Plains Anthropological Conference in Bismarck, ND. https://www.unl.edu/anthropology/luann-wandsnider
From mid-May through late June the UNL Anthropology Department will be again be holding an archaeology field school in the Sand Hills of central Nebraska. As is frequently the case, we are teaming up with the Archaeology Division of the Nebraska State Historical Society. The school will run from May 14th through June 22nd and will involve both survey and excavation. The field school will be led by Phil Geib in the department, ably assisted by GTA Sara Anderson (MA student), and with additional assistance by Ryan Matheson (MA student). NSHS staff participating in all or most of the project consist of Rob Bozell, Associate Director at NSHS and State Archaeologist (UNL Anth BA 1979, MA 1981) and Courtney Ziska (UNL Anth BA 2010, MA 2012).

For two 10-day sessions the students will conduct archaeological survey along the remote and scenic Snake River. This is the first major drainage south of the Niobrara River and tributary to it. Rob Bozell has made connections with ranchers in the area who own up to 25 miles of land along this river both east and west of Highway 61. They have agreed to have students inspect their land for prehistoric and historic sites. They have also agreed to host the field school at their ranch headquarters and even cook some dinners!

For the third 10-day session students will be excavating at the Humphrey Site close to Mullen. This Plains Apache habitation has at least three burned houses and was likely occupied sometime in the 1600s. This site has the potential to reveal significant new information about details of house construction that could inform about the historic connections of the site’s occupants. The excavations will also provide much greater understanding of the subsistence and technological practices at this time, shortly before heavy influence of European contact in this part of the Great Plains.

As of now, 18 students have submitted applications, which is slightly over the cap of 15. Some of these might well drop out, but the hope is to have a full roster. No matter the number, I am looking forward to getting into the field, which is the fun part of archaeology.

Spring is always touted as a season of hope and great expectations, yet there are lingering cold winters days and all those spring showers still necessitate some dark and gloomy days. Yet there is an energy in the air and our cheerfulness keeps breaking through.

So it is with your AFAB group. Spring brings the annual angst of budgets and enrollment for the fall, and the mixed feelings of sending our graduates off to find their places in the world with their degrees in hand. AFAB members do their best to pave that transition by tapping into our networks and facilitating introductions for all who seek our help. We also sharpen our pencils and writing skills to let our legislators and the University administration know the value of anthropology (and a strong alumni group) when they are making theirs budgetary decisions. I invite you to jump into these waters and take the spring "polar bear plunge." You are needed and welcome! These are big waters and towels enough for all! Dr. Perdikaris is introducing two really exciting programs into the department that are explained elsewhere in this newsletter. Great expectations abound!

AFAB will be looking for new board members this summer and we invite your interest. Do you have to pay to play? Yes. But as Wyoming Senator Alan Simpson told the board of the Buffalo Bill Cody Museum, "Time, Talent or Treasure. Any two will do." Drop me a note to let me know how you want to get involved at Susan@traubdesignassociates.com
SUPPORT THE UNL ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The next time you are in Lincoln, please stop by the Department for a visit! We also encourage you to share your story with us at: https://cas.unl.edu/share-your-story and update your contact information by emailing: alumni@huskeralum.org If you have a former classmate, friend or colleague not receiving this newsletter, please forward them.

If your company or organization is looking to hire new anthropology graduates, please email us and we would be happy to distribute an announcement to the students.

Our successes are due to the alumni and friends of the Department of Anthropology. Private support is vital to ensure a vibrant future for our department because state support for UNL continues to decrease. Please consider making a donation to the UNL Anthropology Endowed Excellence Fund (01134320) at the University of Nebraska Foundation. All funds go toward top priorities in the department. For example, we use these funds for student scholarships/fellowships and to help provide much-needed laboratories and learning spaces.

Yes, I/we would like to support the UNL Anthropology Endowed Excellence Fund (01134320). One-time gift of: $100 $250 $500 $1,000 Other $_________

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AnthroGroup Activities 2017-2018

AnthroGroup President: Erik Schulz

AnthroGroup Officers: Emily Jensen, Vice President; Cole Juckette, Treasurer; and Chase Horn, Secretary

AnthroGroup Faculty Sponsor: Wayne Babchuk

AnthroGroup, the Department of Anthropology’s student organization, hosted a number of activities some in partnership with AFAB in 2017-2018. Over the past year, several AFAB members spoke to students and faculty including:

Susan Traub (Traub Design Associates) September 14, 2017

Peter Zandbergen (Executive Vice President, Union Bank and Trust) October 19, 2017

Karl Reinhard (Professor, Environmental Archaeology and Forensic Sciences, School of Natural Resources, UNL) November 2, 2017

Nolan Johnson (Highway Archaeologist, State Historical Society) November 16, 2017

John Ehrenhard (Archaeologist and Director, NPS Southeast Archaeological Center) January 24, 2017

Robert Hitchcock (Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico) March 30, 2018

Nebraska Academy of Science

The Nebraska Academy of Sciences (NAS) is a professional society dedicated to providing services to its members and to all Nebraskans. The 128th meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences will be held at Nebraska Wesleyan University on Friday, April 20th. The anthropology section features 13 student-led presentations on a variety of topics from 12:45-5:00pm in Olin Hall 111. The McGinnis Award will be presented to the best undergraduate and graduate papers submitted for consideration as part of this annual conference. In addition to the AFAB speakers and the Nebraska Academy of Sciences meetings, throughout 2017-2018 AnthroGroup also sponsored several other student led activities including a CV workshop led by Dr. Raymond Hames and a preparing for graduate school admission session led by Dr. Carrie Heitman, and beyond scholastics members bonded through a movie night featuring Raiders of the Lost Arc, bowling, and a trip to Ash Falls in October. The following students are presenting their work:

Sara Anderson and Carrie Heitman– Bone Fleshers as Symbols of Prestige: Examining a Female Gendered Activity in Chaco Canyon.

Megan Campbell and Heather Richards-Rissetto– Digitizing Plant Data to Explore Ancient Copan’s Changing Landscape.

Ellis Codd and Matthew Palczynski– Mapping the Historical Cemeteries and Burial Groups of Dover, NH, USA.

Graham Goodwin, Heather Richards-Rissetto, Kristy E. Primeau, and David E. Witt– Modeling Sight and Sound in Ancient Maya Cities: Moving Towards a Synaesthetic Experience Using GIS and 3D Simulation.

Chase Horn and Emily Hammerl– Deciduous Tooth Growth and Resorption in Pan Troglodytes and Pan Paniscus.


Andrea Kruse– Digital Archaeology Through Historical Photographs of Routt National Forest.

Katy Likely– NRHP vs. The Proposed Border Wall: Using GIS to Consider the Potential Disturbance of Known Archaeological Sites.

Amy Neumann– Revaluating Data: Homesteading “Facts” and Data Visualizations.

Jade Robison– The Multi-Vocaltrailscape of the Natchitoches Trace: A Trail of Tears, Trade, and Transformation.

Rebecca Salem and Effie Athanassopoulos– Thought-Through Travel: The Iain C.G. Campbell Archive and Tourism Anthropology.

Erik Schulz and Effie Athanassopoulos– Pharmacies and Medicinal Products in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Turn of the 20th Century.
In Memoriam
Dolores A. Gunnerson, 1923-2018

The Department of Anthropology lost a distinguished alumna with the passing of Dolores A. Gunnerson on March 14, 2018, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dolores (known as "Dee" to her friends and colleagues) was a noted ethnohistorian of the American Plains and Southwest regions.

Dolores Alice Bellamy was born in Lexington, Nebraska, on April 12, 1923. She entered the University of Nebraska, where she met her lifelong love, James H. Gunnerson, who was majoring in chemistry at the time. They married in 1944 during Jim's service in the military. After the war they resumed their education at the University of Nebraska, with Dee graduating in 1949 with a double major in Anthropology and English. Jim graduated that same year with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. Jim then pursued a graduate education in Anthropology under Dr. John L. Champe and received his master's degree in 1950. This research inaugurated Jim's and Dee's lifelong collaborative scholarly interest in Apacheans on the Plains.

In 1954 Dee and Jim moved to Utah, where Jim accepted the positions of field director of the Utah Statewide Archeological Survey and curator in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Utah. After Jim received his doctorate from Harvard University in 1963, the couple moved to De Kalb, Illinois, where Jim chaired the newly-established Department of Anthropology at Northern Illinois University and Dee taught part-time and pursued her graduate studies through the University of Utah, from which she received a doctorate in Anthropology in 1971. Her dissertation was published as a book in 1974, and was republished under a different title in 2006.

The two returned to Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1974 where Jim became the director of the Nebraska State Museum at the University of Nebraska, a position which he held until 1982. Jim retired from the University ten years later. During their years in Lincoln, Dee quietly continued her diligent researches into Apaches and other native peoples of the Plains and Southwest. She is particularly noted for her ethnohistorical research involving the use of historical documents (many from Spanish archives) and the historical method for the investigation of anthropological problems. Dee delighted in native and European languages, and mastered Spanish, French, and German. An early and enduring contribution of her research is the conclusion that Athapaskan-speaking peoples (Navajos, Kiowa-Apaches, and other Apache groups) migrated from the north into the Southwest and southern Plains regions of the United States by about A.D. 1525.

A trademark of Jim's and Dee's shared interest in Plains Apache and in archaeological and historical connections between Plains and Southwest native cultures is in their long history of collaborative research, with Jim pursuing archaeological interests and Dee focusing on complementary documentary evidence. This long-term collaboration was formally recognized by their being co-recipients of the Nebraska Association of Professional Archeologists' William Duncan Strong Memorial Award in 1995 and the Plains Anthropological Society's Distinguished Service Award in 2001. Dee also received the Nebraska Historical Society's A.T. Hill Award for significant achievement in Nebraska archaeology and ethnohistory in 1990, and Jim later received the same award from the Society in 1994. These well-deserved honors attest to the lasting value of Dee Gunnerson's lifelong research endeavors. Jim and Dee are survived by their son, James L. Gunnerson, and daughter -in-law Paula of Black Lake, New Mexico.

Partial Bibliography of Dolores A. Gunnerson

Gunnerson, Dolores A.

Gunnerson Dolores A., and James H. Gunnerson

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Further information on Dee's and Jim's careers can be found in:
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Gunnerson, James H.
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Anthropology Photo Album by Bruce Rippeteau, Chronicler and Alum

Anthro Christmas Party, 2017
Bruce Rippeteau, Sophia Perdikaris, Connie Pejsar, Joye Fehringer, Priscilla Hayden-Roy

John Ehrenhard, guest speaker for AnthroGroup
January 24th, 2018

Kyle Gibson, College of Business faculty and Anthro Alum
Colloquium Series on January 26th, 2018

From Left to Right: Sophia Perdikaris (Department Chair), Susan Traub, John Ehrenhard, Tom Thiessen, Joye Fehringer - January 24th, 2018

Peter Zandbergen and Sophia Perdikaris

From Left to Right: Bruce Rippeteau, Dan Foy, and Peter Zandbergen
Anthropology Photo Album by Bruce Rippeteau, Chronicler and Alum

Left to Right: Dr. Carrie Heitman, Dr. Bruce Rippeteau, and Erik Shultz. January 30th, 2018. Dr. Rippeteau is a mentor to Erik, assisting him with his ANTH 496 independent study course, “Underwater Archaeology.”

AFAB Meeting April 4th, 2018

From Left to Right: Anne Bauermeister, Sophia Perdikaris, David Gradwohl, and Susan Traub

Tom Thiessen, Peter Zandbergen and Jim Kohler

Ray Hames, Nolan Johnson and Joyce Fehringer

Joye Fehringer and Bruce Rippeteau
Dr. Robert Hitchcock, gave a lecture on March 30th, 2018 on “The Kalahari San: Human Rights, Development and Contemporary Livelihoods.”
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UNL Anthropology Award Ceremony And Graduation Party

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