

Anthropology Newsletter



Fall Topics Courses:

AN-251C Forensic Anthropology, Dr. Baustian

This course will examine the methods and theories used by anthropologists working within this context to establish the identity of decomposed and skeletonized human remains.

AN-252C Indigenous Peoples of South American Rainforest, Dr. Clasby Students will learn that tropical forest peoples were not simply products of their environment but actively shaped the rainforest to their needs and that many groups created complex cultural sociopolitical formations.

AN-252C The New Europe: French Identities in Comparative Perspective, Dr. Ennis-McMillan Why have questions about Muslims been at the center of public discussions about immigration and European identities? Using anthropological perspectives, students analyze how Europeans create and express ethnic identities related to race, class gender and religion.

AN-351D Migration and Diaspora, Dr. Park Anthropological examination of population movements around the globe, including voluntary and forced migration, displacement, diaspora, and refugee flows.

AN-352D Ritual and Ceremonial Landscapes, Dr. Clasby Anthropologists recognize landscapes are culturally constructed spaces that give order and place to social, ritual, and political practices within a community. In this course, students will use an anthropological approach to studying the ways in which ancient landscapes embodied the cosmological and ideological belief systems.

AN-353D Evolution of the Human Diet, Dr. Baustian This course explores the origins of human nutrition and subsistence practices and traces how social and technological innovation resulted in the modern diet. Students will develop an understanding of selective pressures and anatomical adaptations for an omnivorous diet, investigate cultural and technological practices that impacted evolution and social interaction.

Faculty & Student News

- **Dr. Jenkins** and students in the Contemporary Forms of Slavery course, **Olivia Sessions, Kai Kargbo, Ajna Kertesz, and Kayla Briskey** attended the 'Fighting Modern Slavery' Conference at Yale University in November. The conference was attended by students, academics, and professionals in governmental and non-governmental organizations to discuss current research and strategies to address contemporary forms of slavery.
- **Hannah Haines '19, Alena Larson '19, and Olivia Sessions '19** attended the Northeastern Anthropological Association Meetings at Rhode Island College in early March.
- Anthropology majors **Elizabeth Picken '21** and **Geraldine Santoso '22** were inducted into the Skidmore Honors Forum.
- **Dr. Silva** recently published the article "Time, Prediction, and the Future in Retrospective Divination: A Case from Zambia" in *Anthropologie et Societes*. She was also invited by *Current Anthropology* to comment on a paper on the topic of time in anthropology, to be published this academic year.
- **Dr. Baustian, Dr. Hart, and Dr. Hurst** will present research at the Society for American Archaeology conference in Albuquerque, NM in early April.

Alumni News

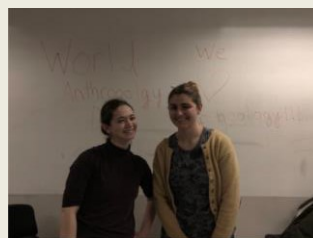
- **Erica Heinz '17** has been admitted to 3 excellent law school. Her goal is to work to provoke cultural diversity via law and government policy.
- **Kirill Gillespie '18** works for an AmeriCorps and University of Texas-affiliated program called Literacy First in Austin, TX. He also volunteers with American Gateways, which pairs pro bono lawyers and volunteer translators to visit female asylum seekers in an immigrant detention center.
- **Amanda Muir '18** works in digital audio archives at SiriusXM in Washington, D.C.
- **Qilin Zhao '18** is an intern at Whitney Museum of American Art in NYC facilitating a program for teens to work with exhibiting artists and talk about art and the issues they care about.

Events

- **March 25, 2019** is the deadline for nominations for the President's Awards and Student Leadership Awards for distinguished student leaders in Skidmore's community. The awards will be presented on **May 2, 2019** at the student Leadership Banquet.
- **May 1, 2019** Academic Festival will take place showcasing student projects and research that they have conducted at Skidmore.



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November.



Seniors Julia Pressley and

Seniors Hannah Haines and Alex Ahrens at World Anthropology Day in the archaeology lab.

Dr. Park and Dr. Clasby took anthropology students on a fieldtrip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City in



Griffin Edwards presenting in the
biological anthropology lab
during World Anthropology Day.

On March 7, Dr. Park
gave a talk at the
Saratoga Springs
Public Library on the
topic of refugees as
part of the local
“Saratoga Reads”
program.