Prof. Joowon Park has been appointed as the director for the Asian Studies Program (while continuing to teach Anthropology). He was also voted 2023 Commencement Speaker.

Prof. Michael C. Ennis-McMillan published an article, “Cultivating Voice and Solidarity in Times of Crisis: Ethnographic Online Journaling as a Pedagogical Tool,” in Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry with co-authors Sarah S. Willen and Kristin Baines. The article was included as part of a special issue on student mental health during the pandemic and explores student participation in the Pandemic Journaling Project with insights from Skidmore students enrolled in introductory cultural anthropology courses.

The San Bartolo-Xultun archaeological project, directed by Prof. Heather Hurst, received the 2023 International Archaeological Discovery Award “Khaled al-Assad” with special distinction as the people's choice prize. San Bartolo's 7 Deer inscription was selected among 5 discoveries worldwide for this distinction. A video short on “7 Deer” by Riley Mallory '22, SBX documentarian, can be viewed at www.xultun.org

In observance of Indigenous Peoples’ Day, Prof. Hart gave an invited lecture at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs and served as a panelist with Prof. Emerita Susan Bender for a project on Warren County's First Peoples.

Qilin Zhao ’18 visited Skidmore in October from her home in Beijing, China. After completing several internships at NYC museums, Qilin completed an MA in Art and Art Education at Columbia Teachers College in 2020. She currently works in the Education Department of the Palace Museum in Beijing.

Prof. Park and Joey Geary, Maddie Gunnell, Hannah Liscord, Tucker Obering ’24 travelled to Seoul, South Korea, this summer to conduct ethnographic research on “Transborder Crossings in the DMZ.”

Prof. Siobhan Hart, Shey Feng ’24, and Aimee Holland ’25 conducted archaeological research at the Denton site in the North Woods of Skidmore’s campus.

Prof. Katie Baustian and Emily Czelusniak ’25 traveled to the Western New Mexico University Museum to conduct bioarchaeological research.