Education

The department includes 31 faculty members and three distinct academic programs:

- **archaeology**, the study of the human past through investigation of material traces (artifacts, food remains, features, structures, etc.) and their relationships in space and time;

- **biocultural anthropology**, the study of ecological, physiological, and demographic aspects of human biocultural variation within the frameworks of human adaptability and evolution; and

- **sociocultural anthropology**, the study of cultural diversity and social relations, including recurrent global flux in languages, practices, and identities.

The undergraduate program leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. After completing required courses within the anthropology core, students can elect to focus on one area or take courses in different areas within the major, including archaeology, biocultural anthropology and sociocultural anthropology. Additionally, students may complete an undergraduate option in medical anthropology and global health, archaeological sciences, anthropology of globalization, or human evolutionary biology.

The archaeology program usually operates a summer field school providing undergraduate students archaeological field training. In recent years these have been held in Alaska, East Timor, Indonesia, Thailand, and Mallorca, Spain. Future field schools are planned for Indonesia and other locales.

The department offers PhD programs in archaeology, biocultural anthropology, and sociocultural anthropology. Students may also apply for a concurrent MPH/PhD through the sociocultural or biocultural anthropology programs, in conjunction with one of four MPH tracks: global health, social and behavioral sciences, maternal and child health, or epidemiology.

An anthropology student travels to Kenya for her research.
Faculty

Faculty have received numerous grants and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Fulbright Foundation, the World Heath Organization, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institute of Mental Health, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, the Social Science Research Council, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Ford Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, the Fetzer Institute, and the American Philosophical Society. Faculty awards include:

4 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards
1 UW Graduate Faculty Mentor Award
1 National Academy of Sciences member

Several faculty members currently hold or recently have held positions in professional organizations specific to their areas of expertise, both nationally and internationally. Faculty members conduct research in the United States, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands.

Research and Scholarship

While pursuing a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches, faculty all work toward a common goal, namely to document and understand our many interconnected ways of being human in a world now inhabited by six billion people speaking five thousand languages. This covers our species' evolutionary origins as well as our continual evolution through many millennia of biocultural microevolution. It also covers more recent sociocultural changes including the current global flux in population, genes, languages, practices, and identities.

The Biological Anthropology and Biodemography Lab provides facilities for student and faculty research projects in human and non-human primate ecology, research experience for students working on faculty projects, and classroom training in laboratory methods. The Luminescence Dating Laboratory offers a dating service for ceramics, lithics, and sediments, particularly for research projects in which luminescence can solve archaeological problems not assessable by other dating techniques.

The Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, with which several Anthropology faculty members are affiliated, contains ethnological, archaeological, geological and zoological collections, is the Pacific Northwest's hub for natural history and cultural heritage.

Outreach

Throughout the year, the department sponsors a variety of colloquia, lectures, and seminar series that are open to the public. Increasingly, anthropology faculty are taking the classroom and students into communities near and far. Each spring, an annual outreach event provides a forum for the department to share its research with the wider community. Each year the department's electronic newsletter, e-AnthropoLog, reaches out to friends and alumni.

 Courses with an outreach component have involved students working with the local Marshall Islands community (left) and collaborating with seniors from the Pike Market Senior Center.

 Faculty (Autumn 2014)

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Students traveled to Mallorca, Spain for the 2014 archaeological field school.

Areas of Research & Scholarship

- Colonialism and Post-colonial Theory
- Critical Development Studies
- Demography
- Environmental Anthropology
- Ethnicity and Nationalism
- Evolutionary Ecological Theory
- Gender
- History of Archaeology
- Human Reproductive Ecology
- Medical Anthropology and Global Health
- Place and Space
- Primatology
- Science and Technology Studies
- Social Movements
- Visual Anthropology

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