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Image by Dick van Duijn

Hi Anthropologists!

We are half way done with another semester and Spring is well on its way! How are you doing? We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. We mostly hope that you are thriving and that you know how proud we are of your resilience and commitment.

Check this newsletter for learning and funding opportunities, and do not forget that the **Patricia O'Brien Anthropology Award** deadline is this Friday, March 22, 2021.

Please, keep in mind that your advisor, Dr **Maritza Quiñones** is here for you and ready to answer your questions or concerns!

LIEBMAN ENGAGED ANTHROPOLOGY AWARD

The Department of Anthropology is still accepting applications for the **April 1 deadline** of the Liebman Engaged Anthropology Award!

Graciously endowed by alumnus Paul Liebman, this fund supports undergraduate internships, research, and field school experience in anthropology.

This award is open to all undergraduate anthropology majors, minors, and CS+ Anth. Preference will be given to first-time applicants in good academic standing.

The award amount is up to \$2500

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

11th Senior Capstone Conference

Bring your research to the spotlight and share with family and friends!

April 28, 5pm

Register by March 29, noon at: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1227052307>

- Virtual event
- 10-minute, pre-recorded talks
- Attend for chat and Q&As

If you have any questions, you can contact any of the following anthropology faculty:

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CASE STUDIES IN THE MAKING OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND PARLIAMENTARIANS: A CONVERSATION SERIES

CASE STUDIES IN THE MAKING OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND PARLIAMENTARIANS

A conversation series

Wednesday, March 31
12-1:30 PM (CST)

Register here:
<https://go.illinois.edu/MEPCConversationSeries>

NEXT SPEAKER

GEORGI PIRINSKI

Bulgarian Politician and Former MEP
Former Chairman of the National Assembly of Bulgaria

Areas of expertise

Progressive Governance

Place of the Left in Today's Europe

Social Security and Sovereignty

EU From A Balkan Perspective



ABOUT THE SERIES

What is it like to be a politician in a legislature that must listen to national interests while aspiring to transcend them? Come learn this semester from a series of conversations with Former Members of the European Parliament about the negotiation of "European" values such as democracy, human rights, tolerance, green initiatives, and social policies.

Each conversation focuses on "cases" of past projects, legislation, initiatives, or crises that the Former MEP found particularly rewarding, vexing, or enlightening for understanding the challenges of European unity and the role the European Parliament has played in navigating them. These conversations are open to the public as part of the meetings of a new EU Center course.

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



Wondering what the European Parliament is?
Check out this one-minute video: <https://youtu.be/bt84q2CBTPw>

This series is supported by the Former Members Association and by a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence grant from the European Union. This support does not constitute an endorsement of the contents, which reflect the views only of the authors. The series is also co-sponsored by Anthropology, Political Science, College of Law, and the MS in Management Program at Giles College of Business.

CLACS K-14 SERIES

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Central American Migration

SAT April 3 • 10-11:30 am (CDT) • Zoom webinar

Dr. ELLEN MOODIE
Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois
"Security and Violence in El Salvador: Behind Migration"

Dr. JON HORNE CARTER
Department of Anthropology, Appalachian State University
"Legacies of Organized Crime: US Imperialism and Forced Migration in Honduras"

*Presented in English with live translation in Spanish
Illinois K-12 educators are eligible to receive ISBE Professional Development Hours (PDH)

For more information and registration visit: <https://calendar.illinois.edu/detail/363743563922>

Virtual Professional Development workshop. The presentations will be in English with live translation in Spanish/ Las presentaciones van a ser en inglés con traducción simultánea al español.

Presentations:

- Dr. Ellen Moodie. "Security and Violence in El Salvador: Behind Migration" / "Seguridad y violencia en El Salvador: causas de la migración". This talk starts with the most recent news of a new "surge" of child migrants from Central America. Then, reflecting on Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele's 2019 questions, posed after an image of a Salvadoran father and daughter, drowned the Rio Grande, circulated globally: "We can

blame any other country, but what about our blame? What country did they flee?", I turn to look at the country they fled: El Salvador. I position the history and present of El Salvador as always already part of a relationship with colonial and imperial powers. After a brief review of events and processes from liberalization in the late nineteenth century on, I consider the country's (1980-1992) civil war as one of the last battles of the Cold War, and then examine the effects of continued postwar violence, especially that linked to gangs, as the wake or aftermath of that conflict.

- Dr. Jon H. Carter. "Legacies of Organized Crime: US Imperialism and Forced Migration in Honduras" / "Legados del crimen organizado: imperialismo estadounidense y migración forzada en Honduras". This talk examines the role of US empire in Honduras from the nineteenth century to present, to ask how US geopolitical and business interests have undermined state sovereignty in the country and created the conditions for record levels of forced migration. I will focus on three historical moments in which these external forces have fatefully reshaped Honduran governance: (a) the rise of powerful US-based banana corporations of the early twentieth century, (b) the US-funded Contra War of the 1980s, and (c) the US-supported coup of president Manuel Zelaya Rosales in 2009 and its aftermath. I ask how each of these historical episodes not only demonstrated the weakness of Honduran law enforcement and criminal justice in real-time, but also enshrined that weakness in legal and institutional norms that, over the last decade, have culminated in widespread impunity that enables criminal actors in the country—from corrupt CEOs and politicians, to narcotraffickers and gang members. I will stress the importance of seeing this "lawlessness" in an historical frame, as an artifact of more than a century of US imperialism, in which the structural weakness of Honduran law and institutions has served US geopolitical and business interests at the expense of the tens of thousands who now flee the country to seek safety and refuge abroad.

- To register/ para registrarse:

https://illinois.zoom.us/join/register/WN_3QaqJ6pxTeGLvOSnaPasTA

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METNAL HEALTH OUTREACH OFFERINGS



For Spring 2021, The Counseling Center is offering telehealth (online) counseling and virtual outreach and educational programming. For specifics of how this works, and other services and offerings of the Counseling Center please check [here](#).

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMS

In late March and early April, the National and International Scholarships Program will be hosting information sessions for undergraduate students across colleges and fields to learn about some nationally competitive scholarship opportunities. We hope you will share this with your students!

Information Sessions for juniors and seniors (students graduating before August 2022) will be held the week of March 22nd. Information sessions will focus on how to apply for June priority application deadlines, including many scholarships for study or research beginning in the fall of 2022.

Check out the informational email [here](#) for more!

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