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Academic Advisor Notes

Welcome to the new academic year!

Important Deadlines

August 24

- Late registration begins via Student Self-Service

August 27

- Deadline for ALL students to add a POT A course via Student Self-Service
- Deadline for ALL students to drop POT A (1st 8 week) course for refund if reducing assessment range
- Deadline to suppress directory information



Welcome and welcome back, Anthropologists!

Whether this is your first year, or you are returning to campus and on your last one, we are grateful to have you in Anthropology!

This and upcoming newsletters are one of many ways to keep in touch, and make sure that you stay informed of all the wonderful things that happen on campus!

Keep an eye for them to find funding, career, networking, and learning opportunities!

September 3 - "10th day" add/drop deadline

- Deadline to drop or reduce semester hours and receive refund if reducing assessment range for ALL students
- Deadline for UG to add a semester course via Student Self-Service

Seniors graduating in December 2021 or May 2022 - Make sure you are registered for ANTH 498 this Fall. If you already completed the requirement, please disregard the message.

Meet Director of Undergraduate Studies, [Dr Ripan S Malhi](#) or email him [here](#).

Click here for [Virtual Advising](#)

[Email me](#) directly if you have an immediate emergency.



Dr. Maritza Quiñones

Anthro-Club announcement

Are you looking to meet other individuals who share an interest in Anthropology? If so, Anthropology Club might be the place for you! At our bi-weekly meetings, students discuss various subjects within Anthropology. Other than rich discussion, Anthropology Club hosts socials, fundraisers, and engages in public outreach to advocate Anthropology. We also associate ourselves with Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society, which acknowledges and rewards academic excellence of students in Anthropology.

If interested, please join Anthropology Club at our first meeting, Thursday September 9th at 6pm, for some fun Anthropology themed trivia. The location is TBD, so follow our Instagram for updates!

If you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to reach out to [Nico Herrera](#), the Anthropology Club Membership Chair, or [our email](#).

DFA RSO Recruitment Announcement

Design for America at UIUC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and student organization that tackles social challenges in our community using the human-centered design process. As an RSO, we are committed to having diverse, interdisciplinary teams of different backgrounds and welcome students with varying experiences and majors. We are looking forward to working on new projects this semester that involve amplifying local efforts towards climate justice, analyzing systemic forms of racialized design, working in tandem with the Urbana City Planner's office, and collaborating with the Illinois Public Health Institute to create an app for breastfeeding moms.

Our Fall 2021 recruitment week is happening from 8/24 - 9/1 with applications due on 9/4. All activities will be located at the Siebel Center for Design.

Anthropology Graduate Program at University of Minnesota Twin Cities

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota is a well-ranked anthropology graduate program offering training in archaeology, biological, and sociocultural anthropology. We develop first-rate anthropologists to accept positions in higher education, museums, business, and applied fields. Our faculty's areas of interest include:

Sociocultural Anthropology: colonial and post-colonial studies; race and racism; medical anthropology and cultural histories of healing; linguistic anthropology; anthropologies of capitalism, finance, economy, political economy; the state, globalization, and modernity; nationalism and identities; law and violence; religion and culture; counterinsurgency warfare; dialogics of culture; politics of history and memory; embodiment; science and technology; gender and sexuality; time and temporality; anthropology beyond the human; art and visual culture; experimental writing; critical disability studies; environmental anthropology; and philosophical anthropology. Regional specializations: Europe, North America, the Pacific, the Middle East, the Caribbean, East Asia, and South Asia.

Archaeology: paleolithic archaeology; historical archaeology of settler colonialism; indigeneity, race and ethnicity in North America; cultural transmission and material culture theory; archaeology of environment, landscape, and political ecology; European/Iron Age studies; faunal, lithic, residue, taphonomy, and ceramic analyses. Regional specializations: Europe, Asia, Latin America, and North America.

Biological Anthropology: evolution of behavior in humans and other primates; genetic anthropology; DNA analysis; pre-colonial migrations and genetic diversity of ancient human communities; health and population history; primate growth and development; evolution of communication; geometric

morphometrics; skeletal evolution in humans and other primates; hominoid origins; spread of humans out of Africa; paleoecology; and wildlife health and conservation. Regional specializations: Africa, Southwest Asia, Central Asia, Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe.

Our program is interdisciplinary, requiring a minor or supporting field of study in departments as diverse as African American and African Studies, American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, Classical and Near Eastern Studies, Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature, Earth Sciences, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, History, Statistics, and Geography. In addition, the RIGS (Race, Indigeneity, Gender, Sexuality Studies) Initiative and the Program in Heritage Studies and Public History have created critical, interdisciplinary graduate minors that complement the offerings of the Anthropology Department. Visit [our website](#) to learn more about our program and be sure to check out [our Facebook page](#). Our [graduate handbook](#) outlines in detail the three Ph.D. programs by year. We also encourage you to reach out to any of our faculty who you may be interested in studying with, or any current graduate students who are doing work that may resonate with your own research interests.

We are located in Minneapolis, a diverse and cosmopolitan city that has been the epicenter of crucial social uprising in the wake of the murder of George Floyd, which has laid bare, once again, the systemic racism undergirding the

foundations of our society, culture, and economy. The Department of Anthropology is deeply committed to meeting the exigencies of the moment: to address systemic inequalities, and to engage in the ongoing work and reflection that the project of anti-racism demands.

Instructions for applying to our program can be found [here](#) (you will see that our deadline for application is **December 15th**.) Please email our Director of Graduate Studies, Professor [Karen Ho](#), if you have any further questions about our program.

Gilman International Scholarships Events

Are you interested in study abroad, but concerned about the cost?

The Gilman International Scholarship Program provides awards of \$5,000 (plus up to a \$3,000 supplement for critical languages) for U.S. citizen undergraduate students to pursue summer, semester, or academic-year study abroad opportunities in other countries. This is a need-based award, and to be eligible, you must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant.

The National and International Scholarships Program will assist in reviewing your scholarship application material. In fact, we welcome the opportunity to help make your application more

competitive! To get you started, we are offering a two-day informational event about the Gilman Scholarship.

Gilman International Scholarship Information Session

When: September 2, 2021 03:30 - 4:30 PM Central Time

Where: 1002 Lincoln Hall

ONLINE Gilman Scholarship Information Session

When: September 3, 2021 9:00 - 10:00 AM Central Time

[Register](#) in advance for this meeting.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Gilman International Scholarship Writing Workshop

When: September 3, 2021 03:00 PM Central Time

Where: 514 Illini Union Bookstore Building

For more information, contact the [scholarships office](#) at or visit [our website](#)

DGS Student Success Toolkit

The Division of General Studies has created the Student Success Toolkit, designed to assist students with their academic performance. The toolkit provides several handouts and worksheets that guide students in developing action steps to help improve their study skills. Students can find resources on effective note taking, critical reading, test taking strategies and more!

Undergraduate Research Workshops

Learn about the various forms of undergraduate research on campus and develop an action plan to locate research opportunities. This includes identifying potential research mentors and discussing best practices for initiating contact.

Getting Started in Research Workshop

Learn strategies to successfully communicate research skills and experiences on resumes, CV's, and cover letters. Practice demonstrating evidence and contextualizing skills to best suit job, grad school, and internship applications.

Research to Resume Workshop

Learn the various ways that undergraduate research can benefit you, and how you can showcase this experience in future endeavors.

Value of Undergraduate Research Workshop

Proposal Writing for Undergraduate Researchers Workshop

Learn basic knowledge about research proposals and how they are structured, tactics and resources to write successful research statements, and clear ways to communicate your research to others.

Find more information & register today [here](#).

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