

# GOOD NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM CHAIR

On Friday, Woods Hall welcomed 100 guests, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, emeriti faculty, and campus colleagues, to celebrate the Department of Anthropology's 50th Anniversary—and to celebrate our return to newly-renovated Woods Hall. As one of the more “recent” hires into Anthropology, I was delighted to meet and hear stories from so many alums, some going back to 1973, when our department became a stand-alone department of anthropology, with eight faculty. Our department has grown and changed a great deal in 50 years. We now have 12 full-time tenure-track faculty, with two new tenure-track faculty expected to join us next fall. And we recently hired our fistful-time professional track faculty member. These talented faculty teach and mentor 113 majors and 60 graduate students in three undergraduate majors and four graduate degree programs. I am proud to say that our majors grew by 12% since last year—a huge testament to our collective efforts to promote the role of Anthropology in solving the Grand Challenges of our time. We have a lot to celebrate this year. This fall, we welcomed Assistant Professor Dr. Miguel Vilar to our faculty. Dr. Vilar is a genetic anthropologist interested in human migration, especially on islands. Prior to joining our department, Dr. Vilar was Senior Program Officer at the National Geographic Society and served as the Lead Scientist for the NGS's Geographic Project. In addition to his doctorate earned at Binghamton University in 2010, Dr. Vilar has three Masters degrees: an MA in journalism, and MS in biomedical anthropology, and an MA in anthropology. We are also delighted to welcome Dr. Matt Palus the Department of Anthropology's first full-time professional track faculty member. Dr. Palus is Senior Lecturer in the Department's new Masters of Professional Studies in Cultural and Heritage Resource Management. Prior to joining our department, Dr. Palus was Senior Archaeologist and Project Manager for The Ottery Group. Dr. Palus is working with CHRM director Dr. Kathryn Lafrenz Samuels in directing the day-to-day operations of our growing online Masters degree program. Dr. Palus is an alum of our MAA program (Class of 2000) and received his PhD from Columbia in 2010. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Vilar and Dr. Palus! The Department of Anthropology moved back into Woods Hall in August, much to everyone's delight. We are all enjoying our clean, fresh, and bright digs, and adjusting to the new high-tech upgrades in our modernizing building. We are especially enjoying our new kitchenette and shared living space on the second floor. This central gathering space has become a hub of community life. Most days at noon, faculty, staff, and students can be found sitting around our dining table, eating lunch together. The renovations in our building have been a huge morale boost for our community. We feel very fortunate to be one of the few anthropology departments with their own building! A big thank you to everyone who helped make this move happen. Although we are happy to be home, we were all deeply affected this semester by tragedies and losses at home and abroad. It has been a truly heartbreaking and terrifying semester for many of us. The ongoing horrific violence in Israel and Palestine, especially, has touched us all, directly or indirectly. I am proud of how our department worked as individuals and in community to support one another, and to build safe spaces for each other. One way in which our department engaged in community support and healing this semester was in the construction of our first ofrenda (Day of the Dead altar), led by Associate Professor Dr. Andrea López. The Department's ofrenda provided an outlet for much-needed collective grief and comfort during this emotionally challenging semester. The ofrenda reminds us to find strength in community and the generations who came before. As we head into winter break, I wish you all comfort, rest, and lots of time with loved ones. Let us all hope for peace and an end to violence around the world in the New Year.

Warmly, Barnet Pavão-Zuckerman

PS—As many of you know, I will be away on sabbatical from January 1-June 30, 2024. Dr. Paul Shackel has graciously agreed to serve as interim Chair in my absence—reprising the role he played in our department for over a decade. I am happy to leave the department in his excellent hands and look forward to reconnecting when I return!

# Awards, Honors, and Grants

## Faculty

**Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman and Cam Walker** awarded National Science Foundation grant and were "comic book-ified" in a bilingual graphic novel, "Unlocking the Past!: Archaeology of the Cattle Economy in Colonial Charleston, South Carolina".

**L. Jen Shaffer** joined an existing grant conducting a comparative investigation of alternative food provisioning in three urban areas: Providence, RI, Baltimore, MD, and Washington, DC. The project, "Mapping Diverse Services from Alternative Urban Food Provisioning Networks and Identifying Opportunities for Policy Support", is funded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

**Joseph Richardson** was elected into the prestigious National Academy of Medicine as one of 100 new members.

## Emeriti

**A. Lynn Bolles** received the SANA Distinguished Achievement in the Critical Study of North America.

## Professional Track Faculty

**Diana Marsh** received an NSF grant from the cultural anthropology program for her projected titled, "Building a sustainable future for anthropology's archives: Researching primary source data lifecycles, infrastructures, and reuse".

**Shirley Fiske** and Anthropology students Amber Cohen, Jeremy Trombley, and Katie Geddes published an ethnographic study of subsistence fishing on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers, funded by the National Park Service. The report is titled, "An Ethnographic Study of Subsistence Fishing on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers".



*Dr. Barnet Pavao Zuckerman and PhD Student Cam Walker featured comic.*



*Dr. Diana Marsh, Affiliate Assistant Professor*



*Dr. A. Lynn Bolles, Professor Emerita*

# Scholarship and Service

## Professional Track Faculty

**Marcy Rockman** was featured in 3 of the 4 segments that aired on National Public Radio on climate change and cultural heritage: Cultural Heritage (Venice), Built Heritage (San Francisco), and Indigenous knowledge (California).

## Emeriti

**Janet Chernela** has been appointed to Professor Emerita, in the Department of Anthropology, effective July 1, 2023. Congratulations Dr. Chernela!

## Students

**Keeli Otto** will present master's research at the American Meteorological Society (AMS)'s Student Conference. Alumni

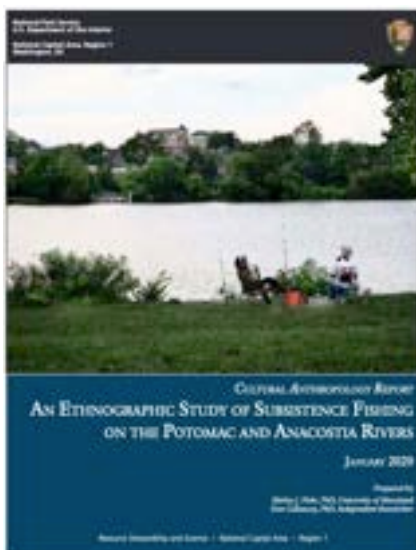
**Megan Springate** appeared in an episode titled Treacherous Traps featured on History Channel's Dark Marvels Series.



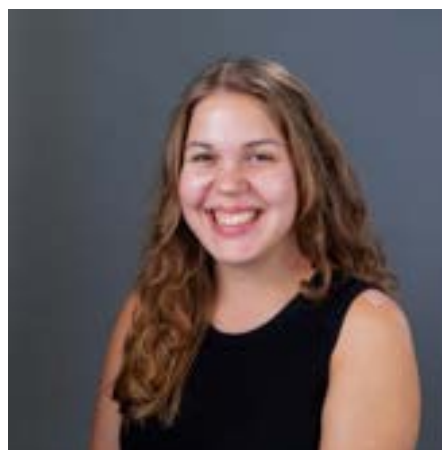
*Dr. Marcy Rockman, Associate Research Professor*



*Dr. Megan Springate (PhD 2017)*



*Fiske et al. Report for the National Park Service.*



*Keeli Otto, MAA Student*

# Publications

## Faculty

**Madeline Brown and Paul Shackel** co-authored two articles titled “Anthracite memories: semantic tagging and coal mining oral histories” in the *International Journal of Heritage Studies* and “Text Mining Oral Histories in Historical Archaeology” in the *International Journal of Historical Archaeology*.

**Madeline Brown** co-authored an article titled “Regional household variation and inequality across the Maya landscape.”

**Paul Shackel** published an article titled “Remembering Labor Conflict as an American Battlefield” in the *Park Stewardship Forum*.

**Paul Shackel** published a book titled “The Ruined Anthracite”.

## Faculty and students

**Paul Shackel and Aryn Schriener** co-authored an article titled “Past and present: Immigration and museum exhibitions in the anthracite coal region.”

## Professional Track Faculty

**Linda Rabben** published a book titled “Through a Glass Darkly: The Social History of Stained Glass in Baltimore”; Creativity Grant, Maryland State Arts Council.

**Jana Kopelentova Rehak** published a new book titled “We Live in the Water”.

## Emeriti

**Janet Chernela** published an article titled “The Great Pirahã Brouhaha: Linguistic Diversity and Cognitive Universality” in *Annual Reviews in Anthropology*, Vol. 52.



*Aryn G. N. Schriener (PhD student)*



*Dr. Paul Shackel (Professor)*



*Dr. Madeline Brown (Assistant Professor)*

# Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC)

**Sarah Noe**

“Faunal Patterns at Cahokia and CIRV:  
A Comprehensive Review”.

## American Anthropological Association Canadian Anthropology Society (AAA/CASCA) Conference

**Matthew Thomann**

“Flesh in the Excess: HPV, Anal Warts, and the  
Potentiality of Ad-Hoc Care in Kenya”

**Andrea Lopez**

“In the Flesh, In The Meantime: Overdose Death  
and Enfleshment”

**Jacqueline Messing**

“Describing listeners and understanders of  
multiple languages in Mexico and the U.S.”

**A.Lynn Bolles**

“Recipient Distinguished Career”

**Jessica Staggs**

“Gas Station Futures”

**Silvana Montanola** “Legal  
Deservingness: Crafting Safe Spaces  
in the DC Area” and “Drafting A  
Prospectus for Dissertation”.



# Graduating Class of 2023

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

Aaron George Eugene Butler  
Christoff Laurent Funches  
Martina Lee Mackleer

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

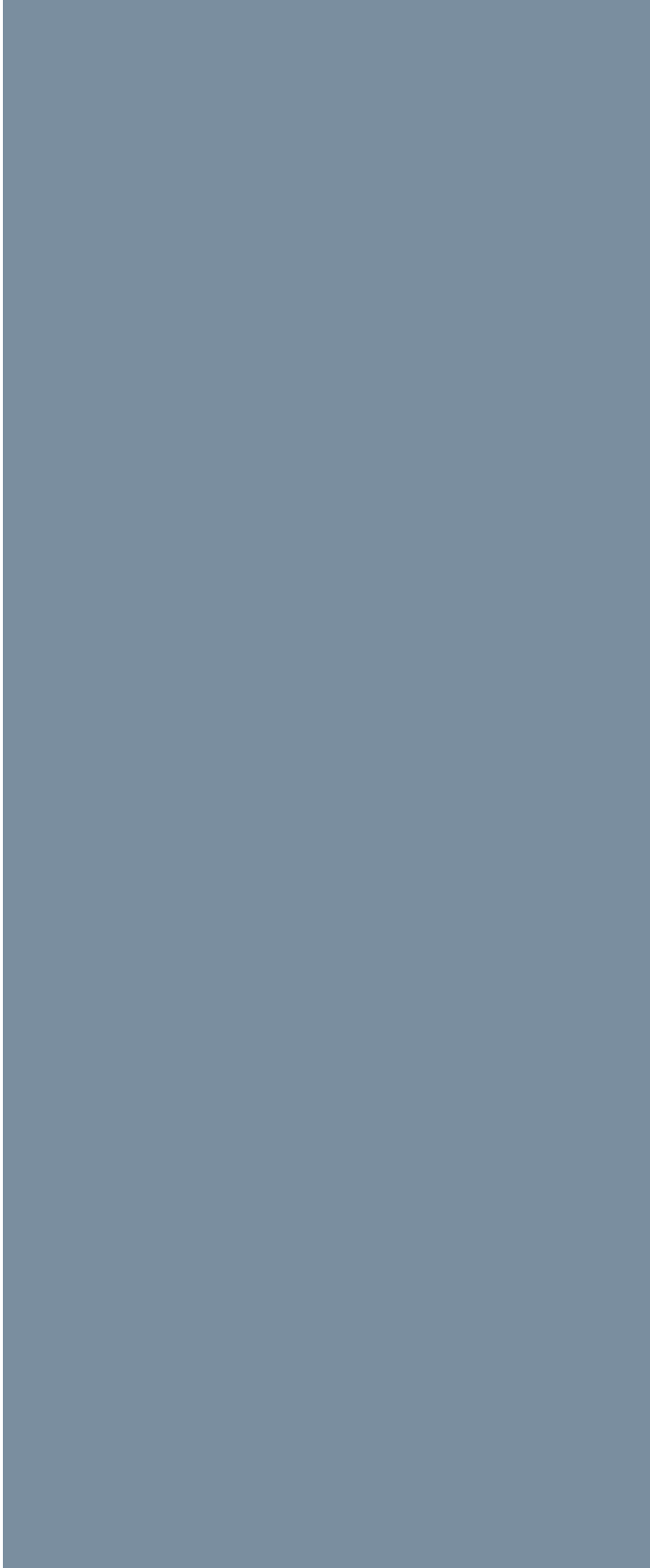
Shane Balin  
Gabriella Gonzalez  
Adam Randall Sang Won Smith  
Gang Zhuang

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLICY**

Isabella Grace Connors  
Amir Salar Khosrodad  
Clare Andrea Lapointe  
Kaitlin Ann Sennewald

## **Certificate in Museum Scholarship and Material Culture**

Emma Satterfield





# Anthropology's Ofrenda

*Lead by Associate Professor Dr. Andrea Lopez*





# Anthropology's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration





# Anthropology Moves back to Woods Hall!!





***Have a Wonderful Winter Break!***

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