

# Department of Anthropology

GOOD NEWS | SPRING 2023



## MESSAGE FROM CHAIR

The first half of 2023 has been an exciting one for the Department of Anthropology, with lots to celebrate. We just passed our one-year mark away from Woods Hall, but the extended timeline is for a very good reason: we are excited to share that, thanks to the advocacy of staff, students, faculty, and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the University has given the top floor of Woods Hall, formerly occupied by the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, to the Department of Anthropology. The addition of the top floor of Woods makes up for space demolished for the much-needed HVAC installation, and will eventually consolidate Anthropology into one building. The new space will allow us to move labs from the basement of Taliaferro Hall onto the ground floor of Woods, and move faculty offices from the ground floor of Woods to the top floor. The top floor will also host a brand-new conference room, a renovated kitchenette, an all-gender restroom, and a central space for gathering and collaboration. Carpeting, lighting, and ceiling tiles are also being replaced throughout the building, and a lactation room will be built in the basement. We hope to be back in Woods by the start of Fall 2023, just in time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of a separate Department of Anthropology at UMD in 1973—keep an eye on your inbox for an invitation to an anniversary plus homecoming celebration in AY 2023-24! As if the above wonderful news isn't enough, we have so much more to celebrate. In breaking news, we are excited to share that Dr. Andrea López was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure. We are also thrilled to announce that Dr. Miguel Vilar will join our department as Assistant Professor in Fall 2023. In bittersweet news, a huge congratulations to Dr. Janet Chernela upon her retirement from our department at the end of the Spring semester. Read on for pictures from the celebration in honor of Dr. Chernela held on May 1. Mazel tov, Dr. Chernela! This semester, Dr. George Hambrecht and Dr. Andrea López were honored at the 2023 Maryland Research Excellence Celebration—Dr. López was also selected by BSOS to receive this year's Exemplary Researcher Award for the College. Anthropology faculty were also highlighted at the recent BSOS Resilience Hub Research Celebration. Drs. Andrea López, Jen Shaffer, and Matthew Thomann all presented posters on their resilience research, while Dr. George Hambrecht's work was featured in a table-top display. A huge congratulations to Professor Emerita Dr. Lynn Bolles, who published no less than three books in 2022, including her sole authored *Women and Tourist Work in Jamaica*, a monumental achievement! And kudos to affiliate faculty Dr. Siv Lie, who was named a 2023 Fellow at the University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study. In PTK faculty news, Dr. Robert Winthrop presented to the National Academy of Science's Committee on Offshore Science and Assessment. Anthropology students had a banner semester. Among many accolades, doctoral student Will Wical received a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Aryn Neurock Schriener and Silvana Montañola received Graduate School Summer Research Fellowships. Silvana also received an Adele Circle of Women scholarship for her commitment to leadership and the advancement of women. Liz McCague received both the Archaeological Society of Virginia's Speiden Scholarship, and a Hagley Research Grant from the Hagley Museum & Library. Our graduate students were very active this year, presenting numerous papers at local, regional, national, and international conferences, and publishing in top-tier journals. In spring semester, we also celebrated the successful dissertation defenses of two student—congratulations to the newly minted Dr. Catherine Roberts and Dr. Ellen Platts. Speaking of alumni, we wish warm congratulations to Stefan Woehlke and family on the birth of baby Ada! I hope you have a restorative summer, and we hope you will join us next year (date to be determined) to celebrate our return to Woods Hall!

-Barnet Pavão-Zuckerman

# Awards, Honors, and Grants

## Faculty:

**Andrea López** honored at the 2023 Maryland Research Excellence Celebration, receiving an Exemplary Researcher Award.

**George Hambrecht** honored at the 2023 Maryland Research Excellence Celebration.



*Dr. López with the Exemplary Researcher Award. Photo cred: Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman*



*Dr. López and Dr. Hambrecht at the 2023 Maryland Research Excellence Celebration. Photo cred: Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman*



*Dr. López with UMD Provost Dr. Jennifer King Rice. Photo cred: Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman*



*Dr. López and Dr. Hambrecht with ANTH Chair Dr. Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman and UMD President Dr. Darryll Pines. Photo cred: Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman*

# Awards, Honors, and Grants



*Silvana Montanola*

## Faculty

**Matthew Thomann** awarded the 2023 BSOS Dean's Research Initiative for his proposal titled Mapping and Confronting Homophobia in Anal Health: An Ethnography of HPV and Landscapes of Care in Nairobi.

## Graduate:

**Silvana Montanola** awarded a Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship for Summer 2023.

**William Wical** awarded the Lee Thornton Dissertation Fellowship for 23-24 academic year.

**Emilia M. Guevara** awarded the Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award 2022, Honorable Mention, Social Sciences.

**Liz McCague** received a Hagley Exploratory Research Grant and the Archaeology Society of Virginia's Speiden Scholarship.

## Professional Track Faculty

**Siv B. Lie** was named a 2023 Fellow at the University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study.



*Liz McCague*



*Siv B. Lie*

# Scholarship and Service

## Faculty:

**Jen Shaffer** is CoPI on a 3 year grant, "Guam's Upgrowing Agricultural Markets (GUAM): Developing Profitable Local Food Markets and Sustainable Agriculture for Small Island Economies," funded by USDA Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program.

**Janet Chernela** worked with designers at the Exhibit Hall of South American Peoples, American Museum of Natural History to bring up-to-date the new hallway of South American Peoples.

**Janet Chernela** worked with curators Exhibition, Weltmuseum (World Ethnography Museum), Vienna preparing an exhibit on unfinished languages.

**Janet Chernela** participated in the UN's Commission on the Status of Women by presenting the paper: "Grassroots Initiatives: Women Learning and Using New Technologies."

## Faculty & Alumni:

**Pau Shackel & Charlotte King** featured in Maryland Today in an article titled, Foundation of Newest National Park Laid by a Terp for their research on the New Philadelphia site.



*Fieldwork Faculty Panel: Maddie Brown, Jen Shaffer, Matt Thomann, Andrea López  
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# Scholarship and Service

## Graduate

**Emma Satterfield** featured in the BSOS- E Newsletter in an article titled “ANTH Graduate Student Documents, Displays Montgomery County LGBTQ+ History in Virtual Exhibit” for her work in bringing light to the queer history in Montgomery County, MD.



## Professional Track Faculty

**Julie Schablitsky** featured in Maryland today in an article titled, “Unearthed Foundation, Artifacts Shed New Light on Harriet Tubman’s Early Life”.



## Alumni:

**Camille Westmont** will begin a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship at the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research at the University of Cambridge in summer 2023.

**Camille Westmont** will join the faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham as an Assistant Professor in August 2024.

**Siv B. Lie** was named a 2023 Fellow at the University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study for her project on genocide commemoration by French Romani artists.



*Photos from top to bottom:  
Graduate Student Emma Satterfield  
Dr. Hambrecht with Nataline Beckley  
Stewart Williams, Chair-Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman, Robby Outland, Gaby Ruiz Velez*

# Publications

## Faculty:

**Kathryn Lafrenz Samuels** published a book with Jon Daehnke (UC Santa Cruz) titled *Heritage and Democracy: Crisis, Critique, and Collaboration*, with the University Press of Florida. The edited volume includes chapters from **Paul Shackel, Ellen J. Platts, and Magda Mankel**.

## Faculty & Graduate:

**Kathryn Lafrenz Samuels** and **Ellen Platts** published an article titled "Global Climate Change and UNESCO World Heritage" with the *International Journal of Cultural Property* for a special issue marking the 50th anniversary of the 1972 UNESCO World Heritage convention.

## Graduate:

**Aryn Schriener** published an article titled "Calling to Account History and Accessibility with the Eckley Miners' Village Cell-Phone Tour" in the journal *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*.

**Ellen Platts** co-authored a paper "Carbon footprints of travel to World Heritage Sites: communicating climate to potential tourists through a consumption-based life-cycle assessment" in the *Journal of Heritage Tourism*.

**Ellen Platts** co-authored a paper "Global Climate Change and UNESCO World Heritage" published in the *International Journal of Cultural Property*.

**Ellen Platts** published a chapter in an edited volume "Building Sustainable Futures from Gastronomic Pasts: Cultural Heritage and the Rhetorical Value of Food" in the edited volume *Food Justice Activism and Pedagogies: Literacies and Rhetorics for Transforming Food Systems in Local and Transnational Contexts*.



Cover art for the book titled "*Heritage and Democracy: Crisis, Critique, and Collaboration*" published by Kathryn Lafrenz Samuels and Jon Daehnke.

# Publications

## Professional Track Faculty:

**Siv B. Lie** published an article in *La Revue d'histoire de la Shoah* titled "Jouer pour le public: commémorations et mémoires manouches du genocide (Playing for a Public: French Manouche Commemorations of Romani genocide)".

**Andrew Webster** published an article in *Post-Medieval Archaeology* titled "Of Hearth and Home: The Material Biography of an Irish Cabin" .

**Barbara Little's** new book *Bending Archaeology toward Social Justice: Transformational Action for Positive Peace*, was published as the inaugural volume in "Archaeologies of Restorative Justice" with the University of Alabama Press.

## Emeritus:

**Judith Freidenberg** co-authored an article in *Human Organization* titled "United States Nationals in Argentina: The Relevance of the Middle Class Abroad to Migration Studies".

**Judith Freidenberg** co-authored an article titled "Antropología Aplicada" in the volume *Escenarios y experiencias en América Latina*.

**Judith Freidenberg** published an article titled "Expatriados", in the volume *Pensar las migraciones contemporáneas. Categorías Críticas para su abordaje*.

## Alumni:

**Camille Westmont's** edited volume, titled *Critical Public Archaeology*, was published by Berghahn Books.

# Conferences and Presentations

## Faculty

**Jen Shaffer and Madeline Brown** presented at Maryland Day 2023 on Exploring the Human-Nature Relationship in Maryland.

**Jen Shaffer** presented a poster, "Reciprocity for Resilience: Protecting Species and Environmental Health," at the BSOS Resilience Hub research celebration.

**Matthew Thomann** presented a poster, "Centering 'local biologies: HPV, anal warts, and ad-hoc systems of care in Kenya," at the BSOS Resilience Hub research celebration.

**Andrea López** presented a poster, "Racial Inequalities & Harm Reduction," at the BSOS Resilience Hub research celebration.

**Christina Getrich** paper presentation: "It's Like I'm Case-Managing My Family!": DACA Recipients' Deployment of Navigational Capital in the D.C. Metropolitan Region. Im/migrant Well-Being: A Nexus for Policy and Research Conference.

## Graduate & Faculty:

**Liz McCague and Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman** presented the results of their Faculty-Student Research Award project at the Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference.

## Graduate:

**Valerie Hall** Presented a paper titled "Investigating Environmental Change through Stable Isotope Analysis and Geometric Morphometric Analysis of Archaeofaunal Remains" at this year's Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Conference.



*Jen Shaffer at the BSOS Research Showcase: Resilience Research Hub*



*Matthew Thomann at the BSOS Research Showcase: Resilience Research Hub*



*Andrea López at the BSOS Research Showcase: Resilience Research Hub*



# Conferences and Presentations

## Graduate

**Ellen Platts, PhD** defended her dissertation, titled "Future-Making in the City of Gastronomy: Food, Heritage, and Development" on May 8, 2023, under the direction of Dr. Kathryn Lafrenz Samuels.



*Graduate student Ellen Platts photo credit: Nadine Dangerfield*

**Catherine Roberts, PhD** defended her dissertation, titled "The Virginia Peasantry A Study of Stafford And Caroline County Farms Eighteenth Through The Twentieth Century" on March 28, 2023, under the direction of Dr. Mark Leone.

## Professional Track and Affiliate Faculty:

**Robert Winthrop** gave a presentation on "Implementing Ecosystem Based Management" to the National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Offshore Science and Assessment.

**Robert Winthrop** gave a presentation on "Social Dimensions of Climate Change Mitigation" to the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists.

**Andres Dapuez** presented at a conference entitled Antropologia, religi3o e capital at the Universidade Federal da Bahia.

## Alumni

**Natasha Robinson** presented at the National Anti-Hunger policy conference on May 8, 2023 on how the anti-hunger community can support WIC Modernization and outreach.

## Students & Faculty:

**Nina St. Hillaire** and **Sol Lee** with Post Doctoral Fellow **Miguel Vilar** presented posters on their data-based research projects on early human population history of East Asia and the Americas at the American Association of Biological Anthropologists in Reno, Nevada.

## Students:

**Miriam Franklin-Grinkorn** presented a poster, "How & Why UMD Students Categorize Wildlife on Campus," at the UMD Undergraduate Research Day.

## 2023 Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Conference UMD Authors and Presentations

**Madeline Brown**

“Governing Routes: Linking Trails, Community, and Conservation in Public Lands”

**Christina Getrich**

“Deploying Navigational Capital to Promote Immigrant Health Equity: DACA Recipients in the D.C. Metropolitan Region”

**Emilia M. Guevara**

“Kinetic Migratory Violence in Peaceful Places”

**Christina Miller Hesed and Elizabeth Van Dolah**

“Incorporating human dimensions into conservation for just outcomes”

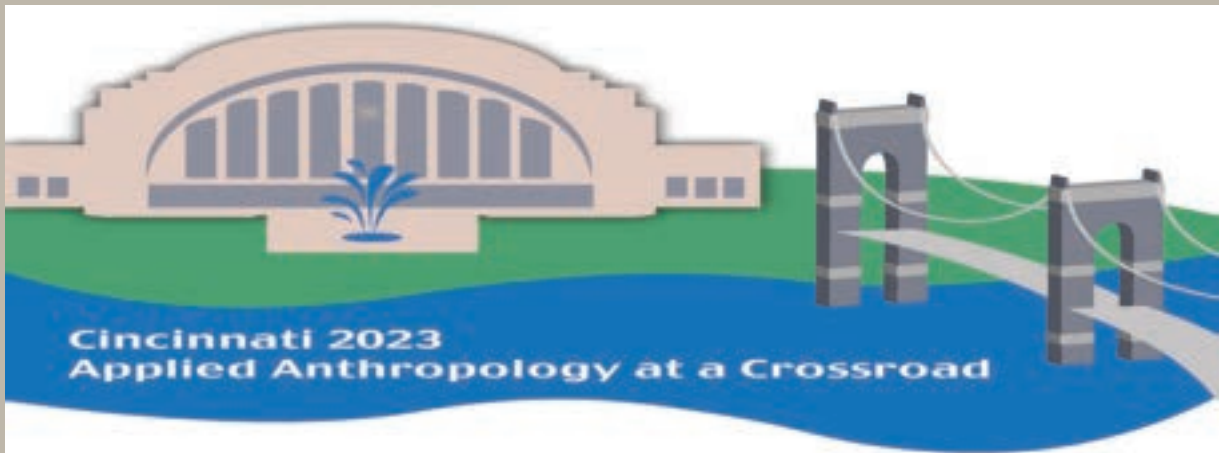
**Amber Ketchum**

“What Say You Dog? The Medieval Legal Practices of Modern Animal Hearings”

**Silvana Montanola**

“Navigating Legal Deservingness within Latinx Immigration Advocacy in the DMV”

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### **Samantha Primiano**

“Engaging the archive: Reflections on a mixed-methods, multi-sited approach to data collection”

### **Jessica Staggs**

“Understanding Humans and Nature at the Indiana Dunes National Park” and  
“Strategies for a Just Transition: Lessons Learned from Yankee Whaling to Oil”

### **Jen Shaffer**

“Soaring to Success: Could African Vulture Conservation Transition to  
Accommodate Cultural Practice?”

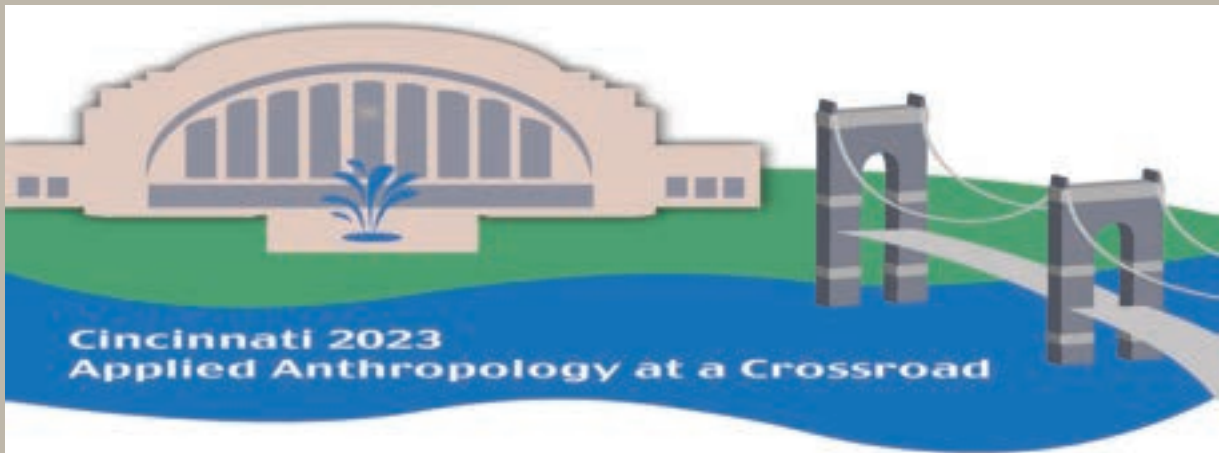
### **Salvador Valdez-Ono**

“Amache Community Post Confinement: Continued Efforts, Archaeology, Nested Communities, and  
Social Networks”

### **William Wical**

“Converging Crises: Hospital-based Violence Intervention During the  
COVID-19 Pandemic”

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**Michael Paul Betsinger**

“On the Road to Moorhead”: Contextualizing the Infrastructure of  
Transient Workers and Moorhead Saloons along the Minnesota and North Dakota Border”

**Justin Mohammadi**

“The Role of Infrastructures in the Production of Multigenerational  
Inequality in a Historic Black Community: The case of North Brentwood, Maryland”

**Matthew Palus**

“Washington’s Board of Public Works and the Burial of Black Georgetown” and  
“Information about the CHRM program at UMD”

**Marcy Rockman**

“Climate Change has a History and Landscape Learning is One of its  
Storytellers”



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# HAPPY RETIREMENT DR. JANET CHERNELA!

Thank you for your service!





# Graduating Class of 2023

## **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

Ellen Jane Platts  
Emilia Mercedes Guevara  
Catherine Roberts

## **Master of Applied Anthropology (M.A.A.)**

Emiliano Alejandro Campos  
Catherine Gagnon  
Ashleigh A. Cannata  
Stewart Rebecca Williams  
Robert B. Outland IV  
Silvana Montañola  
Antonio Mercurius  
Nataline Nöelle Beckley  
Michael P. Betsinger  
Gabriela Yenitza Ruiz Vélez  
Elle Elizabeth Findlay  
Emma Satterfield  
Paul Albert

## **Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (B.A.)**

Alicia Danielle Martinez  
Alejandra Miledy Melnyk

## **Bachelor of Science in Anthropology (B.S.)**

Aditi Bhandari  
Katelynn Terese Brady-Benzing  
Sean Patrick Fitzgerald  
Miriam Esther Franklin-Grinkorn  
Amelia Rose Komisar-Bury  
Ananya Meenakshi Krishnan  
Nicole Bratton Larson  
Sol Lee  
Kari Alyssa Maygers  
Riya Sharma  
Nina Jenell St. Hillaire  
Niels Bartholomeus Van Londen  
Rachel Marie Wilkerson

## **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science - Culture and Environment (B.S. ENSP)**

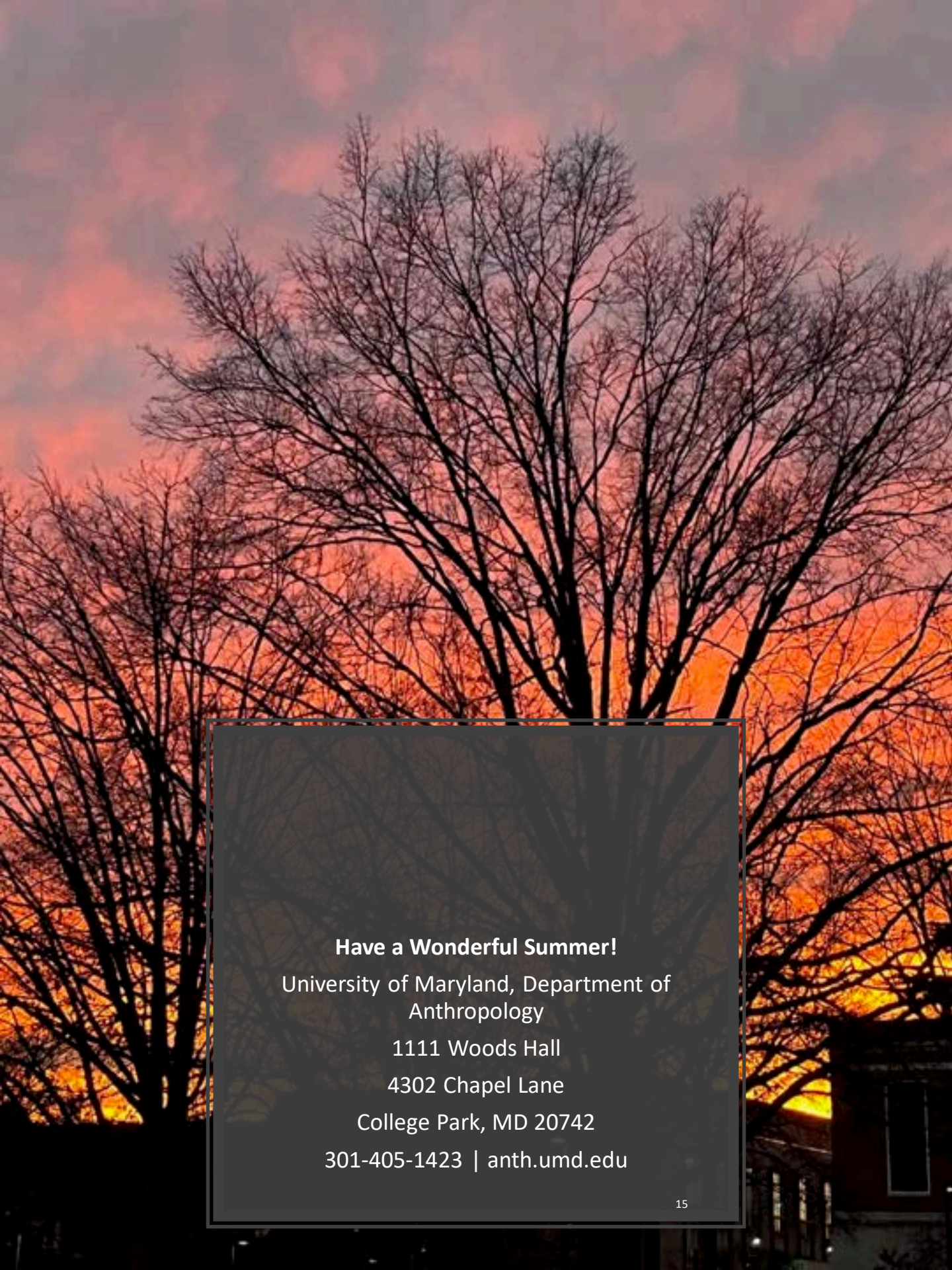
Jordan Dena Cox  
Eleena Ghosh  
Laila Yael Greene  
Lucy Tarver Hebner  
Isabel Kristine Layton  
Maria Costas Mastrogianis  
Jessica Nicole Valvo  
Julianna Marie Yapur



*Gaby Ruiz Velez  
at the 2023 Graduation Ceremony  
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*Gaby Ruiz Velez, Keirra Coleman, and Cat Gagnon  
at the 2023 Graduation Ceremony  
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**Have a Wonderful Summer!**

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