

# **GOOD NEWS**

Spring 2024



**Department of Anthropology**

# Message from Chair

In this newsletter, you will see that department members continue to publish in top-tier journals and earn grants that support their research. A big congratulations to Dr. Matthew Thomann on being promoted to Associate Professor with tenure! And congratulations to Judith Freidenberg for earning the Sol tax Award, which is presented to a member of the SfAA in recognition of long-term and distinguished service to the society.

This fall, we will welcome two new faculty members. Dr. Ampson Hagan is a Medical Anthropologist who graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 2022. He is currently the Dean's Research Associate Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Anthropology at Michigan State University. Dr. Cady Gonzalez is an Environment Anthropologist who graduated from the University of South Florida in 2023. She is currently on the faculty at Rollins College. Also, this spring, we will hire a full-time Professional Track faculty member to teach some of the core courses in a new campus major in Global Health.

We have an outstanding cohort of undergraduate and graduate students earning their diplomas this year. Our students continue to do amazing things, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, being visible at national meetings, and presenting papers and posters. They also earned significant awards, such as the NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Wylie-Thornton Fellowships, and the UM Summer Research Award. We are very proud of our recent Ph.D.s.: Samantha Lee, Jess Breitfeller, and William Wical.

Our professional track faculty (adjuncts, lecturers, and affiliates) have significantly contributed to our program in many ways, working with students and faculty. Our department has an amazing staff dedicated to operating a well-functioning program. They made my transition to the interim Chair's position so much easier. Thank you, Sybil Paige, Nadine Dangerfield, Erik Hanson, and Ashley Black, for all you do for the department.

This issue of "Good News" provides an overview of the research, scholarship, and teaching that our students, staff, and faculty have performed in service to local, state, and national communities over the past half year. I am optimistic about our future because of who we are collectively. It has been an honor to serve as interim chair of the department, and we all look forward to Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman's return this summer. We hope it was a fun and productive sabbatical.

Congratulations to all, and I wish you all the best for a great summer.

Paul A. Shackel

# Awards, Honors, & Grants

## Faculty

**Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman** and her NSF collaborators were awarded the Society for American Archeology's Outstanding Public Archaeology Initiative Award.

**Paul Shackel** became the 2025 recipient of the J.C. Harrington Medal, the highest honor given by the Society in recognition of a person's lifetime of contributions to the discipline.

**Christina Getrich** received an Impact Award under the Grand Challenges: Pandemic Readiness Initiative (PRI) and Heritage Student Paper Award.

**Madeline Brown** and **Matthew Thomann** were honored at the Maryland Research Excellence Celebration, University of Maryland. The event is co-hosted by the Office of the Vice President for Research in collaboration with the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost to honor the distinct and notable accomplishments of University of Maryland researchers.

## Staff

### Graduate Students

**Emma Satterfield** awarded the inaugural Erve Chambers Tourism and Heritage Student Paper awarded by the SfAA.

### Undergraduate

**Micah Ferguson** was accepted into Omicron Delta Kappa, a nationally recognized leadership honor society.

### Alumni

**Sol Lee** was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to research "Communication and Cultural/Scientific competencies of medical students in Korea."

# Awards, Honors, & Grants

## Emeriti

**Judith Freidenberg** was awarded the 2024 Sol Tax Award for her long-term and truly distinguished service to the Society for Applied Anthropology at the SfAA annual conference.

**Erve Chambers** will have an inaugural award named in his honor at the SfAA titled the Erve Chambers Tourism and Heritage Student Paper Award.



*Emma Satterfield and Dr. Erve Chambers. Emma is the recipient of the Erve Chambers Tourism and Heritage Student Paper Award*

## Professional Track Faculty

**Linda Rabben** was awarded a grant by The Deutsch Foundation to support her book *Through a Glass Darkly: The Social History of Stained Glass in Baltimore*.



*Dr. Judith Freidenberg receiving the Sol Tax Award at the SfAA conference*

# Scholarship & Service

## Faculty

**Jen Shaffer** became affiliated with the Department of Environmental Science & Technology.

**Andrea Lopez** partners with D.C. Nonprofit Honoring Individual Power and Strength (HIPS) on a study of the impacts of three of D.C.'s harm reduction vending machines.

## Alumni

**Magda Mankel** displayed a portion of her dissertation research with the Migrant Trail at a local art gallery/ creative space called Snake Bite.

**Sol Lee** was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to research "Communication and Cultural/Scientific competencies of medical students in Korea."

## Graduate

**Samantha Lee** defended her dissertation titled: The Archaeology of Enslaved Children in Antebellum America.

**William Wical** defended his dissertation titled: The Embodied Emotional Experiences of Black Men Participating In A Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program.

**Jessica Breitfeller** defended her dissertation titled: Beyond Consultation: Rethinking the Indigenous Right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent in Costa Rica.



*HIPS harm reduction vending machine in D.C.*



*Prayer Ties by Magda Mankel*

# Publications

## Faculty

**Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman** co-authored an article titled: “Cattle (*Bos taurus*) as colonists in South Carolina’s Lowcountry (USA), CE 1670–1900” in the *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

**Madeline Brown** co-authored with colleagues in *ARCH* an article in *Interdisciplinary Journal of Signage and Wayfinding* titled: “Visual Mixed Messaging: The Role of Signage in Public and Private Governance of New York City Interior Privately Owned Public Spaces.”

**Paul Shackel** published an article in the *International Journal of Heritage Studies* titled “Radical Hope: Re-Contextualizing Oral Histories from Deindustrialized Mining Communities.”

**Paul Shackel** published an article in the *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* titled “Unchecked Capitalism Behind The Bird’s-Eye View.”

**Jen Shaffer** co-authored a paper with doctoral student and lead author, **Jessica Staggs**, titled “Labor archetypes in industrial transitions: Case studies from Yankee whaling and gulf wind energy in the United States,” in the journal *Energy Research & Social Science*.

**Christina Getrich** co-authored an article titled “‘I’m in A Good Position to Advocate Now’: DACA Recipients’ Deployment of Navigational Capital in the D.C. Metropolitan Region.” in the *American Behavioral Scientist*.

## Professional Track Faculty

**Marcy Rockman** published a paper in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)* titled “Capacity of the US Federal System for Cultural Heritage to Meet Challenges of Climate Change.”

# Publications

## Alumni

**Megan Bailey's** book titled "Memory and Power at L'Hermitage Plantation: Heritage of a Nervous Landscapes" was published by the *University Press of Florida*.

**Kerry Dhakal** co-published a study with colleagues at The Ohio State University titled "Strategies for incorporating evidence-based practice into nurse residency programs: A scoping review. Worldviews on evidence-based nursing."

**Ellen Platts** published an article based on her dissertation research with collaborator Eden Kinkaid, University of Arizona titled "Consuming the creative city: gastro development in a UNESCO creative city of gastronomy."

## Graduate

**Liz McCague** authored a paper at the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference (MAAC) titled "'For The Purpose Of Shoeing His Horses': A Study of Horseshoes Recovered From The James Madison's Montpelier Home Farm."

**Liz McCague** co-authored a paper at the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference (MAAC) titled: "Pulling It All Together: Summary And Results Of Excavations At The Overseer's House Site At James Madison's Montpelier."

# Conferences & Presentations

## 2024 Society of Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

### **Erve Chambers**

“Transforming the Field: The Inaugural Erve Chambers Tourism and Heritage Student Award”

### **Silvana Montanola, Christina Getrich, Emiliano Campos, Samantha Primiano, Emilia Guevara**

“Putting Accompaniment into Practice: Engaged Ethnography with Im/migrant Communities”

### **Samantha Primiano**

“Transforming the Conference Experience: Getting the Most Out of the SfAA 2024 Annual Meeting”

### **Silvana Montanola**

“Speed Networking Event & Social”

### **Christina Miller Hesed**

“Is Conservation “For the Birds?”: More Lessons Learned and Pathways for Integrating the Social Sciences into Equitable Conservation and Natural Resource Management”



Pictured (left to right): MAA student Keirra Coleman, Dr. Madeline Brown and UG student Brooke Ayers

### **Jana Kopelent Rehak**

“Climate Change, Community and Intergenerational Research “

### **Brooke Ayers**

“Trail Names in Maryland: Exploring Patterns and Influence”

### **Keirra Coleman**

“Navigating a Decolonized Ecology with Maryland’s Trail Systems”

### **Christina Getrich**

“Bridging Generations: Mentoring Models and Model Mentors.”

## 2024 Society for American Archaeology (SAA)

### **Justin Lev-Tov**

“Breaking the Mold: A Consideration of the Impacts and Legacies of Richard W. Redding

### **Matthew Palus**

“ACRA CRM Expo”



ANTH Grad Student Panel at the SfAAs  
(From left to right) Graduate Students Uddipta Roy, Subhadeep Das, Tanveer Hassan, Salvador Valdez-Ono, Reilly Becchina, and Ushna Saeed



# Conferences & Presentations

## Faculty

**Matthew Thomann** attended the 2024 ATLAS (Africa Through Language and Area Studies) conference at the University of Maryland.

**Christina Getrich** presented "Chronicling DACA Recipients' Quest for Well-Being and Justice." Parren J. Mitchell Symposium, Controlling the Narrative: Counter-Storytelling and Community-Engaged Research for Families of Color" at the University of Maryland.

**Christina Getrich** presented a poster titled "Everyday Activists: Undocumented Young Adults' Quest for Well-Being and Justice" at the BSOS Research Showcase.

## Graduate Students

**Kyla Cools** presented a session at the American Alliance of Museums 2024 annual meeting.

**Liz McCague** co-organized a session at the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference (MAAC) titled: "Recent Archaeology at James Madison's Montpelier: The Overseer's House Site and Memorialization of the Enslaved Burial Ground."

## Emeriti

**Janet Chernela** and graduate student **Emily Colon** visit the Library of Congress with Mebêngôkre-Kayapó filmmakers Cacique Kakêt Bepuneiti, Pat-i Kayapó, and Airtiy Kayapó and colleagues, Dr. Laura Zanotti (Purdue) and Dr. Richard Pace (Middle Tennessee State).



*Pictured from left to right:*

*Silvana Montañola (Ph.D. student), Sammy Primiano (Ph.D. candidate), Dr. Christina Getrich, Dr. Emilia Guevara (Ph.D. graduate), Emiliano Campos (Ph.D. student) after their roundtable presentation at the SfAAs.*



*From left to right*

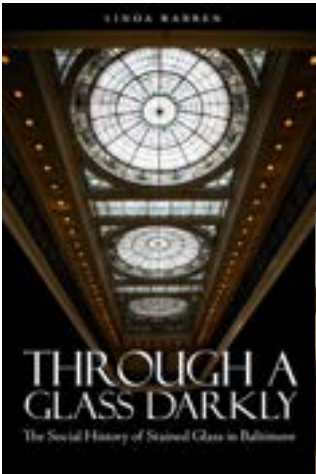
*Standing, 2nd, 4th, and 7th : Indigenous Brazilian film-makers Pa-ti Kaket, and Airti and Grad student Emily Colon (right, kneeling)*

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## Professional Track Faculty

**Linda Rabben** gave illustrated talks based on her book, *Through a Glass Darkly: The Social History of Stained Glass in Baltimore*, at community groups, churches and McKeldin Library.

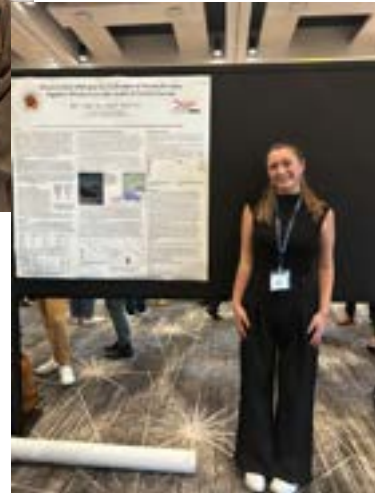
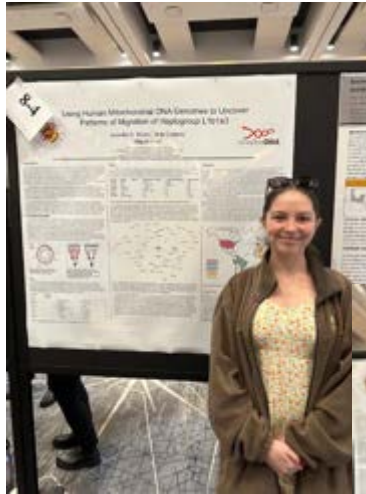
**Linda Rabben** curated an exhibition of local stained-glass artists' work that took place at Baltimore's Peale Museum. The *Stained Glass Association of America Quarterly* featured her book and exhibition in its Fall 2023 issue.



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## Faculty & Students

**Miguel Vilar** along with undergrad students **Mia Tomeo** and **Isabella Bristol** presented at the American Association of Biological Anthropologists (AABA) on Los Angeles



*Pictured below from left to right: Isabella Bristol and Mia Tomeo*

# ANTH EVENTS

## ANTH Chair Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman celebrates her 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!



*Barnet with her husband Mitch and children Sagan and Evelyn. The happy couple renewed their vows at the famous Elvis chapel in Las Vegas!*

## 2024 Sustainability Committee



*From left to right  
Standing: Nadine Dangerfield, Dr. Madeline Brown,  
Reilly Becchina  
Sitting: Ashley Black and Erik Hanson*

## The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquim was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> in McKeldin Library

*Alumni Panel included: Kim Shelsby, Sarah Janesko, Megan Bailey, and Megan Springate*



*Pictured left to right: Jess Staggs, London Booker, Keeli Otto, Keirra Coleman, Katie Gill, Ushna Saeed*

# Welcome New Faculty!!

Please help us welcome our new faculty who will be starting this Fall!

**Dr. Cady Gonzalez**  
*Assistant Professor, Urban  
Environmental*



**Dr. Ampson Hagan**  
*Assistant Professor,  
Medical Global Health*



**The Anthropology Department  
wishes you both an exciting first  
year with us at the University of  
Maryland!**

# Graduating Class of Spring 2024

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

*Jessica Breitfeller  
Samantha Lee  
William Wical*

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

*Keirra Coleman  
Keeli Otto  
Jessica Staggs  
London Booker  
Ushna Saeed  
Justin Mohammadi*

## ***Master of Professional Studies - Cultural and Heritage Resource Management (M.P.S. CHRM)***

*Duncan Balingier  
Meagan Bell  
Britany Blanchard  
Amanda Dover  
Colleen Boyle  
Jewel Touchin  
Emma Woodruff*

## ***Bachelors of Science - Environmental Science and Policy (B.S. ENSP)***

*Apoorva Ajith  
Payton Albers  
Andrew Bonicker  
Taylor Brumagin  
Arianna Cohen  
Sarah Edery  
Jordana Flisser  
Shannon Garrett*

## ***Bachelors of Science - Environmental Science and Policy (B.S. ENSP)***

*Silas Reitsma  
Olivia Rutigliano  
Grace Walsh-Little  
Ilana Williams*

## ***Bachelors of Science (B.S.)***

*Maryam Beg  
Isabella Bristol  
Micah Ferguson  
Emma Ingwersen  
Catherine Le  
Olivia Patsy  
Laura Reus  
Anagha Shastry  
Reid Spaans  
Suveena Sreenilayam  
Sebastian Vinueza  
Joanna Wahmhoff  
Emma Weikert*

## ***Bachelors of Arts (B.A.)***

*Isabelle Antonetti  
Sarah Bennett  
Alison Brodbeck  
Aaron Butler  
Austin DeOrio  
Christine Falcone  
Dillon Schliesman  
Emmett Siegel  
Fang Wyatt*



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