

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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Anthropology, with its broad comparative approach, is in a strategic position to contribute to the identification and resolution of many of the problems, both local and global, that challenge society today. The Department of Anthropology offers programs leading to both undergraduate (Bachelor of Arts) and graduate (Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy) degrees. Students graduating with a BA in anthropology usually continue for the MA or PhD degree if they are interested in working as anthropologists. Undergraduate students can select one of three concentrations for the BA.

The Department of Anthropology is a pioneer in the field of medical anthropology. We highlight this expertise in our graduate program, which focuses on Medical Anthropology and Global Health.

Undergraduate and graduate students in anthropology study with internationally recognized faculty who are leading researchers in such areas as illegal drug use, child well-being, HIV, the culture of science, reproductive health, and other areas in the forefront of contemporary health challenges. The faculty work across the globe, conducting competitively funded research in pursuit of important research questions.

Both undergraduate and graduate students can obtain the Certificate in Global Health in conjunction with their anthropology degree.

Department Faculty

Janet McGrath, PhD
(Northwestern University)
Professor and Chair; Associate Professor of International Health, School of Medicine

Biomedical anthropology; anthropology of infectious disease; international and global health; AIDS; urban health; United States, Africa

Katia M. Almeida-Tracy, PhD
(Federal University of Rio Janeiro)
Senior Instructor

Cultural and social anthropology; cultures of Latin America and Brazil; linguistic anthropology; anthropology and higher education; globalization and human development; visual anthropology, art & aesthetics; contemporary youth cultures; Amazonian ethnology

Lawrence P. Greksa, PhD
(Pennsylvania State University)
Professor
Physical anthropology; human biology; growth and development; nutrition; demography; modernization; Polynesia; Andes; Old Order Amish

Bridget Haas, PhD
(University of California, San Diego)
Assistant Professor
Cultural, medical, and psychological anthropology; refugees and asylum seekers; migration and health; culture and trauma; violence; families and youth; United States

Lee D. Hoffer, PhD
(University of Colorado, Denver; Washington University School of Medicine)
Professor

Cultural and medical anthropology; drug addiction; psychiatric epidemiology; ethnographic research methods; complex systems; computational modeling; economic anthropology; United States

Megan Schmidt-Sane, PhD
(Case Western Reserve University)
Assistant Professor
Medical anthropology; urban systems and health; anthropology of disease outbreaks and epidemics; global health; East and West Africa

Jim G. Shaffer, PhD
(University of Wisconsin, Madison)
Associate Professor
Archaeology; Middle East, Central Asia, Indus Valley, India

Lihong Shi, PhD
(Tulane University)
Associate Professor
Sociocultural anthropology; reproduction; gender and family relations; grief and healing; population aging and sex-ratio imbalance; China, East Asia

Vaia Sigounas, MD, PhD
(UNC- Chapel Hill)
Assistant Professor
Medical anthropology, STS, cultural anthropology

Adjunct Faculty

Christine Bailey, MA
Adjunct Lecturer; Physical Anthropology Collections Manager, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Forensic anthropology

Nicole M. Burt, PhD
(University of Alberta, Edmonton)
Adjunct Assistant Professor; Curator and Head of Human Health and Evolutionary Medicine, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Stable isotope biogeochemistry (diet and migration); chronic disease; human growth and development; forensics

Emma Finestone, Ph.D.
Adjunct Assistant Professor; Assistant Curator of Human Origins, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

David Kaawa-Mafigiri, PhD
(Case Western Reserve University)
Adjunct Assistant Professor; Associate Director, Center for Social Science Research on AIDS; Senior Lecturer, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, Makerere University (Uganda); Senior Research Fellow, Global Applied Research in Social, Economic, Health and Development (GARSEHD); Research Director, Equal Opportunities for Women and Children in Uganda Limited (EWOC)
Biomedical anthropology; Anthropology of infectious disease; Global health; social patterning of health; community health interventions; child abuse and neglect; health sciences and social work educational systems; East and Central Africa, Uganda

Marianne Reeves, PhD
Adjunct Assistant Professor

Elizabeth A. Sawchuk, Ph.D.
Adjunct Assistant Professor; Assistant Curator of Human Evolution. Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Richard Currie Smith, PhD
(University of Minnesota)
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Cultural ecology, anthropology and sustainability, semiotic/symbolic anthropology, medical semiotics; public health ecotourism; ecoadvertising; North American Prairie, Dakota (Sioux); modern Western culture

Secondary Faculty

Alanna Cooper, PhD
(Boston University)
Abba Hillel Silver Chair of Jewish Studies, Department of Religious Studies
Jewish Studies; Central Asia; history and memory; material culture

Andrew Curtis, PhD
Professor, Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences; Co-Director, GIS Health and Hazards Lab, CWRU School of Medicine
GIS and Health

Jennifer Furin, MD, PhD
(Harvard University; University of California)
Adjunct Assistant Professor; Assistant Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine
Medical anthropology; infectious diseases; HIV; TB; community health; health policy and programming; Haiti, Peru, former Soviet Union, Lesotho, Rwanda

Patricia A. Marshall, PhD
(University of Kentucky)
Professor Emerita, Department of Bioethics, CWRU School of Medicine
Empirical bioethics research; informed consent to research; ethics in genetics research; genomic research in Africa; cross-cultural studies

Marsha Michie, PhD
Assistant Professor of Bioethics; Co-Director, Research Ethics Concentration, CWRU School of Medicine

Scott W. Simpson, PhD
(Kent State University)
Professor, Department of Anatomy, CWRU School of Medicine
Miocene-Pleistocene hominin evolution; dental anthropology; human anatomy; functional anatomy

James C. Spilsbury, PhD
(Case Western Reserve University)
Associate Professor and Director, Academic Development Core, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Center for Clinical Investigation, CWRU School of Medicine
Cultural and medical anthropology; sleep, child maltreatment; United States

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Cynthia M. Beall, Ph.D.
(Pennsylvania State University)
Distinguished University Professor; Sarah Idell Pyle Professor of Anthropology Emerita
<https://anthropology.case.edu/faculty/cynthia-beall/>
Biological anthropology; adaptation to high-altitude hypoxia on the Andean, Tibetan, and East African plateau, genetics of human adaptation, evolutionary human biology, evolutionary medicine

Atwood Gaines, PhD (University of California), MPH (Berkeley)
Professor Emeritus
Millennial medical anthropology; cultural studies of science and medicine; cultural bioethics; religion; aging and dementia; social identity and health; United States; France and the Mediterranean

Melvyn C. Goldstein, Ph.D.
(University of Washington)
Distinguished University Professor; John Reynolds Harkness Professor Emeritus
Cultural anthropology, Tibet

Charlotte Ikels, PhD
(University of Hawaii)
Professor Emerita
Cross-cultural aging, lifecourse, death and dying; intergenerational relationships; urban life; comparative bioethics; China

Jill E. Korbin, Ph.D.
(University of California, Los Angeles)
Lucy Adams Leffingwell Professor Emerita
Cultural, medical, and psychological anthropology; culture and human development; child maltreatment and child well-being; neighborhood and community; Urban U.S., Old Order Amish

Brian G. Redmond, PhD
(Indiana University)
Adjunct Associate Professor; Emeritus Curator of Archaeology, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Eastern North American prehistory; origins of maize agriculture and sedentism in lower Great Lakes; Paleoindian bone modification; museum archaeology

Programs

- Anthropology, BA
- Anthropology, MA

- Anthropology, Minor
- Anthropology, PhD

Dual Degrees

- Anthropology, MA/Medicine, MD
- Anthropology, MA/Nursing, MSN
- Anthropology, MA/Public Health, MPH
- Anthropology, PhD/Medicine, MD
- Anthropology, PhD/Public Health, MPH
- Programs Toward Graduate or Professional Degrees

Departmental Certificate in Global Health

The Certificate in Global Health is the centerpiece of the Framework for Global Health, a program made up of faculty members from departments across the Case Western Reserve University campus. Undergraduate and graduate anthropology students in the certificate program will be grounded in global health issues by a core course (INTH 301/INTH 401) that introduces them to key concepts and vocabulary and facilitates communication across disciplines.

Graduate Students

Requirements for the Certificate in Global Health for graduate students in anthropology are as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 459	Introduction to Global Health	3
ANTH 511	Seminar in Anthropology and Global Health: Topics	3
INTH 401	Fundamentals of Global Health	3
One approved elective		3
Total Credit Hours		12

Undergraduate Students

Requirements for the Certificate in Global Health for undergraduate students in anthropology are as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 215	Health, Culture, and Disease: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 359	Introduction to Global Health	3
INTH 301	Fundamentals of Global Health	3
One approved elective		3
Total Credit Hours		12