



# APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

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Anthropology studies human biological and cultural diversity through time and space and the interplay between culture and biology. It encompasses our closest relatives and the human experience from our earliest known bipedal ancestors to the modern world, from the smallest human groups to empires and multinational corporations.

The PSU Anthropology Department supports three of Anthropology's traditional subdisciplines: Sociocultural Anthropology, Archaeology and Biological Anthropology. In addition to undergraduate degrees we offer the MA and MS in Anthropology.

Our department is committed to research and scholarship in "Applied Anthropology" – where anthropological scholarly products address "real world" problems; and knowledge is returned to the peoples and places where the research is conducted. Our work contributes to public policy and answering questions about significant cultural, social, and environmental issues.

## Graduate Students

The Anthropology graduate program is designed to give the student a graduate level of competence in general anthropology, including archaeology and physical and social-cultural anthropology. Students have the option of choosing either the thesis track or the applied track to pursue a special interest in one of the subfields.

## Applied Track

The applied track prepares students for professional employment related to applied anthropology through practical experience including coursework, local, national or international internships, and an applied paper/deliverable. The applied paper/deliverable utilizes original research conducted in conjunction with the internship to inform on policy related to the student's career and academic interests as well as those of their collaborating partners.

## Teaching & Mentoring

Our curriculum includes over 60 courses for majors, graduate students, and other PSU students who want to learn more about the field. Our courses address a huge range in topics and emphasize writing, critical thinking, research methods and ethics. We host lecture-type classes, online courses, small seminar-discussion classes, ethnographic field methods, lab-based classes (zooarchaeology, artifact/feature analysis, human osteology, paleoanthropology) and field based courses, such as the Fort Vancouver Archaeological Field School and the Primateology Field School at the Myakka City Lemur Reserve in western Florida.

## Internships

The Anthropology Department offers students the opportunity to complete internships with a variety of private and public institutions in the community and region. In addition, many Anthropology courses involve community-based learning and serve as classroom internships.

## Jobs

Anthropology students take a number of paths upon graduation. Our program has had great success placing students in a range of settings: government agencies (U.S. Department of Transportation, National Park Service, Oregon State Police, Peace Corps), private corporations (Intel, ICF-International), non-governmental organizations, and others (Oregon Health Sciences University).

## Student Groups

Learn more about the Anthropology Student Association at [orgsync.com/12974/chapter](http://orgsync.com/12974/chapter) and the National Anthropology Honors Society at [sites.google.com/site/labpdx/](http://sites.google.com/site/labpdx/).

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## Department Faculty

### Tenure-Line Faculty

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Complex hunter-gatherers, social and technological change, ceramics, environmental archaeology, public archaeology, cultural resource management, Arctic, Sub-Arctic, Pacific Northwest.

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Community archaeology, zooarchaeology, cultural ecology, applications of zooarchaeology to conservation biology and education, western North America. One Current Project: Impacts of abrupt environmental change on coastal communities using zooarchaeology.

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Cultural anthropology, symbolic anthropology, identity, gender, ethnohistory, education; China, Malaysia, Southeast Asia, Asian Americans.

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Cultural anthropology, transnationalism, globalization, migration, alcohol consumption, disaster studies, violence, gender, aging, political economy, Sri Lanka, West Asia, South Asia. Michele Gamburd recently completed a book manuscript entitled *The Golden Wave: A Political Ethnography of Sri Lanka's Tsunami Disaster*.

**Charles Klein**, charles.klein@pdx.edu

Applied medical anthropology; gender/sexuality/queer theory; urban anthropology; sexual & reproductive health; social movements; non-governmental organizations; health disparities; food justice; Brazil; Latin America; North America.

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Local ecological knowledge and understanding, political economy, environmental sustainability, mountainous protected areas, place-based spirituality, ethics, mixed methods; South Asia, Native North America, East Africa.

**Natalie Vasey**, nvasey@pdx.edu

Professor Natalie Vasey's long-term work on the behavior, ecology, and reproduction of variegated lemurs on Madagascar's Masoala Peninsula is yielding enormous practical knowledge to assist in the conservation of these critically endangered primates in the island's eastern rain forests, while simultaneously contributing to our understanding of their evolutionary history.

### Affiliated Faculty

**Jennifer Aengst**, aengst@pdx.edu. Cultural and Medical Anthropology, reproduction, population studies, fertility politics, gender, Ladakh, Himalayas, South Asia.

**Ken Ames**, amesk@pdx.edu. Archaeology, method and theory, cultural ecology, complex hunter-gatherers, social archaeology; northeast Asia, North America.

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Archaeology; starch grain analysis; lithic use-wear analysis; corporate ethnography and user research; South Asia; Pacific Northwest.

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