UNM ANTHROPOLOGY

ANNUAL CONVOCATION
2017-2018

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Dr. Florence Hawley Ellis in Mexico, circa 1935
**Dr. Florence Hawley Ellis**  
**1906 – 1991**

In 1934, Dr. Florence Hawley Ellis, one of the first female professors of Anthropology in the US, was hired as Assistant Professor in the UNM Department of Anthropology.

Dr. Ellis was one of the first anthropologists to work extensively on dendrochronology, or tree ring dating. She conducted archaeological and ethnographic research in the Southwestern United States; and undertook some of the first dendrochronological research in eastern North America in the mid 20th century, examining samples from a number of archaeological sites.

She was also highly regarded as a passionate teacher who pushed her students toward greatness by encouraging them to think for themselves and work hard for what they wanted to achieve. Although faced with many challenges in her career, and discriminated against for being a woman, she persevered in her research and became a great influence both for her students and for other women in her field.

*Florence Hawley Ellis Biographical Sketch  
The University of New Mexico. May 14, 2010*

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**90 YEARS OF ANTHROPOLOGY**

The Hibben Fellowships have also supported diverse students from other backgrounds, including a number of Mexican American students and indigenous students from the Pacific. Indeed, over half of all current and incoming Hibben students come from historically underrepresented groups, particularly Native American. The fellowship awards also prioritize students of all backgrounds who have graduated from UNM and other universities in our state. We thank the Hibben Trust for these fellowships, and add special thanks to the College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of Graduate Studies, and Dr. David Stuart for additional tuition support for our Hibben Fellows.

This year, the Department renovated the Clark Field Library and Archive, named in honor of Clark Field (Dorothy Maxwell’s father) in 1966. The facility houses a collection of rare anthropological works as well as journals and various other items of interest to students of Anthropology. The recent renovation of the reading room and efforts to increase accessibility to the UNM community provides a comfortable, historic space for students and faculty to study, meet and hold classes. The Clark Field Library and Archive is located in room 171 of the Anthropology building.

UNM Anthropology is a highly regarded program at both graduate and undergraduate levels of study. Located in the American Southwest, the school is well placed to take advantage of the region’s cultural diversity, deep historic roots, and remarkable archaeology. Students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of field training and laboratory programs, develop their professional skills, and contribute to Anthropology’s distinctive perspective.
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The Department’s Journal of Anthropological Research is edited by Leslie Spier Distinguished Professor Emeritus Lawrence G. Straus. The journal publishes problem-oriented articles of general interest in all branches of anthropology.

The journal Human Nature, has been edited by Distinguished Professor Emerita Jane Lancaster since its founding in 1989 and is ranked among the top interdisciplinary journals in the country.

In 2002, Dr. Frank Hibben endowed $10 million to the University of New Mexico to establish a trust for graduate student education in Anthropology and to build the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research. As an archaeologist, department faculty member, and former Director of the Maxwell Museum, these gifts reflect his lifelong interest in and commitment to the field of Anthropology.

The Hibben Graduate Fellowships continue to support a growing number of Native American scholars in our programs. The goal of training and empowering Native American scholars and in that way positively affecting outcomes for diverse Native communities in this country is ambitious.

Recently, one former Hibben Fellow, Blaire Topash-Caldwell (Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians) received a highly competitive dissertation grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation. She is working on a project focused upon the complex issue of environmental restoration on and around Native lands, a project which will have important consequences for her tribe and a panoply of other Midwest tribes.

UNM Department of Anthropology

Convocation Ceremony

May 12, 2018
1:00 pm

Anthropology Building, Lecture Hall 163

Convocation Reception

For graduates and their guests on the Anthropology Front Lawn following the ceremony

Music:

Boxwood Consort

Gary Mayhew, Bill Litchman, Katie Harlow, Juli Palladino
Convocation Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Les Field
Professor
Chair, Department of Anthropology

Dr. Lea McChesney
Curator of Ethnology, Maxwell Museum
Research Assistant Professor
Director, Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies

Special Guest Speakers

Dr. Cyler Conrad
Archaeology Doctoral Graduate 2018
Department of Anthropology

Dr. Lara Gunderson
Ethnology Doctoral Graduate 2018
Department of Anthropology

Dr. Marian Hamilton
Evolutionary Anthropology Doctoral Graduate 2018
Department of Anthropology

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In 1972, the Museum of Anthropology was renamed the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology in honor of Dorothy and Gilbert Maxwell. The Office of Contract Archaeology, founded in 1974 is now a research division of the Museum.

In 1999, the Department and the Museum received a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to establish and endow the Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies, named for Professor Ortiz who died in 1997. With an endowment of nearly $1 million, the Ortiz Center supports public anthropology and community-based research in New Mexico and elsewhere in the US and internationally.

The Maxwell supports collections-based research and public education. Its holdings include artifacts from the European and African Paleolithic, the Arctic, the Middle East, and Latin America, with major strengths in the US Southwest, particularly among Native American people. The Museum also supports a Human Osteological collection, one of the largest in the country.

Today, the Department’s faculty teach in three subfields with graduate programs and undergraduate concentrations in Ethnology, Archaeology, and Evolutionary Anthropology. The annual New Mexico archaeology field school continues and faculty and students conduct field research projects throughout New Mexico and the Southwest, Mexico, Central and South America, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Basin.
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The University of New Mexico was founded in 1889, more than 20 years before the territory became the forty-seventh state in January 1912. The Department of Archaeology and Anthropology was founded at UNM by President James Zimmerman, and Dr. Edgar Lee Hewett, Director of the Museum of New Mexico, the School of American Research in Santa Fe, and the San Diego Museum of Man, was appointed the first Department Chair in 1928. That summer, Anthropology sponsored its first in-state archaeological field school at Chaco Canyon. Hewett also established the School for American (now, Advanced) Research in Santa Fe. The Museum of Anthropology, the first public museum in Albuquerque, was founded in 1932 by the Department.

The first baccalaureate and graduate degrees in Anthropology were conferred in 1931-32. John Adair, a notable visual anthropologist, was awarded the first PhD in 1948. Since then Anthropology has awarded more than 365 doctorates, and more than 4500 baccalaureate degrees. Our graduates teach at more than 100 universities and colleges in the US and internationally.

Notable faculty members hired in the first 20 years were Leslie Spier, Florence Hawley Ellis, Frank C. Hibben, William W. Hill, Stanley Newman, and Clyde Kluckhohn. Other prominent anthropologists who have taught in the Department include: Keith Basso, Lewis Binford, Jane Buikstra, John (Jack) Campbell, Linda Cordell, Steven Feld, Henry Harpending, Louise Lamphere, Jane Lancaster, Alfonso Ortiz, Jeremy Sabloff, Lawrence Straus, James Spuhler, and Erik Trinkaus.

Convocation Program

Presentation of Graduates

Professor Les Field, Presiding

Dr. Sherry Nelson

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Undergraduate Honor Degrees

Graduate Masters Degrees

Graduate Doctoral Degrees

Procession

Please let graduates proceed out of the hall first, followed by faculty.

Attention

For your enjoyment, at the close of our graduation ceremony there will be loud pops and smoke in celebration of our graduates, as party favor poppers will be opened.
Anthropology Graduates

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

SPECIAL MENTION: PAUL SKRAK

Paul began his course work in Anthropology in 1970. He used his knowledge of the field of Anthropology throughout his career as a contractor and developer with tribal groups throughout the Southwest.

The department is pleased to award Paul his Undergraduate Anthropology Degree, retroactive to 1974, at our 2018 Department Convocation

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

MONYSSHA TRUJILLO
for her service as

PRESIDENT
OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY (UAS)

AFFILIATED FACULTY

LEA MCCHESEY
RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ETHNOLOGY
DIRECTOR, ALFONSO ORTIZ CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

DAVE STUART
PROFESSOR, ARCHAEOLOGY
HIBBEN TRUSTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVE PHILLIPS
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ARCHAEOLOGY
INTERIM DIRECTOR, MAXWELL MUSEUM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

JENNIFER GEORGE
DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR

JONELLA VASQUEZ
ACCOUNTANT

MATTHEW TUTTLE
COORDINATOR, PROGRAM ADVISEMENT
GRADUATE ADVISOR

MANUEL LOPEZ AINZA
STUDENT PROGRAM ADVISOR
UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR

CATHERINE OSBORN
COORDINATOR OF EDUCATION SUPPORT

ALISHA BARBER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TENURE TRACK FACULTY

MARTIN MULLER
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 2002

SHERRY NELSON
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 2002

SUZANNE OAKDALE
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ETHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, 1996

OSBJORN PEARSON
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY & ARCHAEOLOGY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, STONY BROOK, 1997

KEITH PRUFER
PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, 2002

LAWRENCE STRAUS
LESLEY SPEIR DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITUS
EDITOR, JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, 1975

LOA TRAXLER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ARCHAEOLOGY
DIRECTOR, MUSEUM STUDIES PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 2004

WIRT H. WILLS
PROFESSOR, ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1985

Anthropology Graduates

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Anna Allegretti BA
Rozee Benavides, BA
Mason Burks, BA
Dawn Christopher, BA
Mather Cotter, BA
Samantha Duran, BS
Bragi Elizabeth Fey, BA
Michael Fonseca, BA
David Gomez, BA
Jennifer Hecht, BS
Denali Hunter, BS
Peter Keith, BS
Micah Keys, BA
Jaimie Lin, BS
Toni Mariano, BA
Edith Mendoza, BS
Melissa Pineda, BA
Alexandra Quijano, BA
Karina Rodgers, BA
Lucas Salazar, BS
Lauren Salter, BA
Nicole Sedillo, BA
Micah Smith, BS
Elizabeth Steinbach, BS
Alexis Templeton, BS
Marissa Thomas, BS
Monyssha Trujillo, BS
Tiana Wilkins, BA
Rachael Williams, BA
Anthropology Graduates

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science with Honors

Each year several qualified anthropology majors are admitted to the Departmental Honors Program. The Honors Program is designed to provide intensive and personal instruction for selected students. For those who intend to pursue graduate or professional study it provides extra guidance, and it normally leads to cum laude at graduation. The honors program is meant to intensify the student’s knowledge in an area of specialized research and to learn to relate this knowledge to the broader concerns of anthropology through the dialogue of an optional seminar. The program assists students in establishing individual professorial direction for the student’s senior year and graduate plans.

Kara Bond
(BS, Evolutionary Anthropology, 2018)
(Advisor: Dr. Osbjorn Pearson)

Margaret Daugherty
(BA, Ethnology, 2018)
(Advisor: Dr. David Dinwoodie)

Tenure Track Faculty

FRANCES HAYASHIDA
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1995

BRUCE B. HUCKELL
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, 1990

KEITH L. HUNLEY
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 2002

EMILY JONES
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 2004

JANE LANCASTER
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITA
EDITOR, HUMAN NATURE
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, 1967

JEFF LONG
PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1984

SIOBHAN M. MATTISON
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, 2010
TENURE TRACK FACULTY

JAMES L. BOONE
PROFESSOR, ARCHAEOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY
ANTHROPOLOGY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK,
BINGHAMTON, 1980

PATRICIA L. CROWN
LESLEY SPIER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, 1981

DAVID W. DINWOODIE
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ETHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, 1996

HEATHER EDGAR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL INVESTIGATOR (OMI)
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, 2002

MELISSA EMERY THOMPSON
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EVOLUTIONARY ANTHROPOLOGY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 2005

LES W. FIELD
PROFESSOR AND CHAIR
ETHNOLOGY
DUKE UNIVERSITY, 1987

MICHAEL GRAVES
PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, 1981

Anthropology Graduates

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science
with Honors

Eden Franz
(BA, Archaeology, Fall 2017)
Honors Thesis: "Shifting Subsistence and Social
Strategies in Bronze and Iron Age Thailand: A
Zooarchaeological Perspective on Don Kok Pho,
Don Pa Daeng, and Ban Suai"
(Advisor: Dr. Emily Jones)

Nickolas Mertens
(BA, Ethnology, 2018)
Honors Thesis: "The National September 11
Memorial & Museum: The Use and Commerciali-
zation of Negative Heritage"
(Advisor: Dr. Les Field)

Cynthia Perez
(BA, Ethnology, 2018)
Honors Thesis: "Albuquerque Women, Poverty, and
Well Being"
(Advisor: Dr. Les Field)
Anthropology Graduates

Master of Arts and Master of Science

Anne Curry
(MA, Public Archaeology, 2018)
Project: "Assessing the Impact of Grassfire on Surface Artifacts" (Chair: Dr. Loa Traxler)

Nicholas Hlatky
(MA, Public Archaeology, 2018)
Project: "Folsom Mobility and Technological Organization in Central New Mexico"
Distinction (Chair: Dr. Emily Jones)

Genevieve Woodhead
(MA, Archaeology, 2018)
Project: "You Turn Me Right Round: Examining Coiling and Indenting Direction on Corrugated Vessels in the Southwest"
Distinction (Chair: Dr. Patricia Crown)

Doctor of Philosophy

Cyler Conrad
(PhD, Archaeology, 2018)
Dissertation: "Mainland Southeast Asia in the Longue Durée: A Zooarchaeological Test of the 'Broad Spectrum Revolution' in Northern Thailand"
(Chair: Dr. Emily Jones)

Lara Gunderson
(PhD, Ethnology, 2018)
Dissertation: “Relanzamiento of Nicaragua's Christian Based Communities: Forging New Models of Church and Society for the Twenty-First Century”
(Chair: Dr. Les Field)

Marian Hamilton
(PhD, Evolutionary Anthropology, 2018)
Dissertation: “Reconstructing Landscape Use Patterns Using Strontium Isotope Ratios”
Distinction (Chair: Dr. Sherry Nelson)

Crystal Leanne Kieffer Nail
(PhD, Archaeology, 2018)
(Co-Chairs: Dr. Loa Traxler and Dr. Lawrence Straus)

Elise Trott
(PhD, Ethnology, 2017)
Dissertation: “Bodies of Water: Politics, Relationships and Ethics along New Mexico’s Acequias”
Distinction (Chair: Dr. Erin Debenport)