



## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

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## UNM Anthropology Virtual Convocation



**FALL 2019 – SPRING 2021**

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On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Department of Anthropology, congratulations to the outstanding graduating class of 2020 and 2021 for prevailing under extraordinary circumstances. It has been our great pleasure to work with you and we look forward to watching you change the world.

### *Cover Photos*

*Top: "Student Publications- Anthropology dig, 1967," photograph, Student Publication Photos. UNMA 146 Box 12. Center for Southwest Research, University Libraries, University of New Mexico*  
*Bottom: "UNM Anthropology Field School Excavation, 2019, Placitas New Mexico"*

The department's first three baccalaureate and two master's degrees were conferred in 1931-32, and the first PhD was conferred in 1948. As of today, the department has awarded more than 2500 baccalaureate and master's degrees and 387 PhDs.

Anthropology is the most inclusive discipline in the arts and sciences with the greatest breadth of interests encompassing the entire human experience. The discipline challenges students at the undergraduate and graduate levels to explore the dimensions of culture and biology in their lives and those of others. The three subfields of Archaeology, Ethnology, and Evolutionary Anthropology encompass a variety of perspectives and methods through which the lens of culture is applied to human diversity and change in the past, present and future.

## **UNM Department of Anthropology**

### **Convocation Ceremony**

**May 15, 2021  
1:00 PM**

**Livestream  
"UNM Anthropology"  
Youtube Channel**

**Recording will remain posted  
after the event**

# Convocation Program

## ***Welcome and Opening Remarks***

Dr. Keith Hunley  
Chair, Department of Anthropology

## ***Special Guest Speakers***

Dr. Holly Brause  
Ethnology  
Doctoral Graduate 2021

Dr. Jonathan Dombrosky  
Archaeology  
Doctoral Graduate 2021

Dr. Drew Enigk  
Evolutionary Anthropology  
Doctoral Graduate 2021

Kathryn Sokolowski  
Evolutionary Anthropology Honors  
Undergraduate 2021

## ***Department History***

The University of New Mexico was founded in 1889, twenty-three years before the territory became the forty-seventh state in 1912. Its seventh president, James F. Zimmerman, for whom the library is named, was responsible for initiating the Department of Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1928, early in the history of anthropology in the United States. Annual summer field schools, a program begun by Hewett in 1928, have continued at various sites in the Southwest and elsewhere.

The expansion of the department's faculty, its growing student success, as well as its far-reaching reputation have been noteworthy over the many decades. Six faculty members taught anthropology in 1945. Today, there are 26 faculty members, who work with outstanding students in North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.

## **Summer 2021 Doctoral Graduates**

James Davenport, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. Frances Hayashida

Dissertation Title:

***Hand of the Potter, Hand of the State: Pottery  
Production and Control and Tawantinsuyu***

Jonathan Dombrosky, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. Emily Jones

Dissertation Title:

***Effects of Environmental Change on Ancestral  
Pueblo Fishing in The Middle Rio Grande***

Daniel Cummings, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. Hillard Kaplan and Dr. Martin  
Muller

Dissertation Title:

***Age-related changes in energy usage,  
physical activity, and horticultural work in the  
Tsimane of Bolivia***

## **Convocation Program *Presentation of Graduates***

***Presented by Dr. Keith Hunley***

Fall 2019 Undergraduates

Spring 2020 Undergraduates

Fall 2020 Undergraduates

Spring 2021 Undergraduates

Fall 2019 Anthropology Honors Undergraduates

Spring 2020 Anthropology Honors Undergraduates

Fall 2020 Anthropology Honors Undergraduates

Spring 2021 Anthropology Honors Undergraduates

***Presented by Dr. Emily L. Jones***

Fall 2019 Masters Graduates

Spring 2020 Masters Graduates

Fall 2020 Masters Graduates

Spring 2021 Masters Graduates

Fall 2019 Doctoral Graduates

Spring 2020 Doctoral Graduates

Summer 2020 Doctoral Graduates

Fall 2020 Doctoral Graduates

Spring 2021 Doctoral Graduates

Summer 2021 Doctoral Graduates

**Fall 2019**  
**Bachelor of Arts and Sciences**

Allison Bingham, BA  
Cole Burks, BA  
Hannah Garcia, BA  
Julie Knight, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Deborah Maberry, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Miguel Martinez, BS  
Mariah Medina, BA *UNM Magna Cum Laude*  
Austin Norris, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Marina Patrick, BA *UNM Magna Cum Laude*  
Clare Ramos, BA  
Candice Smart, BA

**Spring 2020**  
**Bachelor of Arts and Sciences**

We would like to thank Aurelia Dixon for her  
service as the Undergraduate Anthropology Society  
President

Tessa Ahlgrim, BS *UNM Magna Cum Laude Honors  
Designation*  
Leah Duran, BA *UNM Cum Laude*  
Devan Eaton, BS *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Vidal Gonzales, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Ashley Harris, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Jenny Henderson, BA

**Spring 2021**  
**Doctoral Graduates**

Scott Kirk, PhD  
Committee Chair: Dr. James Boone  
Dissertation Title:  
*Functional Changes in Fortified Places: Strategy  
and Defensive Architecture in the Medieval and  
Early Modern Era*

Sara Niedbalski, PhD  
Committee Chair: Dr. Jeffrey Long  
Dissertation Title:  
*Unique Genomic Architecture in the Descendants  
of the Beringian Migrant Population: Founder  
Effects, Natural Selection, and Adaptation*

Marilyn Riggs, PhD  
Committee Chair: Dr. Patricia Crown  
Dissertation Title:  
*Games People Played: The Social Role of  
Gambling in the Prehispanic U.S. Southwest*

## **Fall 2020 Doctoral Graduates**

Drew Enigk, PhD (with Distinction)

Committee Chair: Dr. Martin Muller

Dissertation Title:

***Behavioral Strategies of Social  
Relationship Formation and Competition  
Among Adolescent and Adult Male Chimpanzees  
at Kanyawara, Kibale National Park, Uganda***

## **Spring 2021 Doctoral Graduates**

Holly Brause, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. Les Field

Dissertation Title:

***Cultivating the Future: Globalized  
Competition and Environmental Interactions in  
the New Mexico Chile Industry***

Olga Glinskii, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. David Dinwoodie

Dissertation Title:

***Performing Multiculturalism: Ukrainian-  
Canadian Identities in Transnational Politics of  
Recognition***

## **Spring 2020 Bachelor of Arts and Science**

Hannah Ibbotson, BA ***UNM Cum Laude***

Owen Kominiak, BS

Andreas Loeser, BA

Gabriela Martinez, BS

Erin Miller, BS ***UNM Summa Cum Laude***

Vita Preciado, BA

Samantha Salazar, BS

Vita Preciado, BA

Mandy Woods, BA

Austin Thompson, ***UNM Cum Laude***

Mia Trujillo, BS ***UNM Cum Laude***

Mandy Woods, BA

## **Fall 2020 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences**

Melanie Anderson, BA ***UNM Summa Cum Laude***

Sarah Arrowsmith, BA

Tess Canino, BA

Caroline Hanawait, BA

Campbell Hawkins, BA

Sean Jackson, BA ***UNM Cum Laude***

Solomon Martinez, BA

Aidan Miolano, BA

Ethan Parker, BS

**Fall 2020**  
**Bachelor of Arts and Sciences**

Fiona Shaffer, BA *UNM Cum Laude*  
Jason Shelton, BS *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Marisa Welling, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Clayton White, BA *UNM Cum Laude*  
Marisa Welling, BA

**Spring 2021**  
**Bachelor of Arts and Sciences**

**We would like to thank Elizabeth Medina and  
Kathryn Sokolowski for their service as the  
Undergraduate Anthropology Society Co-  
Presidents**

Kandyce Chavez, BS  
Alan Danos, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Brenna Hale, BA Honors Designation  
Alexandra Harris, BS *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
William Ifere, BS  
Brenna Jennings, BA  
Galiana Loorem, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude*  
Emerson McDaniel, BA  
Emma McGhee, BA *UNM Summa Cum Laude-  
Honors in Classical Studies*  
Justin Muniz, BS  
Deanna Rhodes, BS *UNM Magna Cum Laude*

**Spring 2020**  
**Doctoral Graduates**

Blaire Topash-Caldwell, PhD (with Distinction)  
Committee Chair: Dr. Les Field  
Dissertation Title:  
*Neshnabe Futurisms: Indigenous Science  
and Eco-Politics in the Great Lakes*

Geneva Smith, PhD (with Distinction)  
Committee Chair: Dr. Ronda Brulotte  
Dissertation Title:  
*'Where the Land Ends': Knowing and Governing  
the Limits of Argentina's Soy Boom*

**Summer 2020**  
**Doctoral Graduates**

Matthew Schwartz, PhD (with Distinction)  
Committee Chair: Dr. Jeff Long, Dr. Hillard Kaplan  
Dissertation Title:  
*Sex Differences in Age-Related Disease*

Geneva Smith, PhD (with Distinction)  
Committee Chair: Dr. Ronda Brulotte  
Dissertation Title:  
*'Where the Land Ends': Knowing and Governing  
the Limits of Argentina's Soy Boom*



## **Spring 2020 Doctoral Graduates**

Wesley Allen-Arave, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. James Boone

Dissertation Title:

***The Sociality of Charitable Giving in an  
Evolutionary Perspective***

Ethan Hill, PhD (with Distinction)

Committee Chair: Dr. Osbjorn Pearson

Dissertation Title:

***Ecologically Driven Changes in  
Subsistence Strategies: An Examination of Bone  
Cross-Sectional Geometrical Properties  
in Hunter-Gatherers from Australia and Early***

Kris Sabbi, PhD (with Distinction)

Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Melissa Emery

Thompson and Dr. Martin Muller

Dissertation Title:

***The Ontogeny of Sex-Typed Social Strategies  
Among East African Chimpanzees (*Pan  
troglodytes schweinfurthii*)***

## **Spring 2021 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences**

Sorayah Romero, BA ***UNM Cum Laude- Recipient  
of the Cheryl Wase Award***

Daniel Rose, BA ***UNM Magna Cum Laude***

Evan Sachse, BA ***UNM Cum Laude***

Cecilia Ward, BA ***UNM Summa Cum Laude - AISS  
Student***

Abigail White, BS ***UNM Summa Cum Laude***

Turly Williams, BA ***UNM Magna Cum Laude***

## **Fall 2019 Undergraduate Honors**

Michael Hillyer, BA

***Magna Cum Laude and UNM Cum Laude***

(Ethnology and Linguistics/Journalism and Mass  
Communication)

Advisor: Dr. Catherine Rhodes

Thesis: ***Maya People in the 21st Century:  
Language Shift Among Yucatec Maya Speakers***

ROP/Ronald McNair Scholar

## **Spring 2020 Undergraduate Honors**

April Brown, BS

***Magna Cum Laude and UNM Magna Cum Laude***  
(Archaeology/Geographic Information Systems)

Advisor: Dr. Hannah Mattson

Thesis: ***Remote Sensing Data Collection and  
Analysis of Rock Art Panels on Holiday Mesa***

Recipient of the Cheryl Wase Award

Aurelia Dixon, BS

***Magna Cum Laude and UNM Cum Laude***  
(Evolutionary Anthropology/Biology and  
Criminology)

Advisor: Dr. Keith Hunley

Thesis: ***Socially-constructed Genealogies in New  
Mexicans of Spanish-Speaking Descent***

Kathryn McCollum, BA

***Cum Laude and UNM Cum Laude***  
(Evolutionary Anthropology/Psychology)

Advisor: Dr. Melissa Emery Thompson

Thesis: ***It's All Fun and Games: Functions of Play  
Behaviors in Wild Chimpanzees at Kibale  
National Park, Uganda***

## **Fall 2019 Doctoral Graduates**

Daniel Shattuck, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. Ronda Brulotte

Dissertation Title:

***Amaro e Piccante: The Production and Use of  
Terroir in the Scandal of Italian Extra Virgin  
Olive Oils***

Jennie Sturm, PhD

Committee Chair: Dr. Wirt Wills

Dissertation Title:

***Using Archaeological Remote Sensing to Evaluate  
Land Use and Constructed Space in Chaco  
Canyon, New Mexico***

Amy Thompson, PhD (with Distinction)

Committee Chair: Dr. Keith Prufer

Dissertation Title:

***Comparative Processes  
of Sociopolitical Development in the Foothills of  
the Southern Maya Mountains***

## **Spring 2021 Masters Graduates**

Paige Ashleigh Lynch  
Master of Science  
(Evolutionary Anthropology)

## **Fall 2019 Doctoral Graduates**

Caroline Gabe, PhD  
Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Frances Hayashida and  
Dr. Emily L Jones  
Dissertation Title:  
*Seventeenth Century Spanish Colonial Identity in  
New Mexico*

Caitlin Davis, PhD (with Distinction)  
Committee Chair: Dr. Les Field  
Dissertation Title:  
*A Noncoherent Governance:  
Tinkering with Stones in the Old City of Acre*

## **Fall 2020 Undergraduate Honors**

Heather Hendrickson, BS  
*Cum Laude and UNM Magna Cum Laude*  
(Archaeology/Distributed Minor)  
Advisor: Dr. Frances Hayashida  
Thesis: *Managing Acequias as Cultural Heritage:  
A Case Study from the Lower Rio Chama, New  
Mexico*

Avery Montoya, BS  
*Magna Cum Laude and UNM Magna Cum Laude*  
(Archaeology/Psychology)  
Advisor: Dr. Hannah Mattson  
Thesis: *Determining Exchange Networks  
and Regional Interactions Among Sites in the  
Middle Rio Grande Region through Ceramic  
Temper Analysis*

Timothy Van Zeben, BS  
*Magna Cum Laude and UNM Magna Cum Laude*  
(Archaeology/Geographic Information Science)  
Advisor: Dr. Hannah Mattson  
Thesis: *Predicting Structure Form and Function  
on a Classic Period Pueblo Landscape: A Pilot  
Study*  
ROP/Ronald McNair Scholar

**Fall 2020**  
**Undergraduate Honors**

Taylor Willes, BA  
***Cum Laude and UNM Cum Laude***  
(Ethnology and Philosophy)  
Advisor: Dr. Joshua Shapero  
Thesis: ***The Globalization of Ayahuasca***  
***Tourism: The Creation of Shared Ritual Space***

**Spring 2021**  
**Undergraduate Honors**

Matt Dunn, BS  
***Magna Cum Laude and UNM Summa Cum Laude***  
(Evolutionary Anthropology/Psychology)  
Advisor: Dr. Siobhan Mattison  
Thesis: ***Do Likes Really Attract? Sexual Strategies***  
***in Human Mate Choice***

A.J. Frey, BS  
***Cum Laude and UNM Cum Laude***  
(Archaeology/Distributed Minor)  
Advisor: Dr. Osbjorn Pearson  
Thesis: ***An Osteobiography of Fracture Pathology***  
***and Analysis of Transition Analysis Three***

**Fall 2020**  
**Masters Graduates**

Jackson Grady  
Master of Science  
(Evolutionary Anthropology)

Carlyn Stewart  
Master of Arts  
(Public Archaeology)  
Advisor: Dr. Emily Jones  
Project Title: ***Dig Historia!: A Public***  
***Archaeological Project at Coronado Historic Site,***  
***Bernalillo, New Mexico***

**Spring 2021**  
**Masters Graduates**

Tara Beresh  
Master of Arts  
(Public Archaeology)  
Advisor: Dr. Bruce Huckell  
Project Title: ***A Comparative Analysis of***  
***Sandals from Feather Cave, and Similar Sites in***  
***South-Central New Mexico***

## **Spring 2020 Masters Graduates**

Abigail Judkins  
Master of Arts  
(Archaeology)

Advisor: Dr. Emily Jones

Project title: ***On the Edge of the Colonial Sphere:  
The Effects of Indirect Interaction on Subsistence  
Strategies in Northern Alaska***

Cassandra Keyes  
Master of Arts (with Distinction)  
(Public Archaeology)

Advisor: Dr. Bruce Huckell

Project title: ***A Taper in Time: A Quantitative  
Evaluation of Tapering Stemmed Points in the  
Southwest, Great Basin, and the Plains***

Zsofia Szoke  
Master of Science  
(Ethnology)

Megan Cole  
Master of Science  
(Evolutionary Anthropology)

## **Spring 2021 Undergraduate Honors**

Marina Lemly, BS  
***Summa Cum Laude and UNM Cum Laude***  
(Archaeology/Environmental Science)

Advisor: Dr. Keith Prufer

Thesis: ***A Nine Thousand Year Multi-Proxy  
Geoarchaeological Study of Landscape  
Evolution in Rio Blanco, Belize***

Elizabeth Medina, BS  
***Cum Laude and UNM Magna Cum Laude***  
(Evolutionary Anthropology and Psychology)

Advisor: Dr. Siobhan Mattison

Thesis: ***A Qualitative Study of How Humans are  
Adapting in Transitional Rural Bangladesh***  
ROP/Ronald McNair Scholar

Bernardo Seixas, BS  
***Summa Cum Laude and UNM Summa Cum Laude***  
(Evolutionary Anthropology and Psychology)

Advisor: Dr. Siobhan Mattison

Thesis: ***Cooperative Networks in Vanuatu are  
Structured by Religious Identity***

## **Spring 2021 Undergraduate Honors**

William Skidmore-Farren, BA

***Summa Cum Laude and UNM Summa Cum Laude***

(Archaeology/Japanese)

Advisor: Dr. Bruce Huckell

Thesis: ***Unfluted Lanceolate Paleoindian  
Projectile Point from the Tularosa Basin***

Kathryn Sokolowski, BS

***Summa Cum Laude and UNM Summa Cum Laude***

(Evolutionary Anthropology/Biology)

Advisor: Dr. Sherry Nelson

Thesis: ***Tracking Patterns of Weaning in Wild  
Chimpanzees Using Stable Isotopes***  
*Honors Designation*

Sarah Taylor, BS

***Summa Cum Laude and UNM Summa Cum Laude***

(Evolutionary Anthropology/Biology)

Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Long

Thesis: **Component Population Analysis of  
*Schistosoma Mansonii* Allele Frequency Profiles  
in Three Brazilian Communities**

## **Fall 2019 Masters Graduates**

Emily Moes

Master of Science

(Evolutionary Anthropology)

Matthew Schwartz

Master of Science

(Evolutionary Anthropology)

## **Spring 2020 Masters Graduates**

Alicia Becenti

Master of Arts (Public Archaeology)

Advisor: Dr. Emily Jones

Project Title: ***Understanding the Development  
of Diné Butchering Practice: A Study of Carcass  
Reduction at 18th Century Pueblito Sites***