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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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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.

Ethnology graduate student Blaire Topash-Caldwell has been awarded a 2019-2020 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in American Indian and Indigenous Studies (AIIS). This prestigious fellowship provides office space, access to Michigan State University’s outstanding facilities, connections with American Indian and Indigenous Studies faculty and community, benefits for the year, and a substantial stipend. Blaire will teach one elective

UNM Department of Anthropology

Convocation Ceremony

May 11, 2019
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. Keith Hunley
Associate Professor
Incoming Chair, Department of Anthropology

Dr. Carla Sinopoli
Professor
Director, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology

Special Guest Speakers

Dr. Megan Healy
Evolutionary Anthropology Doctoral Graduate 2019
Department of Anthropology

Dr. Jillian Jordan
Archaeology Doctoral Graduate 2019
Department of Anthropology

Miranda LaZar
Archaeology Honors
Undergraduate 2019
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

Dr. Sherry Nelson, Presiding

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 THANKS TO:

Miranda LaZar
for her service as
PRESIDENT
OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY (UAS)

And

Desiree Martinez
For always volunteering at Anthropology events!

Gaelyn Archer, BS
Sarah Blogh, BA
Leia Barnett, BA
Allison Bingham, BA
Aviliana Cordoni, BA
Conrad Darrah, BS
Eugene Dimalanta, BS
Adley Dominguez, BA
Kyra Hausam, BS
Joshua Humiston, BS
Madeline Jeshurin, BS
Towela King, BS
Tara Larson, BS
Anthony Lohr-Valdez
Quetzalli Lugo, BS
Tania Marines, BA

Desiree Martinez, BS
Erinea Martinez, BA
Sonia Melero, BS
Graeme Nicholl, BA
Marnina Patrick, BA
Karen Quezada, BA
Chris Russell, BA
Abigail Sailer, BA
Mayra Salguero, BS
Christy Shepherd, BA
Sarah Simons, BS
Emma Stevens, BA
Kimberly Swords, BA
Sara Velasquez, BA
Mandy Woods, BA
Leslie Villagomez, BS

AFFILIATED FACULTY

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

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PROFESSOR, ARCHAEOLOGY
HIBBEN TRUSTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR

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ACCOUNTANT

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COORDINATOR, PROGRAM ADVISEMENT
GRADUATE ADVISOR

CARLA SARRACINO
COORDINATOR OF EDUCATION SUPPORT

MANUEL LOPEZ AINZA
STUDENT PROGRAM ADVISOR
UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR

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

CARLA M. SINOPOLI
PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1986

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

LOA TRAXLER
ASSOCIATE 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

Aimelda Mariel Angel
(BS, Evolutionary Anthropology, 2019)
Honors Thesis: “New Mexico Ancestral Subadults: Evidence for Osteological Scrofulous Lesions”
Cum Laude
(Advisor: Dr. Osbjorn Pearson)

Alexander Greenia
(BA, Archaeology, 2019)
Honors Thesis: “Lithic Technological Organization of Houses During the Pueblo IV Period in Northern New Mexico”
Magna Cum Laude
(Advisor: Dr. Bruce Huckell)
(Co-Advisors: Dr. Keith Prufer, Dr. Hannah Mattson)

Miranda LaZar
(BA, Archaeology, 2019)
Honors Thesis: “Tracking Individual Raptors in the Archaeological Record: Implication for the Study of Ritual Economies in New Mexico”
Summa Cum Laude
(Advisor: Dr. Emily Jones)
Anthropology Graduates

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Yvonne Leiby
(BA, General, 2019)
Honors Thesis: “Skeletal Analysis, Diet, and Agricultural Production of the San Juan Basin from 600 to 1100 CE: The Case for Pellagra and Metabolic Syndrome”
Magna Cum Laude
(Advisor: Dr. Stuart)

LyAndra Lujan
(BA, Evolutionary, 2019)
Honors Thesis: “Phylogeography of the ALDH2 Deficiency Allele”
Magna Cum Laude
(Advisor: Dr. Jeffery Long)

Jamie Stevens
(BA, Archaeology, 2019)
Honors Thesis: “Identifying Migration into Pottery Mound Pueblo Through Patterns of Birds in Ritual Culture”
Summa Cum Laude
(Advisor: Dr. Emily Jones)

Stephen West
(BS, Archaeology, 2019)
Honors Thesis: “Chiefly Hawaiian Agricultural Complexes in Windward Kohala, Hawaii Island”
Magna Cum Laude
(Advisor: Dr. Michael Graves)

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

HANNAH V. MATTSON
ASSISTANT Professor
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, 2015
TENURE TRACK FACULTY

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

PATRICIA L. CROWN
LESLIE 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

FRANCES HAYASHIDA
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 1995

Anthropology Graduates

Master of Arts and Master of Science

Adesbah Foguth
(MA, Public Archaeology, with Distinction, 2019)
Project: “Third Dimension; Using Photogrammetry for Resource Management, Public Outreach, and future research potential”
(Chair: Dr. Michael Graves)

Aaron McCanna
(MA, Public Archaeology, 2019)
Project: “Forensic Architecture: Reconstruction Piedras Marcadas in 3D”
(Chair: Dr. Michael Graves)

Emma Cook
(MA, Archaeology, 2019)
Project: “Ups and Downs and Highs and Lows: Chiricahua Apache Land-Use and Occupation Changes during the 19th Century in Southern Arizona”
(Chair: Dr. Bruce Huckell)

Asia Alsgaard, MS
Brittany Caruso, MA
Emily Guerra, MA
Sarah Leiter, MA
David Linville, MA

Hannah McDonald, MA
Katherine Peck, MS, Distinction
Rebecca Prinster, MA
Thatcher Rogers, MS
Lindsay Shepard, MS
Anthropology Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy

Nicholas Barron
(PhD, Ethnology, with Distinction, 2019)
(Chair: Dr. Les Field)

Kristin Fitzgerald
(PhD, Ethnology, 2019)
Dissertation: “We Practice Lakota Way, But we are not an Indian Church”: The Diverse ways Lakota Christians Articulate, Perform and Translate Ethnicity in Congregational Life”
(Chair: Dr. Suzanne Oakdale)

Jessica Gross
(PhD, Evolutionary Anthropology, with Distinction, 2019)
Dissertation: “The History of Admixture in African Americans”
(Chair: Dr. Heather Edgar)

Meghan Healy
(PhD, Evolutionary Anthropology, 2019)
Dissertation: “Ethnic Identity and Genetic Ancestry in New Mexicans of Spanish-speaking descent”
Distinction (Chair: Dr. Keith Hunley)

Jillian Jordan
(PhD, Archaeology, with Distinction 2019)
Dissertation: “Pottery and Practice in the Late to Terminal Prehistoric Period in New Mexico”

Carmen Mosley
(PhD, Evolutionary Anthropology, 2019)
Dissertation: “A BioCultural Examination of Health Risk Among New Mexicans of Spanish-Speaking Decent”
(Chair: Dr. Heather Edger)

Alexis O’Donnell
(PhD, Archaeology, 2019)
Dissertation: “Trends in Health, Stress and Migration in the Pre-Contact Southwest United States”
(Chair: Dr. Patricia Crown)

Katelyn Rusk
(PhD, Evolutionary Anthropology, 2019)
Dissertation: “Facial Fluctuation Asymmetry: Developmental origins and Implications for Long-Term Health”
(Chair: Dr. Heather Edgar)

Meng Zhang
(PhD, Archaeology, with Distinction, 2019)
Dissertation: “Explaining Variation and Change Among Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene Microblade-Based Societies in NorthEastern Asia”
(Chair: Dr. Lawrence Straus)