

# ANTHROPOLOGY 2009 -10



## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

### THE ANTHROPOLOGY PH.D. PROGRAM

The Anthropology Graduate Program at UC Santa Cruz is one of the foremost in the country, widely recognized for the creative scholarship of its students and faculty. Graduates have continued their careers at leading academic and government institutions, including Cambridge University, Stanford, Yale, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Our goal is to support graduate students in becoming proficient researchers who communicate effectively as teachers and professionals inside or outside of academia. To this end, the program offers close interactions between students and faculty. We have designed the program to facilitate communication and to encourage people from diverse educational, work, and cultural backgrounds to apply for admission and to achieve the doctorate.

The Ph.D. in anthropology normally requires three years of coursework, one to two years of dissertation research (lab or fieldwork), and one year of dissertation write-up. The anticipated time frame for completion is six years, though circumstances vary. Students enter the program after choosing to specialize in one of two major subdisciplines. The majority of students are admitted to the cultural track. Smaller numbers are accepted to pursue graduate study in anthropological archaeology. Although applicants are accepted only for the Ph.D. program, students may obtain an M.A. degree after fulfilling specific requirements during the first and second year. Recommended preparation for the anthropology Ph.D. program includes a strong background in anthropology or related disciplines and a thorough knowledge of at least one language in addition to English.

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### CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

During its first fifteen years, our program pioneered new forms of ethnography, re-theorized culture to comprehend power, inequality, heterogeneity, contingency, and continuous change, and engaged conceptual innovations within and beyond the discipline under the rubric of "culture and power." Rather than reproduce the boundaries among the traditional subfields of anthropology, we explored how recombinations of these approaches can elucidate specific anthropological problems. With our new programmatic focus, "emerging worlds," we will carry this work forward and forcefully articulate anthropology's distinctive commitment to the study of culture as world-making practices, past, present, and future. In recent years, our department has theorized culture not as "tradition," but as the world-making networks, geographies, innovations, meanings, and assemblages that are carrying us into the future. Our new initiative in "Emerging Worlds" articulates the shape of this new disciplinary paradigm. This retheorization of culture continues our tradition of pushing the boundaries of Anthropology, including productive cross-disciplinary conversations with the humanities and humanistic social sciences.

In their first year of the program students enroll in a team-taught, two-quarter intensive core theory seminar and a course in ethnographic methods or practice. In addition to these courses, they participate in the departmental colloquia and proseminars and work closely with their faculty advisor to develop their dissertation prospectus. In their second and third years, students are able to take topical courses both within and outside the department and, in consultation with their faculty committee, have considerable freedom to design their own program of study.

In the spring quarter of their third year, students take Qualifying Examinations prior to advancing to candidacy for the Ph.D. and embarking on a sustained fieldwork project. Students are expected to complete their dissertations within a year of finishing field research.

Graduate students may obtain a parenthetical notation on their anthropology Ph.D. certificate indicating that they have specialized in Feminist Studies or Latin American and Latino Studies if they meet the requirements of the sponsoring department.

For full details of degree requirements and other aspects of the anthropology graduate program, please see the Anthropology Graduate Handbook at:

[http://anthro.ucsc.edu/graduate\\_program/grad-handbook/#CULTURAL](http://anthro.ucsc.edu/graduate_program/grad-handbook/#CULTURAL)

## ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The doctoral program in anthropological archaeology is highly selective, focusing on the archaeology of late precolonial societies in East and West Africa and North America, especially the Southwest and California. The program also features a major emerging concentration on the archaeology of colonial encounters among peoples of Europe, Africa, and the Americas, supported by recent and scheduled faculty hires.

The program's focus on the archaeology of colonialism is augmented by departmental strengths in the cultural anthropology of colonial encounters and is further enriched by interdisciplinary relationships with faculty in History, Latino and Latin American Studies, and History of Art and Visual Culture. Our focus on the archaeology of the colonial encounter is especially well-suited for synergies with the cultural tracks emphasis on "Emerging Worlds," and mutually productive conversations across the department are under way.

UC Santa Cruz's archaeology graduate program is distinctive in insisting that theories of power, production and exchange, human ecology, gender, ethnicity, and technological practice be explored through rigorous laboratory and field research methods.

Doctoral students choose methodological concentrations in any of the following: ceramic materials analysis, landscape and architectural analysis, zooarchaeology, and chemical and isotopic characterization studies, singly or in combination. They work closely with faculty as apprentices in state-of-the-art research laboratories learning and applying advanced materials and spatial analysis techniques to address significant social, historical and ecological problems.

Current graduate student projects include:

- using GIS and foodways to explore identity at landscape and household levels in an ethnically diverse buffer community in colonial New Mexico
- applying technological analysis to California Mission Ware pottery to chart the emergence of diverse communities of practice during a span of rapid cultural change
- agent-based modeling of aboriginal social boundaries and exchange in the late Holocene Monterey Bay region
- reconstruction of historical ecology and human fisheries strategies over eight millennia in the Monterey Bay area

The core faculty of the archaeology program are Diane Gifford-Gonzalez, Judith Habicht-Mauche, J. Cameron Monroe, and Adjunct Professor William Hildebrandt. A fourth tenure-track position, focused on the archaeology of the colonial encounter in the Americas, is scheduled to be added within the next few years, further strengthening the historic arm of our doctoral program. Two scientists specializing in isotopic characterization, A. Russell Flegal and Paul Koch, are affiliated faculty.

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## FUNDING

The UC Santa Cruz Anthropology department offers a variety of resources for students applying for extramural funding, and our department consistently ranks among the top departments on the campus for such support. Extramural funding awarded to anthropology PhD. students over the last five years includes:

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
- Wenner-Gren Foundation Pre-doctoral Research Grant
- Jacob Javits Graduate Fellowship
- Ford Diversity Dissertation Fellowship
- Fulbright Program for U.S. Students
- Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ALCS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- UC-MEXUS Research Grant
- Joe Ben Wheat Research Fellowship
- Clogg Fellow, University of Michigan Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
- Center for Spatially Integrated Social Sciences, UC Santa Barbara Scholarship
- Social Sciences Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

Anthropology graduate students have also successfully won numerous intramural fellowships and research funding.

## ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES

All applications must be submitted online. The deadline for submitting an application for the Ph.D. program in Anthropology is December 15, 2009. We will not admit students pursuing a Ph.D. in physical anthropology until further notice.

In general, we look for potential excellence in our graduate students, whether this manifests itself in a high grade-point average, strong letters of recommendation, or high Graduate Record Examination scores.

Applicants will be evaluated on their individual merits and also with regard to how well their proposed doctoral projects can be supported by the existing resources of the program.

International applicants must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL(paper) or 220 on the TOEFL (computer) is required for admission. The TOEFL exam may be waived for international students who have taken and successfully passed a freshman composition course at an accredited university in the United States.