# BU Anthropology News

The official newsletter of the Boston University Department of Anthropology



### CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!

AY 2021-22 was an exciting year of research, invited talks, conferences, and workshops; it ended on a high note with 19 Anthropology majors and 3 PhD students receiving degrees. Our students earned an impressive number of awards and honors, only some of which are outlined below. Be sure to watch this space for department events and news from our students, faculty, and alumni in the coming year!



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Social Sciences Welcome Party: Sept 7 4-6pm @ BU Beach
- 10/13 Department Talk
  Series: Zachary Mondesire,
  Asst. Prof. International
  Relations, Pardee School
- 11/08 Contemporary Chinese Culture Lecture: Julie Chu, Assoc. Prof., University of Chicago
- 12/08 Department Talk
  Series: <u>Can Evren</u>,
  Postdoctoral Associate, KHC

### UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

19 Anthropology majors received their degrees:

- Dongmin Bae
- Charlotte Beatty
- Emily Cobb, Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa
- Rivkah Cohen, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa
- Emma Ray Deegan, Cum Laude
- Hannah Guttman
- Destiny Joseph
- Chloe Liu, Cum Laude
- Lyvia McGeechan
- Gabriela Morgan Longo\*\*
- Lila Payson Norris, Summa Cum Laude

- Priya Patel, Magna Cum Laude
- Raquel Quinones, Cum Laude
- Lisa Riquelme
- Abigail Johanna Ryan, Cum Laude
- Karolena Salmon, Summa Cum Laude
- Xi Tao, Cum Laude
- Annika C. Temp, Magna Cum Laude
- Victoria Rose Zdanowicz, Magna Cum Laude, Scarlet Key \*\*

\*\*Arvind & Chandan Nandlal Honors College Scholar



### UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATION AWARDS

### Congratulations to these extraordinary undergraduates!

**College Prize in Anthropology:** Victoria Zdanowicz (Specialization in Biological Anthropology)

### Research Award in Anthropology:

- Charlotte Beatty (Specialization in Anthropology, Health, and Medicine)
- Karolena Salmon (Specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology)
- Victoria Zdanowicz (Specialization in Biological Anthropology)

### Scholarship Award in Anthropology:

- Emily Cobb (Specialization in Biological Anthropology)
- Rivkah Cohen (Specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology)
- Lila Norris (Specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology)
- Priya Patel (Specialization in Biological Anthropology)

#### Honors in Anthropology:

- Charlotte Beatty (Specialization in Anthropology, Health, and Medicine)
- Abigail Ryan (Specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology)
- Karolena Salmon (Specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology)
- Xi Tao (Specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology)
- Victoria Zdanowicz (Specialization in Biological Anthropology)

#### Phi Beta Kappa:

- Emily Cobb (Specialization in Biological Anthropology)
- Rivkah Cohen (Specialization in Sociocultural Anthropology)



### UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to these extraordinary undergraduates!

Zakaria Elkawa (rising senior, majoring in Sociocultural Anthropology) won a BU Center for the Humanities BUCH Undergraduate Student Award

Bella Faber-Rico (rising senior, majoring in Anthropology, Health, and Medicine and Psychology) was one of 8 students selected for the inaugural Summer Undergraduate Health Humanities Research Fellowship, to support her project, "A Literary and Media Analysis of the Cultural Dynamics of Queer Womanhood and Body Image in the COVID-19 Pandemic" (summer 2021). She also was awarded a summer (2021) UROP grant to support the social science component of this project (conducting ethnographic interviews with 14 women), and was the recipient of the UROP Outstanding Summer Researcher Award. Bella was also named BU Provost's Scholar 2021.

Matias Lattore (rising senior, majoring in Anthropology, Health, and Medicine and in Human Physiology at Sargent) was one of 8 students selected for the inaugural Summer Undergraduate Health Humanities Research Fellowship, to support his project, "History and Change in HIV/AIDS Stigmatization of Queer Men from 1988-1992 in the US" (summer 2021).

Qianyi (Chloe) Liu (graduating senior, double major in Journalism from COM and Sociocultural Anthropology) was recipient of the Harold C. Case Scholarship for this year.







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Nicole Nguyen (graduating senior, minoring in Medical Anthropology, majoring in Human Physiology at Sargent), was recently selected to be one of a handful of students awarded the NIH NIDDK Postbaccalaureate Scholars Program (2022-2023/4); she was also one of two students awarded the 2021 Dean Elsbeth Melville Scholarship (BU Office of the Provost) and 2021 Theta Foundation Scholarship from her sorority (Kappa Alpha Theta) last spring/summer. [Nicole comes from an underprivileged Vietnamese immigrant family, is hearing-impaired, and has an autistic brother, but has beaten all the odds to overcome initial academic difficulty at BU and thrive here].

Jackson Rosette (rising senior, majoring in Sociocultural Anthropology and in English) was one of 8 students selected for the inaugural Summer Undergraduate Health Humanities Research Fellowship, to support his project, "Disease and the State: The Biopolitics of COVID-19" (summer 2021). He is also the recipient of a BU Center for the Humanities Undergraduate Student Award.

Victoria Zdanowicz (graduating senior, majoring in Biological Anthropology with a minor in Biology) was awarded the prestigious Augustus Howe Buck Scholarship. She is also the recipient of the Scarlet Key Award. The award, one of BU's highest academic honors, acknowledges the curricular and extracurricular achievements of the students who are nominated. Scarlet Key recipients are nominated by faculty and staff and are evaluated in five areas: leadership, commitment, representation, tradition and academics.



### **GRADUATE NEWS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

Recent Anthropology PhDs Land Tenure Track Jobs, Post Docs, & Research Positions

Kevin Boueri (PhD 2021) is applying his anthropology skills working at Optum (a health technology company) as a Senior User Experience Researcher.

Maria Codlin (PhD 2021) who successfully defended of her dissertation on the zooarchaeology of Teotihuacan in the spring of 2021, has received a 2 year post-doc position at the University of Turin in Italy to continue her work on bird paleoproteomics with Beatrice Demarchi, who is a leader in the field.

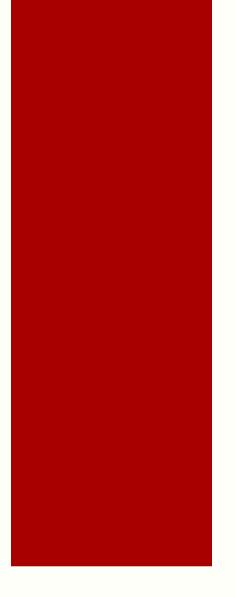
**Calynn Dowler** (PhD 2022) will be joining the Department of Anthropology as an Assistant Professor, TT, at Vanderbilt University in the Fall of 2022. Gana Ndaiye (PhD 2022) has accepted a TT position as Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Annika Schmeding (PhD 2020) will continue her position as a Junior Fellow in the Harvard Society of Fellows.

Yang Shen (PhD 2019) is finishing her current post-doc at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and joining Zhejiang University in China as an Assistant Professor in Sociology/Anthropology, TT, in the fall.

**Emily Williamson Ibrahim** (PhD 2022) will be a fulltime Lecturer in Anthropology at Brandeis University beginning

in the fall.





### **GIVING DAY SUCCESS!**

A Very Successful Giving Day thanks to your Donations and A Generous Pledge from a Dept Faculty Member!

We did not expect we could possibly do better this year than we did in 2021. We were wrong! We had a total of 32 donors who donated \$2,285 dollars. We also received an \$11,000 contribution (earmarked for the Department's Barth Lecture Series) from Professor Tom Barfield. As a result, we came in second place in the "Most Revenue Collected" category and won a \$5,000 prize from the University -- for a total of \$18,285! A big thank you to Prof. Tom Barfield and to everyone who participated in Giving Day!





## **IN MEMORIAM**

#### Sutti Koch 1929-2022

Professor Emeritus Sutti Ortiz Koch (1929-2022) passed away on June 27, 2022, after a long illness. Sutti taught in the Department of Anthropology at Boston University from 1984-2000, and was chair from 1985-1988. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she developed an interest in Latin American peasants and market dynamics early on in her intellectual career. One of the leading economic anthropologists of her generation, she was a co-founder and president of the Society for Economic Anthropology, and editor of the proceedings of its first conference in 1983. She is the author of Uncertainties in Peasant Farming (1973), Harvesting Coffee, Bargaining Wages: Rural Labor Markets in Columbia, 1975-1990 (1999), and of numerous articles on economic anthropology and development, agrarian change, peasant sociopolitical organization and decision making, and rural labor markets. For all in the Department who knew her, Sutti will be remembered for her rigor in matters of research and teaching, her kindness and dedication to students, her trademark wit, her generous smile, and her delicious and elegant meals.



(Remembrance by Bob Hefner, photo from the Boston Globe)

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