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CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy End of the Semester!

In our final newsletter for the AY 2022-2023 we want to celebrate the achievements of our graduates during their final semester. We also want to congratulate all our students and faculty on an excellent year and looking forward to next semester!

Keep reading for an update on all the latest Department of Anthropology news and events. We are also featuring a couple of our graduating class of 2023 students to congratulate them on finishing their degrees! And don't forget to check out the end of the newsletter for information on how you can submit your own news for upcoming editions.



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2023!

23 Anthropology majors received their degrees:

- Jacob Brederson, Cum Laude
- Caitlin Chin, Magna Cum Laude
- Zakaria Elkawa, Magna Cum Laude
- Magda Ellis Hazen Emerson, Magna Cum Laude
- Bella Faber-Rico, Summa Cum Laude
- Margaret Farr, Cum Laude
- Xin (Landy) Guo
- Marta Hammers
- Jenna Hansen, Magna Cum Laude
- Fredrick Owen Hassett
- Kelly Kong
- Matias Latorre, Magna Cum Laude
- Isabel Mejia Sarah Metcalf, Cum Laude
- Lydia Morrison, Magna Cum Laude
- Zoe Packard
- Emma Quarequio, Summa Cum Laude
- Jackson Rosette, Summa Cum Laude
- Hannah Rubin
- Zoë Senter, Summa Cum Laude
- Amy Thompson, Summa Cum Laude
- Kennedy Williams



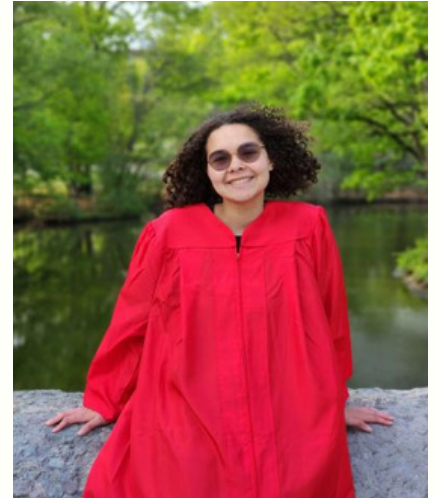
GRADUATION FEATURES

Hear from some of our graduating seniors!



Caitlin Chin (*Biological Anthropology, minoring in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies*), was named a Fulbright Canada semifinalist this past January and will graduate magna cum laude. She is starting a PhD program in evolutionary anthropology at the University of Toronto in the fall! In the long term, Caitlin hopes to work in museum education and continue with research!

Magda Ellis (*Sociocultural Anthropology*) will be working at DigitalC, a tech nonprofit in Cleveland that focuses on affordable internet in the area! While at BU, she was in the Board Games club and served on the e-board for two years. She was also involved in two school D&D groups and attended Mixed Student Union meetings.



Bella Faber-Rico (*Sociocultural Anthropology*) conducted her own research through the Health Humanities scholarship and the honors thesis program. She hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and weave both ethnography and clinical, patient-centered work into her future career.



Margaret Farr (*Anthropology, Health, & Medicine*) was actively involved in Dean's Hosts, GReek Life, BU On Broadway, FYSOP, and CHAARG during her time at BU. She's most proud of her time studying abroad, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic.

GRADUATION FEATURES

Learn about some of our graduating seniors!

Landy Guo (*Anthropology, Health & Medicine*) will be attending Graduate School at Columbia University!



Marta Hammers (*Biological Anthropology, minoring in Archaeology and Core Curriculum*) hopes to become a science communicator, especially in the museum and parks industry in the future.

Jenna Hansen (*Sociocultural Anthropology, minoring in French Studies*) will be going to the Versailles region of France in October through the TAPIF (Teaching Assistant Program in France) program, where she will teach English to French primary school students for seven months!



Kelly Kong (*Anthropology & Religion*) will be working in Immigration Paralegal in Boston after graduation. Kelly will also apply to law school soon after.

Matt Latorre (*Anthropology, Health & Medicine and Human Physiology*) was awarded the Scarlet Key Award, Presidential Scholar from BU, and Harold C. Case Scholarship. Right now, he plans to continue to work as the Director of Case Management at a youth homeless shelter in Cambridge. After, he hopes to continue to work in the realm of case management services for folks experiencing homelessness in another city such as Seattle or Chicago.

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Lydia Morrison (*Sociocultural Anthropology*) was inspired to major in anthropology by her parents' natural history tour company to delve deeper into the world of cultural understanding and analysis. Drawing on her interests in history and sociology, she became more intrigued in the world of anthropology as it became clear that there are real personal and political impacts to research of this kind. She hopes to work in an elementary school setting for the next couple years before pursuing a masters.



Emma Quarequio (*Sociocultural Anthropology*) was awarded Barbara Argote Junior Award in Italian; College Prize for Excellence in Anthropology; UROP Grant Recipient; Segal AmeriCorps Education Award; Masonic Hall Trustee Scholar, and Mary Spearman Scholar. Emma will be applying to law school in the fall!



FEATURED NEWS

University Awards

- Prof. Joanna Davidson has been awarded the 2023 Metcalf Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Read her feature article on BU Today!
- Prof. Lara Durgavich has won the 2023 College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in Part-Time Teaching.
- Merav Shohet who has won the 2023 College of Arts and Sciences Templeton Award for Excellence in Student Advising and Mentoring!

Congratulations!



Giving Day Success!

A BIG thanks to everyone who gave big or small on Giving Day. In total, we received **\$3906** of donations. We also won the CAS Donor Challenge **3rd prize with 88 donors and will receive a \$3,000 prize!** All monies will go towards student programs and department initiatives.

STUDENT NEWS

Awards & Achievements

- **Fatimah Bouderdaben** gave a podium presentation titled “Applying Queer Theory to Understand Sex as a Spectrum.”
- **Begum Ergun** and **Emma Quarequiro** presented papers, and **Bella Faber-Rico** and **Zoë Senter** presented posters based on their respective anthropology thesis research at the recent joint meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology and Society for Study of Cross Cultural Psychiatry in San Diego.
- **Christian Gagnon** and **Becca DeCamp (CAS'18)** presented their posters at American Association of Biological Anthropologists 2023.
- **Faye Harwell** presented a poster on flanging in captive orangutans. Current anthropology undergraduate Angelique Lindberg presented a poster, and BU alumna and current PhD student at Stony Brook University, Gabriella Card, also presented a poster.
- **Peter Kovacik** received a short-term GRUF for his project "Land-Use Practices as Power Relations in Spanish Colonial New Mexico, 1598-1821 CE".
- **Trevor Lamb** received an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant funded by Arctic Sciences. The title of his project is: "Roots of Complexity: Tubers, Cuisine, and Surplus Production in the Gulf of Alaska."
- **Trevor Lamb** was awarded a summer GIF for research.
- **Salwa Tareen** received a Lake Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.
- **Bhavya Vadavalli** was chosen to attend Part 1 of Toulouse School of Economics' Summer School on Quantitative Social Sciences.
- **Laura Brubaker-Wittman** won the BU Women's Guild Dr. Beverly Brown Award.
- **Anu Ahmed** and **Jessica Hlay** were both awarded a Cora Du Bois Fellowship.
- **Tianyi Bai** received a Society for Psychological Anthropology summer funding grant in addition to a GRAF award.
- **Christian Gagnon** was chosen as the Department of Anthropology's Outstanding Teaching Fellow for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

STUDENT NEWS

CISS Mini-Grant Recipients

- Zoe Albert
- Martin Aucoin
- Ana Barun
- Jessica Hlay
- Jessica Martin
- Samantha Vee
- Xuyi Zhao

FACULTY GRANTS, AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

- **Frank Korom** is spending the summer as a visiting professor at the South Asia Institute of the University of Heidelberg. While there, he will be delivering invited lectures in Prague, Vienna, Ljubljana, Budapest, Munich, and Tuebingen on a variety of topics related to his areas of expertise in South Asian Studies.
- **John (Mac) Marston** published a new article: Crop introductions and agricultural change in Anatolia during the long first millennium CE. Vegetation History and Archaeobotany online before print. [Read here!](#)
- **Merav Shohet** whose book, *Silence and Sacrifice*, was announced as a co-winner of the Stirling Award for best book in Psychological Anthropology (2021-2022) at the SPA meeting in San Diego. The Stirling is alternately awarded to books (odd years) and articles (even years) published in the relevant period.



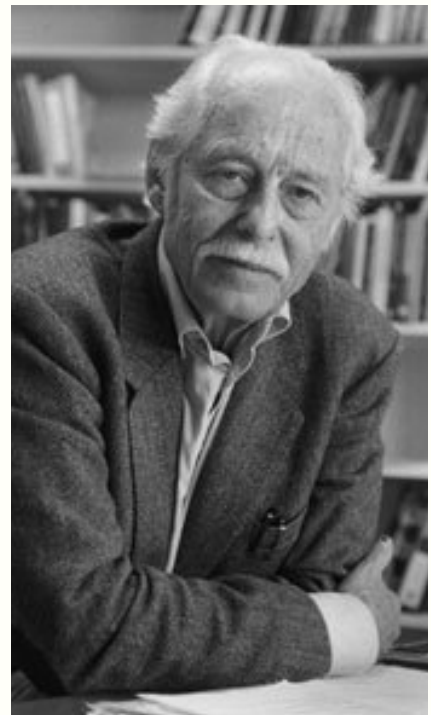
**Merav Shohet has been awarded
tenure and promotion to Associate
Professor!**

THE FREDRIK BARTH LECTURE WITH DR. LILA ABU-LUGHOD

Inaugural Barth Lecture

Our first ever Annual Barth lecture was held on April 19th from 4pm-7pm in the Metcalf Trustees Ballroom. We hosted esteemed Guest Speaker Lila Abu-Lughod for her lecture titled, "Museum Politics and the Problem of Voice".

Regarded by many as the greatest anthropologist of the second half of the 20th century, Fredrik Barth (1928-2016) taught in Boston University's Department of Anthropology from 1997 to 2008. Barth was an invaluable and colorful contributor to the department's intellectual life. Also, a beloved mentor to many graduate students. The Fredrik Barth Lecture Series intends to foster discussion and debate on the relationship between individual knowledge and action in the world in the context of contemporary complex societies.



THE FREDRIK BARTH LECTURE WITH DR. LILA ABU-LUGHOD

This year's talk explored how, although politically and ethically crucial, the recent ferment around decolonizing museums and anthropology might risk erasing differences among types and missions of museums. Dr. Lila Abu-Lughod will reflect on her engagement with museums and the challenges of conceptualizing a major exhibit in 2022 on nomadic pastoralism at the National Museum of Qatar.



If you'd like to support the ongoing legacy of Fredrik Barth and help the continuation of the Annual Lecture series, you may make a gift [here](#).

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The Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) for 2023-24 is Prof.
Merav Shoheit.

The Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) for 2023-24 is Prof. Kimberly
Arkin.

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