Anthropology at Penn State

PHD PROGRAM IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Penn State is currently the top-ranked anthropology program in the United States (NRC). Anthropology at Penn State brings a strongly empirical and integrative approach to the study of humans and non-human primates, including of our sociocultural complexity, behavior, population dynamics, ecology, and evolutionary and developmental biology. Incoming Ph.D. students use cutting-edge technologies for their research and participate in active field and laboratory projects that are externally funded (including by NSF and NIH). Students benefit from departmental strengths and expertise in archaeology, biological anthropology, and now human ecology, with numerous ongoing collaborations across these areas. Dual-title Ph.D. degree options are also available with Bioethics, Demography, and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources & the Environment. Admitted Ph.D. students are offered at least five years of funding support (four years if admitted with M.A./M.S.) with satisfactory progress.

Faculty:

<u>Archaeology</u>
- Ken Hirth
- Doug Kennett
- Sarah McClure
- George Milner
- Lee Newsom

<u>Biological Anthropology</u>
- Nina Jablonski
- Stephen Matthews
- Phil Reno
- Joan Richtsmeier
- Tim Ryan
- Mark Shriver
- Jim Wood

<u>Ecology, Evolution, & Behavior</u>*
- Doug Bird
- Rebecca Bliege Bird
- George (PJ) Perry
- David Puts

Cutting-edge research approaches:
- Ancient DNA/ Archaeogenomics
- Biodemography & Paleodemography
- Ceramics Analysis (including XRF)
- EvoDevo with Mouse Models
- Genomics & Population Genetics
- GIS and Spatial Analyses
- High-Precision AMS Radiocarbon
- Hormone Quantification
- Human Behavioral Ecology
- Isotope Geochemistry
- Lithic Technology
- Morphometrics
- Paleoanthropology
- Paleoepidemiology/ Paleopathology
- Paleobotanical Analysis
- Quantitative Imaging (nano/microCT)
- Skeletal Growth & Development
- Zooarchaeology

Active Fieldwork:
- Australia
- Belize
- Brazil
- Cape Verde
- China
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Laos
- Madagascar
- Mexico
- Peru
- South Africa
- Spain
- Uganda
- USA

*New departmental emphasis area with more faculty hires planned for coming years.

Application deadline for Fall 2016 admission: December 15, 2015

For information on how to apply: http://anth.la.psu.edu/graduate/how-to-apply

Or contact Director of Graduate Studies: Ken Hirth at kgh2@psu.edu

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