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Chair’s Letter

Dear Friends of the Harvard Department of Anthropology:

It has been a challenging and stimulating semester. I know from having spoken to many of you that it has been tricky to balance university life and the turmoil of the wider world. When so many of the communities we work with and belong to are being affected by growing intolerance and inhumanity, it is difficult to know where to direct one’s energies. Still, participation in departmental life has been wonderfully energetic, for which I’m deeply appreciative. For me, this first semester as Chair has been busy but rewarding, not least because of the incredible support and good will I have felt from staff, students, and faculty.

We flagged off the year with Anthropology Day and the new panel format aimed at showcasing shared concerns across the Archaeology and Social Anthropology programs. Thanks to all the panelists for their thoughtful reflections on the themes of colonialism, value, the ethics and practice of fieldwork, and technology. Thanks as well to the moderators and the audience for their generative questions.

The Archaeology and Social Anthropology speaker series have been very well attended by both department members and others from outside Harvard Anthropology. They will continue in the spring with an excellent set of visitors working on some of the most important issues of the day. I encourage all of you to make the time to come to these series where you enjoy the privilege of engaging with scholars doing cutting-edge work.

The Pre-Concentrator breakfasts have also been well attended by faculty and students. They have been wonderful opportunities for more in-depth conversation with undergraduates about what distinguishes anthropology from other disciplines and the unique strengths of our department.

We started our new AnthroDebates lunch series where we gather in the Tozzer atrium for an hour of food and open conversation on a topic of pressing academic or public concern. So far, we have had two very thought-provoking sessions – the first on Ethnonationalism, facilitated by John Comaroff, and a second on Urgency, facilitated by Xitlalli Alvarez, Myriam Amri, Chrystel Oloukoi, and Randa Wahbe. Thanks to all of the facilitators for stepping up! Please let me know about other topics you would like to see addressed in this series.

Even as we address more sobering issues, it’s important to remember to celebrate. We continued our book parties with a celebration of Ieva Jusiónyte’s book, Threshold: Emergency Responders on the U.S.-Mexico Border (University of California Press, 2018), a gripping examination of injury and rescue that provides a new way to understand security, undocumented migration, environmental emergencies, and public healthcare from the perspective of people who call the borderlands home.

On December 1st, we had a day-long symposium in honor of the late Professor Mary Steedly, which featured her former students speaking about Mary’s influence on their work and lives. The event was equally cathartic and inspiring and left us all grateful for the world Mary created through her role as teacher, advisor, mentor, and friend to so many.

Ajantha Subramanian, Chair

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On December 11th, we had a retreat as a full faculty where we gathered for a discussion about the past, present, and future of the department. It was a productive day that allowed us to establish a greater sense of collective identity and purpose. My hope and expectation is that the momentum generated by the retreat will lead to important changes in the months ahead.

None of these events would have been possible without our wonderful departmental staff. Thanks so much to Monica Munson, Gilmore Tamny, Angeline Della Fera, Monique Rivera, Marianne Fritz, Cris Paul, Linda Thomas, Andrew Cepeda, and Judith Butler-Vincent for all of their work in making our department a dynamic and welcoming space.

Finally, we have some changes to the faculty. Susan Greenhalgh retired in August 2018 followed by Michael Herzfeld in December 2018. I am very grateful for their dedicated service to the department and wish them the very best in the transition to Research Professorships. They are both taking on exciting new projects that we will continue to follow with great interest. I am also delighted to welcome Malavika Reddy and Tina Warinner as new faculty and very much look forward to their joining our department.

Very best wishes for the new year!

Sincerely,

Ajantha Subramanian, Chair
Other Voices, Other Stories: Mary Margaret Steedly Ethnographic Legacies

In December 2018, the Department of Anthropology, The Harvard Asia Center, and the Weatherhead Center sponsored a symposium celebrating the life and scholarship of the late Professor Mary Steedly.
Student Achievements

BRITTANY ELLIS

Brittany Ellis ’19, an anthropology concentrator, is one of the two Harvard students to receive the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship for 2019. She plans to pursue a Masters in Visual, Material, and Museum Anthropology at Oxford University next year.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MANNY MEDRANO

Manny Medrano ’19, who has a secondary field in archaeology and who has worked closely with Gary Urton on khipus over the past four years, received a 2019 Marshall Scholarship. He plans to pursue a PhD at the University of St. Andrews and continue studying khipus.

GRADUATE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

BETHANY KIBLER

Bethany Kibler received a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for her research on military cultural training.

MATTHEW MAGNANI


RENUGAN RAIDOO

Renugan Raidoo received the Knox Traveling Fellowship, the Emslie Horniman Scholarship with the starred Sutasoma Award, and the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship to support his research on gated communities and the evolution of spatial segregation in postapartheid South Africa.

SHANNI ZHAO

Shanni Zhao published a piece entitled “A Seductive Power Disturbing #MeToo” in Anthropology News (online). She also received a Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant to support her research.
ANYA BERNSTEIN
Anya Bernstein served as the discussant at the School of Advanced Research advanced seminar “Death Culture in the 21st Century” in September 2018. She gave two invited talks at Smith and Amherst Colleges and gave a conference presentation at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies annual convention in December 2018. Finally, she conducted a pilot fieldwork trip for a new project in the Siberian Arctic, dealing with climate change and geoengineering via the restoration of an extinct ecosystem (so-called “Pleistocene rewilding”) in summer 2018.

DAVID CARRASCO
David Carrasco was featured in a new PBS series called Native America, a four-part series exploring the world created by America’s First Peoples. Carrasco was included for his work in the religious world-views of pre-Hispanic cultures of central Mexico and the story of the conquest/encuentro of the 16th century.

PETER DER MANUELIAN
Harvard University signed an agreement with the American University in Cairo (AUC) to establish long-term relations and increased cooperation, especially between Harvard and AUC’s Department of Egyptology. As part of this new partnership, AUC will be hosting a Harvard PhD student in Spring 2019. Peter Der Manuelian believes the new agreement will enhance Harvard’s Egyptology studies and will be an opportunity for Harvard students to study with AUC’s distinguished Egyptology Department and gain field experience.

ROWAN FLAD
JOSEPH P. GONE
During the Fall of 2018, Joseph Gone presented on “American Indian Therapeutic Traditions” for American Indian Heritage Month at the National Institutes of Health; visited the University of Victoria as part of the Lansdowne Lecture Series to deliver an address entitled “Re/Counting Coup: Communicating Indigenous Vitality in the Age of Historical Trauma”; participated on an invited panel about “Native Americans and Trauma” sponsored by the Electa Quinney Institute at the University of Wisconsin; and contributed to a Religion of Sports podcast from the series “Why Sports Matter” about basketball and American Indian resilience.

MICHAEL HERZFELD
Michael Herzfeld gave the distinguished 2018 Lewis Henry Morgan Lecture entitled “What is a Polity? Subversive Archaism and the Bureaucratic Nation-State” at the University of Rochester in October. He also gave the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Lecture entitled “Greece in a Larger Universe: The Perils of Exceptionalism” at Yale University in November. Finally, Herzfeld retired in December after 27 years at Harvard.

IEVA JUSIONYTE

Joseph P. Gone

Ieva Jusionyte

Michael Herzfeld
ARTHUR KLEINMAN
Arthur Kleinman received a Harvard Global Institute grant for his project “Social Technology for Eldercare in China: A Transdisciplinary Collaborative Research-Education Program” in Fall 2018. As part of this project, he will lead engineering and social science student researchers in developing a program to improve care for the elderly in China.

VERONIKA KUSUMARYATI

MATTHEW LIEBMAN
Matthew Liebmann has been working with the Pueblo of Jemez in their attempts to recover ancestral lands located in the Valley Caldera National Preserve in New Mexico. He has recently published a chapter detailing this work titled Losing Control in the American Southwest: Collaborative Archaeology in the Service of Descendant Communities, in a volume called “Losing Control in the American Southwest: Collaborative Archaeology in the Service of Descendant Communities” in Engaging Archaeological Research: 25 Case Studies in Research Practice.

GEORGE PAUL MEIU
George Paul Meiu’s book Ethno-erotic Economies: Sexuality, Money, and Belonging in Kenya won the 2018 Ruth Benedict Award of the Association for Queer Anthropology (American Anthropological Association) and was a finalist of the 2018 Elliot Skinner Award of the Association for Africanist Anthropology (American Anthropological Association). He also gave two invited lectures—both on “Panics over Plastics: Queer Objects, Moral Pollution, and the Materialities of Belonging”—at Concordia University and at Boston University.
CHRISTIAN TRYON

Christian Tryon published a number of papers and presented several talks this year, particularly on archival collections housed in Tanzania, the UK, and in Harvard’s Peabody Museum (Gamble’s Cave II, Kenya, and Zarzi Cave, Iraq). Key publications appeared in *PLoS One* and *the Journal of Archaeological Science Reports*, with presentations at the American Geophysical Union, the Paleoanthropology Society, and MIT. Additional synthetic work on archaeological and human evolutionary issues were published in *Science* and *Trends in Ecology and Human Evolution*. He also hosted a Radcliffe Accelerator Workshop entitled “Comparative Analyses of Middle Stone Age Artifacts from Africa,” and was awarded funds to host an Exploratory Seminar through the Radcliffe Institute to be held in 2019 on collections from Ksar Akil (Lebanon) housed in the Peabody Museum.

JASON UR

Jason Ur spent three weeks in September in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, as part of his Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey project. During the short season, the team experimented with several new field methods involving smartphone-based mapping tools and high-precision drones. The project continues to de-colonize, and this year was majority Kurdish for the first time.

GARY URTON

Gary Urton’s book, *Inka History in Knots: Reading Khipus as Primary Sources* (2017) was awarded the Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Horowitz Prize from the Bard Graduate Center for the best book of 2017 in Decorative Arts, Design History, and Material Culture of the Americas. Part of the prize is a symposium on the book, to be held at the Bard Graduate Center, in New York, in January 2019.
Fall Lectures + Events

**SEPTEMBER**
- Archaeology of Harvard Yard Excavation Opening
- Anthropology Day
  - Included panels on colonialism, value, ethics & practice of fieldwork, and technology
- “Was there a Coptic Center in Medieval West Africa?: Evidence and Further Questions”
  - a talk by Suzanne Preston Blier, Harvard University
- Undergraduate lunch with the Chair of the Department
- “Writing to Cultivate Souls, Reading to Craft Bodies: Literacy and Lineage Crisis in Southwest China”
  - a talk by Erik Mueggler, University of Michigan
- “How early cities of western Eurasia (re-)invented agriculture”
  - a talk by Amy Bogaard, University of Oxford
- Prospective Concentrator & Faculty Breakfast
- Meet-and-Greet Anthropology faculty
- “New Idea of Bronze Age on the Eastern Rim of the Tibetan Plateau”
  - a talk by Kazuo Miyamoto, Kyushu University
- “Native American Chiefdoms and Spanish Conquistadors in Western North Carolina”
  - a talk by Christopher B. Rodning, Tulane University
- AnthroDebates!
  - A discussion on how anthropologists should respond to the resurgence of ethnonationalism
- “American Disaster: Race, Empire, and Emergency in Puerto Rico, USA”
  - a talk by Yarimar Bonilla, Rutgers University
- Prospective Concentrator & Faculty Breakfast
- Meet-and-Greet Anthropology faculty
- “Africa Rising: Class or Finance?”
  - a talk by Janet Roitman, New School University
- Nightmare on Divinity Avenue
  - Trick-or-Treat/Meet-and-Greet Anthropology faculty and students

**OCTOBER**
NOVEMBER

“Imperial Encounters in a Mesopotamian Ecotone: Archaeological Investigations in the Upper Diyala River Valley, Kurdistan Region of Iraq”
a talk by Jesse Casana, Dartmouth College

Prospective Concentrator & Faculty Breakfast
Meet-and-Greet Anthropology faculty

“Investigating Liberals in Palestine: A Historical Anthropology of International Law”
a talk by Lori Allen, SOAS, University of London

“Posting While Palestinian: Colonialism & the Internet in Israel and the West Bank”
a talk by Amahl Bishara, Tufts University

“Maize, Mounds, and Migration: Multicultural Native American Origins and Descendants of the Ohio Valley”
a talk by Robert Cook, Ohio State University

AnthroDebates!
A discussion on the imperatives in scholarship in the face of urgency

Book Publication Party: Threshold: Emergency Responders on the U.S.-Mexico Border by Ieva Jusionyte

Undergraduate Concentrator Lunch

“Law’s Logistical Media: The Installation of the Filing System in the Postwar Japanese Prosecutor’s Office”
a talk by Miyako Inoue

“Common Meals, Noble Feasts: The Archaeology of Moche Cuisine”
a talk by Katherine L. Chiou

DECEMBER

“What is a Horizon?”
a talk by Adriana Petryna

“(Homicide) Suicide: Conditions of Confinement and the New Orleans Jail”
a talk by Kaya Williams
Fall
Course Offerings

Anthro 98a: Junior Tutorial in Archaeology
Philip Kao

Anthro 99a: Senior Tutorial in Archaeology
Philip Kao

Anthro 1010: The Fundamentals of Archaeological Methods & Reasoning
Rowan Flad

Anthro 1095: Urban Revolutions
Jason Ur and Jeffrey Quilter

Anthro 1130: Archaeology of Harvard Yard
Patricia Capone and Diana Loren

Anthro 1250: Pyramids of Giza: Technology, Archaeology, History
Peter Der Manuelian

Anthro 1604: The Anthropology of Law
Ronald Niezen

Anthro 1610: Ethnographic Research Methods
Kaya Williams

Anthro 1661/HSEMR-LE 75: (Mis)Understanding Islam Today
Bilal Malik

Anthro 1669: Black Muslims: Race, Religion, and Culture in the United States
Youssef J. Carter

Anthro 1683: The City Jail: Race and Incarceration in the United States
Kaya Williams

Anthro 1800: Race and Caste
Ajantha Subramanian

Anthro 1957: Laboratory Lives: Scientific Spaces, Selves, and Subjects
Stephen Scott

Anthro 1988 Kinship, Citizenship, and Belonging
George Paul Meiu

Anthro 2000: Osteoarchaeology
Richard Meadow
Anthro 2110r: Issues in Mesoamerican Archaeology  
William Fash

Anthro 2177: Jaguar-Men and Golden Cities: The Archaeology of South America  
Gary Urton

Anthro 2250a: Proseminar in Archaeology  
Ari Caramanica and Richard Meadow

Anthro 2646: Infrastructure & Their Imaginaries  
Stephen Scott

Anthro 2650a: History and Theory of Social Anthropology: Proseminar I  
Michael Herzfeld

Anthro 2722: Sonic Ethnography  
Ernst Karel

Anthro 2727: Anthropology of Media, Critical Surveys  
Veronika Kusumaryati

Anthro 2744: Madness and Globalization  
Byron Good, Michael Fischer, and Alasdair Donald

Anthro 2800/AAAS 401: Social Theory, In and Out of Africa  
Jean Comaroff and John Comaroff

Anthro 3200: Dissertation Writers Workshop  
Michael Herzfeld

Anthro 3626: Research Design/Proposal Writing  
Anya Bernstein

Anthro 3555/VES 355r: Critical Media Practice  
Lucian Castaing-Taylor

FRSEMR 70L: Ancient East Asia: Contested Archaeologies of China, Korea and Japan  
Rowan Flad

FRSEMR 30G: Digging up Egypt's Past  
Peter Der Manuelian

AAAS 209a: Africa Rising? New African Encounters  
Jean Comaroff and John Comaroff

SOCWORLD 25: Case Studies in Global Health: Biosocial Perspectives  
Arthur Kleinman, Anne Becker, Paul Farmer, and Salmaan Keshavjee

SOCWORLD 30: Moctezuma's Mexico: Then and Now  
David Carrasco and William Fash

SOCWORLD 40: The Incas: The Last Great Empire of Pre-Columbian South America  
Gary Urton

Egyptian 200: Egyptian Text Reading  
Peter Der Manuelian