

Our News

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Next Network-wide Meeting

Thurs., Mar. 21 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Get a guest speaker from the Speaker's Bureau!



We need YOU to be an ACRN ambassador!

Invite a practitioner from the Speakers Bureau to *Zoom into your Anthropology Club*, an event at your firm or organization, or one of your classes.

It is easy to find [just the right speaker](#) to fit your needs. All 37 practitioners list their work experience in organizational settings, their areas of expertise, and easy ways to contact them (just click on their names).



ANTHROPOLOGY CAREER READINESS NETWORK

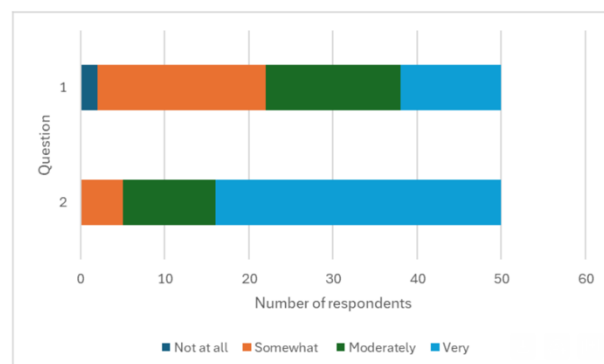
Results are *in* on teaching practical anthropological skills!

ACRN is partnering with Daniel Ginsberg and Meghan Horihan on two initiatives involving the **AAA's Departmental Services Program (DSP)**—a set of about 300 anthropology departments):

1. **Moderated discussions** on career prep concerns and support for instructors (scheduled for Feb. 14 and Mar. 13)
2. A **short survey** on understanding current interest levels in teaching students practical anthropology skills.

The survey just concluded a couple of days ago (17% response rate). Only a small proportion of the respondents indicated that their departments were doing very well in teaching students to gain practical anthropology skills.

Furthermore, the vast majority indicated that they were *very interested* in learning to do a better job in teaching these practical skills.



The qualitative comments revealed some lack of awareness about the kinds of practical skills anthropology students should acquire, the types of jobs practitioners do, and opportunities where students can do internships (unless they are archaeology students). While a few of these comments suggested the respondents had some knowledge of ACRN, most appeared to be unfamiliar with it—including its mission and available resources.

2024 Praxis Award Winner

Since 1981, the Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists has honored anthropologists biennially who have translated “anthropological

Do You Know Any College Juniors?

The Ina Rosenthal-Urey Mentorship Program is accepting applicants until March 1.

Awardees are paired with two mentors each – one from academia and one from practice. Offered by the AAA, awardees receive \$500 and complimentary AAA membership.

Read more about it and have those Juniors apply [here](#).



New Data Governance Position

- **Qualifications:** A passion for making meaningful, sustainable change in Memphis.
- Flexible hybrid environment
- Salary: \$70-85K
- Learn more: [here](#)

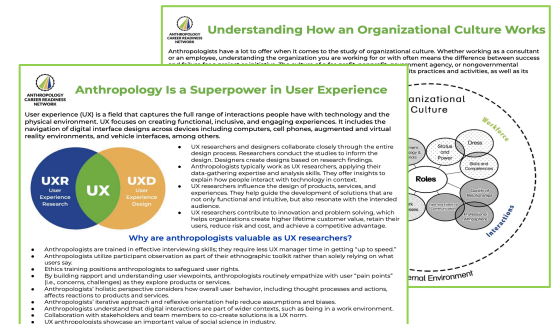
knowledge into action as reflected in a single project or specific endeavor.” **Natalie Muyres** will receive the award in March at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings in Santa Fe, NM.

Natalie’s focus was human trafficking along with the 19 organizations in the Province of Alberta who assist victims. Data sharing across those organizations was a challenge for many reasons. Natalie asked them to consider what data they might be willing to share and what data would be most helpful to them. Two key outcomes resulted: 1) Design considerations for a data solution, and 2) An agreement among many of the organizations to share data—which has already led to a prototype for a data story. Congratulations, Natalie!



Two new tools are out

ACRN released two tools in the last month. One is on [User Experience \(UX\)](#). It explains what UX is, why anthropologists are a good fit for this kind of work, why UX is important, the kinds of questions UX researchers ask, and the methods they use.



The other tool introduces a framework for understanding any [Organizational Culture](#). Using a doctor’s office as an example, it focuses attention on key cultural features, participant observation, and insights derived from the experience.

Several more tools are underway and will be available soon. They include:

- Building a Career in Nonprofits
- How to Talk to Your Parents about Doing an Anthropology Degree
- An Exceptional Way to Respond to a Job Description
- Starting Your Own Consulting Business
- Navigating Graduate School
- Setting Up an Internship Program

See you on
Thursday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. Eastern