

What's New

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Next Commission-wide Meeting

Thurs., Apr. 21 at 4:00
EDT

Website Update

anthrocareerready.net
resources page is ready for
you to explore!

Thanks to the hard work of Kira Ballin, Claire Sigworth, and Matt Artz, our resources page now has a **search feature** so you can begin looking for what you need. In the coming weeks there will be an online form to submit resources you would like to share.

World of Work Blog

Our most recent blog post has some great ideas to "Increase Your Anthropological Impact Through Media." Find it [here](#).



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Persuasion through hands-on experience

Have you ever heard anyone ask rhetorically, "If you've never worked outside the academy, how can you teach practice?" Those of us integral to the Commission's work routinely encounter this myth and we are now actively engaged in dispelling it.

Aside from the obvious strategies of teaching students to network, seek internships, read the work done by practitioners, invite practitioners into the classroom as guest lecturers, among many others, the Commission is sponsoring two upcoming workshops you will not want to miss. At the Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings on March 24, 2022, in Salt Lake City, Nazia Hussain and colleagues are running a workshop called: **Enhancing Your Anthropology Program's Ability to Meet Practitioners' Needs**. It focuses on the key training needs practitioners have identified:

- Methods
- Communicating with diverse audiences verbally and in print
- Articulating the value of anthropology to prospective employers and colleagues.

Discussion groups, which will include both practitioners and instructors, will brainstorm ways in which to improve student training.

A second workshop, led by Heidi Bludau, will be held at the Building Careers in Anthropology Conference on May 13, 2022, in New York City: **Teaching Students to Practice**. Its focus is on designing classes or class components that teach students about how to apply the skills and knowledge specific to anthropology in the workplace. Bludau indicates that participants will have an outline for a syllabus, including topics and assignments, by the end of the workshop.

Enjoy some of our one-pagers

Commission members have been developing one-page documents that can serve as a point of reference on a variety of topics. A few examples are highlighted, while others can be found on our website.

You have heard that few job postings actively seek an anthropologist. So, what should someone on the job market do? Group 3 gathered data on some of the job titles held by anthropologists. Here is a one-pager to help students and instructors understand where anthropologists might work.

Sponsors of the Building Careers in Anthropology Conference

We are grateful to the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University for partnering with us on the Conference—providing the venue and staff time.

We are also thankful for financial assistance and encouragement offered by three additional sponsors to date:

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA)
- Consortium of Practicing and Applied Anthropology (COPAA).

Other anthropology associations/societies have plans to assist as well.

What's in a Name? Job Titles to Explore

Kick your job search off with these titles that are held by anthropology graduates! Each title is followed by potential key words in job posting descriptions. Most titles are found across work sectors, but key words and roles vary by industry and specialization. Mix and match key words and titles in your online searches.



Group 4 wanted to understand what Anthropology Departments were learning as they were building their applied program capabilities. Not only were they interested in success stories, but they also sought insights related to the challenges of introducing and sustaining an orientation toward practice in college and university settings. This one-pager demonstrates that Anthropology programs have a range of options as they move to establish practice within the curriculum.

Anthropology programs have options when introducing or expanding application and practice



1. Introduce some new course content related to practice and develop continuity across courses
2. Identify common ground among instructors and administrators to accelerate the program's development
3. Expand anthropology's core through courses cross-listed with other departments, experience in professional programs on campus, mentoring from university alumni and practitioners, and community projects and internships
4. Cultivate specific professional skills (e.g., communication, project planning, teamwork, proposal writing)
5. Institutionalize curricular changes, course requirements, and expectations

Commission members hope that the ideas represented in the one-pagers will spawn interest and action to prepare students to be "career ready."

Undergraduate Mentorship Award

It's not too late to have juniors you know apply for the Ina Rosenthal-Urey Award which pairs anthropology majors with mentors from both academia and practice.

Mentees also receive a \$500 award and complimentary AAA membership. Read more about it and apply [here](#).

Deadline: April 4, 2022.

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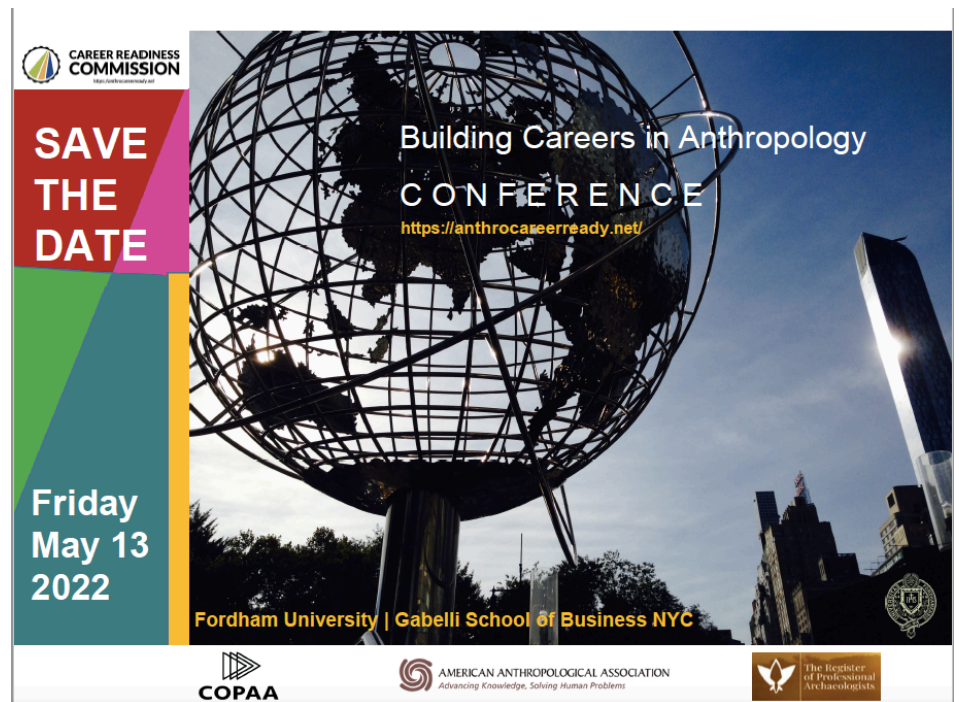
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An undergrad capstone course

Bryan Tilt (Oregon State) and 15 college seniors are working with the Commission this semester as part of their Anthropology in Practice capstone. To help them envision their career path after graduation, the students are expected to assemble a portfolio that demonstrates their core knowledge and skills and includes research/writing samples.

The Commission sought student input on how they are preparing themselves for the workforce (as described in blog posts they wrote for our World of Work Blog) and what additional resources they might need post-graduation (which can be added to our Resources page). Here are two excerpts from the blog posts that will be of interest:

- "... I remain ill-informed about the various career paths to which an undergraduate Anthropology degree could lead... an increased focus on Anthropology career guidance—as opposed to academic advising—is sorely needed for those, like me, who are struggling to find direction" (Maisie Sherman)
- "...it would be a good idea for anthropology departments to provide me with some internship opportunities so that I can have more hands-on experiences before I join the real-life workforce or before I start a graduate degree...." (Yuk Chi Chan)



Save The Date cards are out!

Our plenary speaker, Gillian Tett (*The Financial Times*) and presenters for 12 workshops will be videotaped for those who cannot attend.