

Our News

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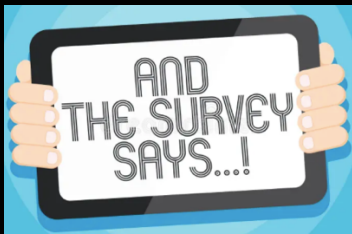
October 14, 2023

Next Network-wide Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 9 at 4:00 p.m.
Eastern

Membership Survey

Our initial plan called for administering the survey this fall to the 500+ Network members.



However, **Susan Squires** (Univ. of North Texas) is teaching a class on Evaluation during the 2024 spring semester. She agreed to help the Network. Her class will conduct the survey, analyze the data, and prepare a PPT report of the findings and implications.

We will keep you posted.



ANTHROPOLOGY CAREER READINESS NETWORK

First Departmental Advisory Initiative Site Visit

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Delaware (UD)

stepped up to participate in the Network's newest initiative. Departmental leaders **Carla Guerrón Montero**, **Jennifer Trivedi**, and **Peter Benson** (Chair) welcomed Network leaders Riall Nolan and Elizabeth Briody

from September 26-28,

2023. UD sought advice for its proposed Applied Anthropology minor. Faculty, staff, and students offered their ideas during multiple discussions, meals together, and a design workshop.



L to R: Jennifer Trivedi, Riall Nolan, and Carla Guerrón Montero

UD faculty made some important decisions to support student career readiness. For example, they will continue to build stronger connections with both the Career Services Center and the Student Success Center to coordinate internships and job shadowing experiences, and identify nearby anthropologists working in the public, private, and non-profit sectors who might participate in panels or give guest lectures. These connections will help model the value of networks and teach students how to build their own professional networks.

Faculty also plan to develop a “roadmap” for entering students showing them what they will learn in terms of content, skills, and methods, along with hands-on experiences. The roadmap generated significant excitement and interest because it can be used as a promotional tool to raise awareness of and explain anthropology's usefulness and relevance in graphic form.

The Network will continue to work with UD quarterly over the next 12 months as they work to implement their plan and achieve their goals.



SfAA's deadline for submissions is her!

The Network has coordinated and submitted abstracts for a panel titled *What Are Anthropology Students Learning? What Should They Be Learning?* and for four workshops:

- Talking About Anthropology to Others
- Becoming a Practicing Anthropologist
- Got Those Anthro Skills Yet? Let's Create a Plan
- Anthropological Approaches to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Work in Organizations

Should they be accepted, these events will be co-sponsored with



Calling All Instructors

We need YOU to be the Network's ambassadors in

- using a speaker from our Speakers Bureau in one of your courses
- promoting the Speakers Bureau among your anthropology colleagues
- suggesting departmental or anthropology club events (e.g., online workshops, webinars) led by one of our speakers.

It is easy to find [just the right speaker](#) to suit your needs. All 35 have listed their work experience in organizational settings, their areas of expertise, and easy ways to contact them. Please help us spread the word...this semester!

Recent World of Work Blogposts

Some of our recent blogposts emphasized organizational culture and change. This area is not well understood within anthropology either as a fieldwork site or as a setting in which practitioners work. **Jan English-Lueck** and **Andrew Marley's** blogpost is on [ethnographic improv](#), a technique Andrew applies to his work in health care at Optum. For example, he frequently helps stakeholders attend to the social context in which behavior occurs. But to be successful, he must practice (say, via role playing) how he might be most persuasive. It turns out that improv works better when you are prepared: when you know what to say and how to say it. The *not-so-hidden* lesson underscores practicing your craft repeatedly so that you feel confident.

We welcome new blogposts (especially from students) on topics related to careers and career preparation, and translating anthropology for employers and colleagues. Contact **Priscilla Linn** at prlinn3@gmail.com.

Lambda Alpha

Ritu Khanduri (Univ. of Texas, Arlington) has just taken over the role of Executive Director of the Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society. According to the [Lambda Alpha website](#), more than 150 chapters were active in 2021-2022.



Ritu is eager to partner with the Network on behalf of the student members and expose them to skill building and career options. *Stay tuned!*

See you on
Thursday, November 9, 4:00 p.m. Eastern