

Our News

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Next Commission-wide Meeting

Thurs., April 27 at 4:00 EDT



SfAA Annual Meetings

- Cincinnati, OH
- March 28-April 1

The Network is sponsoring three workshops, two of which use our tools:

- [A Career Ready Curriculum](#)
- [The Elevator Pitch](#)

The third workshop is focused on professional development.

Network members are also participating in several sessions.



ANTHROPOLOGY CAREER READINESS NETWORK

Our 2nd Birthday is just around the Corner!

Planning is already underway to celebrate the “Commission” turned “Network” in May. We will be highlighting:

- Where we have been
- Where we are
- Where we hope to go.

Our volunteers are tirelessly dedicated to our mission and goals. Our list of accomplishments is long. Our reach and impact are increasing. We will be asking many of you to offer your insights and lessons on what you have learned from working with the Network. How have we all changed? What surprised us? How do we continue to pursue our goal of improving the preparation of students for careers in industry, non-profits, and government? Stay tuned!

New Tools for Job Seekers

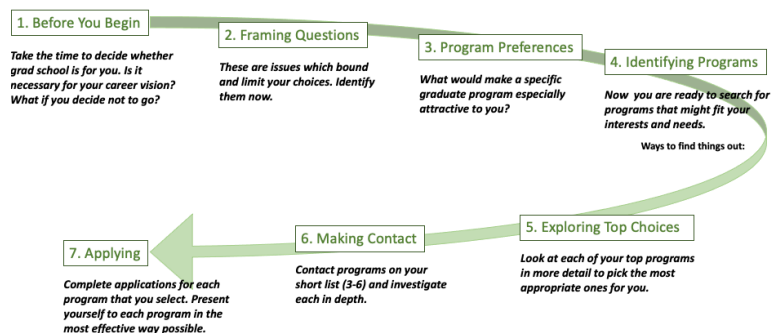
It seems we have devoted significant time recently to developing new tools for job seekers and/or students. We just posted these tools on the website:

[Creating a Cover Letter](#)

[Resume, CVs, Portfolios, and Bios, Oh My!](#)

[Job Interview Strategies: Steps for Success](#)

Yesterday, we just finished one more tool for undergraduates interested in applying to a grad program. In this tool, the whole process is laid out.



WAPA

2023 Praxis Award

This [award](#) is given by the Washington Assoc. of Professional Anthropologists. It recognizes excellence “in translating anthropological knowledge into action as reflected in a single project or specific endeavor.”

Applicants must 1) have earned at least an MA/MAA, and 2) demonstrate the “anthropological difference” in the outcomes of a specific project or activity.

Guidelines are posted on WAPA’s website. You may also contact Bill Roberts for more information:
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Deadline: Sept. 1, 2023

For more information on the Network’s activities, contact:
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A big thanks to **Morgan Sampson, Adrian Conway, Wendy Salto,** and **Riall Nolan** for their efforts in readying this tool. It will be posted on our website soon.

Network for Students of Anthropology

The Network conducted some focus groups with students in late January and early February. Emerging from them was the idea of establishing a virtual community for anthropology students and recent graduates. Its name is the “Network for Students of Anthropology,” which is also its Facebook name.

The purpose of this group is to support and facilitate the development of student and professional connections in anthropology. Jennifer Bassett from Western Connecticut State is leading the effort. A core team has met to iron out scheduling, discussions, and guest speakers. When the initial planning is completed, a general call will go to invite participation.

We asked Jennifer and team what the expected benefits would be. Among the ideas were: “help students develop outreach, engagement, project management, networking, and community-building skills” along with “academic and career support,” “potential mentorship connections,” “learning from practitioners,” and “building [one’s own] network.”

Anthrocareerready.net is undergoing some changes

Based on the input we have gathered from multiple sources, including results of the student focus groups, we have begun making some changes in the structure of our website. The first major change was the addition of a tab “For Students” and another “For Instructors.” Other modifications will appear over the next few months as we try to simplify navigation and improve overall functionality. Our thanks to **Matt Artz, Zahira Aragon, Jennifer Studebaker,** and **Erica Dzedzic!**

Trailblazing Anthropology

Who are some of the trailblazers in industry, non-profits, and government who use their anthropology knowledge and skills in the workplace? Check out this YouTube link and learn more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYMpo4UWByc>

The slide deck will be posted on our website soon!