

Our News

Issue 12

August 20, 2023

Next Network-wide Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 14 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Fall Class Project

with Indiana University of Pennsylvania



The Network will serve in an advisory capacity for an undergraduate course in Applied Anthropology. Amanda Poole is the instructor. Amanda has arranged for a class project with a Pennsylvania non-profit. This course will involve some “firsts” for students:

- first fieldwork
- first project working in small teams
- first use of Zoom for conducting some of the interviews.

Updates to follow!



ANTHROPOLOGY CAREER READINESS NETWORK

More Tools for You!

Over the summer we have been hard at work developing and gathering feedback on many new tools. In fact, three tools were posted on the website just this week:

- [Facilitating Successful Meetings and Events](#)
- [Five Keys to Fundraising Success](#)
- [Virtual Experience: What Is It? How Do You Put It on Your Résumé?](#)

These tools were designed with students and job seekers in mind, though they may be useful for all anthropologists.



And, in case you missed our July Network-wide meeting, we announced three other student/job seeker tools:

- [Show Our Impact: Communicating about Anthropology to Employers](#)
- [Six Keys for Effective Advocacy](#)
- [Draw It! How to Solicit Drawings in Your Work](#)

as well as resources for instructors seeking relationships with their alumni:

- [Building Department-Alumni Connections](#)
- [Connecting Students with Alumni Exercise.](#)

Alumni represent excellent resources for students as well as the entire anthropology department. At a minimum, they can help students learn to network and they have much to offer on job search and workplace insights.

Survey Help Needed

This fall the Network is planning to develop a survey to learn more about our members (well over 500 of them).

We believe now is the time to understand our demographics, particularly perspectives on the future among our practitioners, students, and instructors. The survey will have both multiple choice and open-ended questions.

We need some volunteers to assist with the development and analysis of the survey questions.

Who is available to assist?

Please contact elizabeth.briody@gmail.com right away.

We cannot do this survey without your help and expertise!

See you on Sept. 14.

Speakers Bureau is Open!

In our last Newsletter (Issue 11), we introduced our new Speakers Bureau. At that time, we sought anthropologists working in business, government, or non-profits to volunteer as a possible speaker or workshop presenter for an anthropology program, course, or club. Our goal is to strengthen the “Exposure to Practice and Practitioners” element of the [Career Ready Curriculum](#).

We now have 32 anthropologists listed under our [Find a Speaker page](#). You will immediately see their names, bios, and specializations. If you click on their names, additional information about them pops up, including their contact information. Using the search function makes it easy to identify potential speakers. For example, if you insert the word “design” into the search function, only those anthropologists with experience working in design will appear.

Our earlier social media coverage of the Speakers Bureau attracted interest from practicing anthropologists around the world. Currently, volunteer speakers represent six countries: U.S., Canada, France, Argentina, Bangladesh, and Ireland. If you are a full-time practitioner, consider [signing up](#) to be a speaker. Or, if you are an instructor, check out this wonderful resource developed by Network members Gigi Taylor, Patti Sunderland, Matt Artz, Zahira Aragon, and Suanna Selby Crowley.

World of Work Blog

Check out our recent blogposts:

- Matt Artz: [How Can Anthropologists Prepare for Careers in AI?](#)
- Barry Dornfeld: [How Can We Help Advance the Future of Organizational Anthropology?](#)
- Matthew Hill: [How can anthropologists help organizations adapt to disruptive change?](#)

We welcome new blogposts on topics related to careers and career preparation, translating anthropology for employers, and newly-released resources. Consider writing one by contacting Priscilla Linn at prlinn3@gmail.com.