Request for Practitioner Working in Climate Change:
Assistance with Class Podcast Project, Univ. of Delaware, Dept. of Anthropology

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I would like to kindly request to work with an anthropology practitioner on a project for my course ANTH/AFRA 375 *Peoples and Cultures of Modern Latin America.* This course is the most experimental of my courses. Because it fulfills the Discovery Learning Experience requirement (https://sites.udel.edu/gened/gened-home/discovery-learning-experience-dle-2), every time I teach it I find a different way for my students to interact with the Delaware or world community. Here is a basic description of the course:

Latin America and the Caribbean (the areas of the 'New World' colonized by Latin countries, Spain and Portugal) are lands of continuity, change, as well as contrasts. This course studies the forces that generate these characteristics. In each section of the course, students analyze the major topics, themes, and processes that have shaped (and continue to shape) Latin America. The course focuses on gender, race, class, and culture and discusses Latin Americans' historical, political, economic, and social experiences in the Americas. The main themes covered include environmental issues, gender and ethnic/racial relations, the role of the state and the military, human rights, globalization, and migration.

This semester, I will collaborate with the University of Delaware's Multimedia Services Center to train my students to prepare podcasts. They will form pairs or groups of three depending on the number of students registered and will prepare a podcast about an environmental group or movement working toward climate change awareness or radical transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean. The idea is that these podcasts will not only be informational but that they will tie the work of the group or movement with larger issues worldwide. In that way, the podcast will be useful for the group itself and not only for my students. I am also hoping to work with the Department of Languages and Literatures to have students in an advanced Spanish course create translated transcripts of the podcasts.

I would like to collaborate with a practitioner who works on issues related to climate change. Ideally, the person would be familiar with environmental issues in Latin America but this is not a requirement. The practitioner would talk to my students about how anthropology can address issues related to climate change worldwide to frame their work in the preparation of the podcast--more specifically, the script they will need to put together given that the technical issues will be handled by the Multimedia Services Center.

As part of this collaboration, I will be happy to collaborate with the practitioner on any of their projects. I will also be thrilled to collaborate on publications with the practitioner and to connect them with the Department of Anthropology and the University of Delaware. I will be happy to do the legwork to offer a nominal affiliation to the practitioner so they can have access to University resources.

Suanna Selby Crowley, Science Communications Specialist and Archaeologist, volunteered to serve as a volunteer on this class project. Her email: Suanna@MyHeadFort.com