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# Virtual Meeting

Newcomers welcome!

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**Nov. 13, 2025**
4:00 p.m. Eastern

# Welcome!

- To our first time participants
- To our returning members

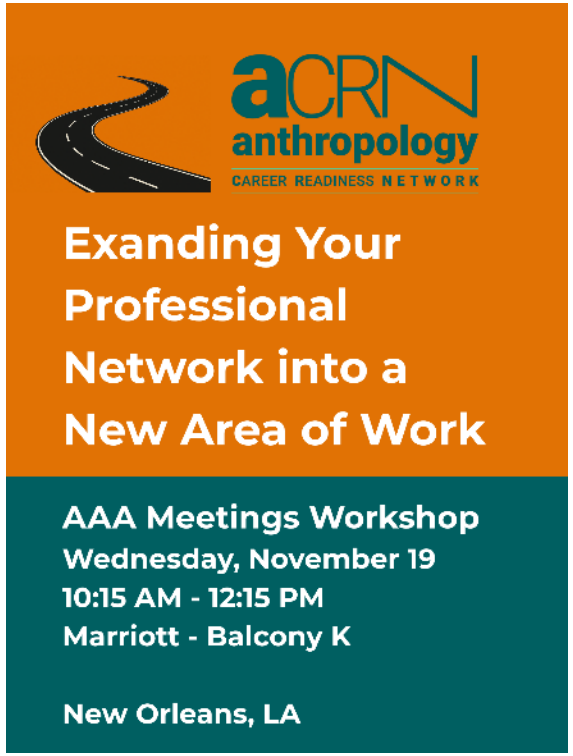
# Agenda

1. AAA Annual Meetings
2. ACRN Intern Projects
    1. Updating Website Resources
    2. Anthropology Ambassador Project
    3. Departmental Advisory Initiative (DAI) Brochure
3. DAI Awards
4. One DAI Experience – Texas A&M
5. Academic Hiring – Purdue
6. Client-based Class Project – Messiah
7. Client Management Discussion

# AAA Annual Meetings

**Elizabeth Briody**

# “Ghosts” is the theme of the AAA Annual Meetings next week

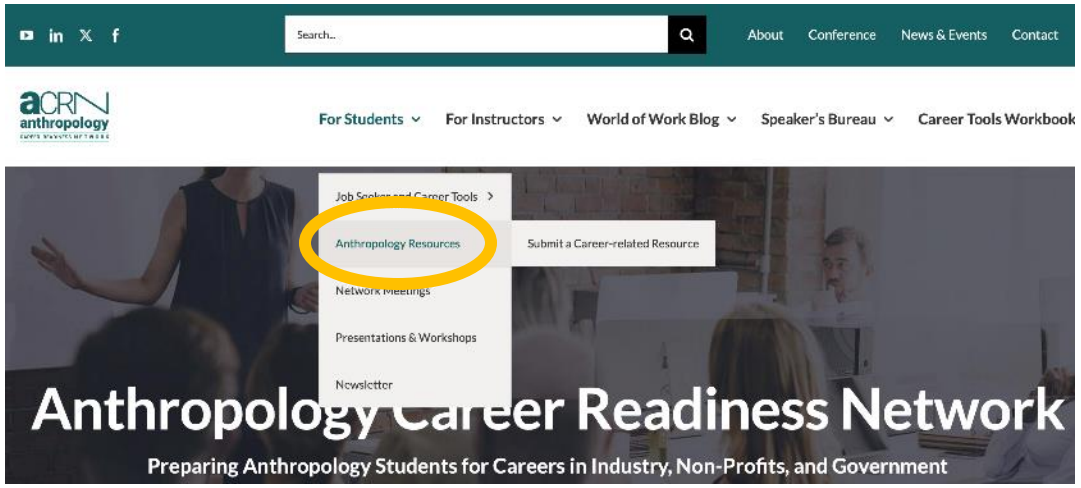


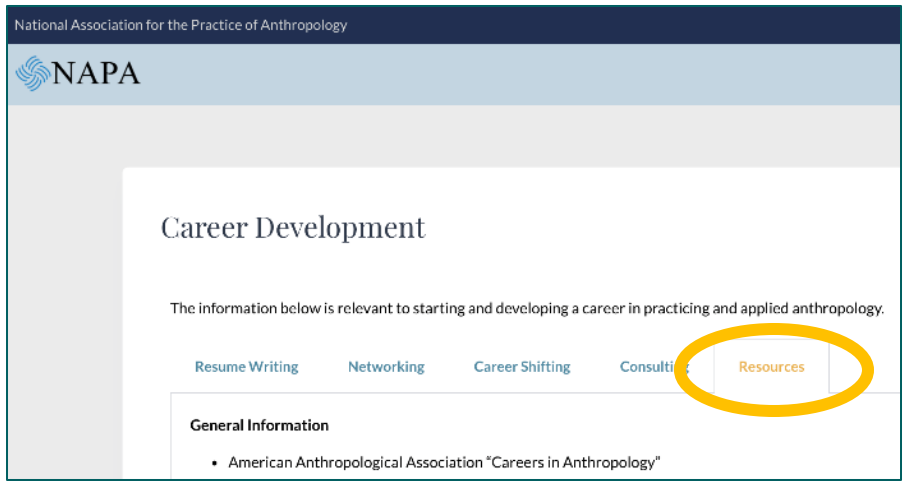
- ACRN has organized two roundtables and one workshop
- ACRN has a booth at the NAPA/AAA Careers Expo; if you want to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth.Briody@gmail.com

# ACRN Internship Projects

**Suanna Selby Crowley**
**Bea Jackson**
**Irene Greene**

# Three interns are updating ACRN and NAPA website resources




- Both ACRN and NAPA offer career-related resources, many of which need updating; we are pooling our talent to help both groups
- Resource types include books, articles, videos, anthropology associations, podcasts, blogs, events, and anthropology programs

**Thanks to ACRN Interns:** Chloe Aitken, Emma Pramuk, and Nimra Arooj

**Thanks to NAPA:** Suanna Crowley, Joshua Liggett, Mandy Jordan, and Matt Stoffer

# Four interns are hoping to design a new program for Anthropology Departments

- **Program's Purpose**: Help raise awareness of anthropology's value within the wider community
- **Research Focus**:
  - Learn how Depts. connect with local organizations and communities now, as well as university students generally
  - Identify indicators of impact from this outreach
  - Suggest what more could be done

**Thanks to ACRN Interns:**
Bea Jackson, Cynthia Tahhan, Momna Zeeshan, and Tyla Cloete

# Our preliminary model for the Anthropology Ambassadorship consists of two domains

## General Public

- How are Depts. ensuring the wider community learns about anthropology?
- What are the most effective strategies for promoting anthropology?
  - Internships, project work, volunteering
  - Exhibitions
  - Media

## Academia

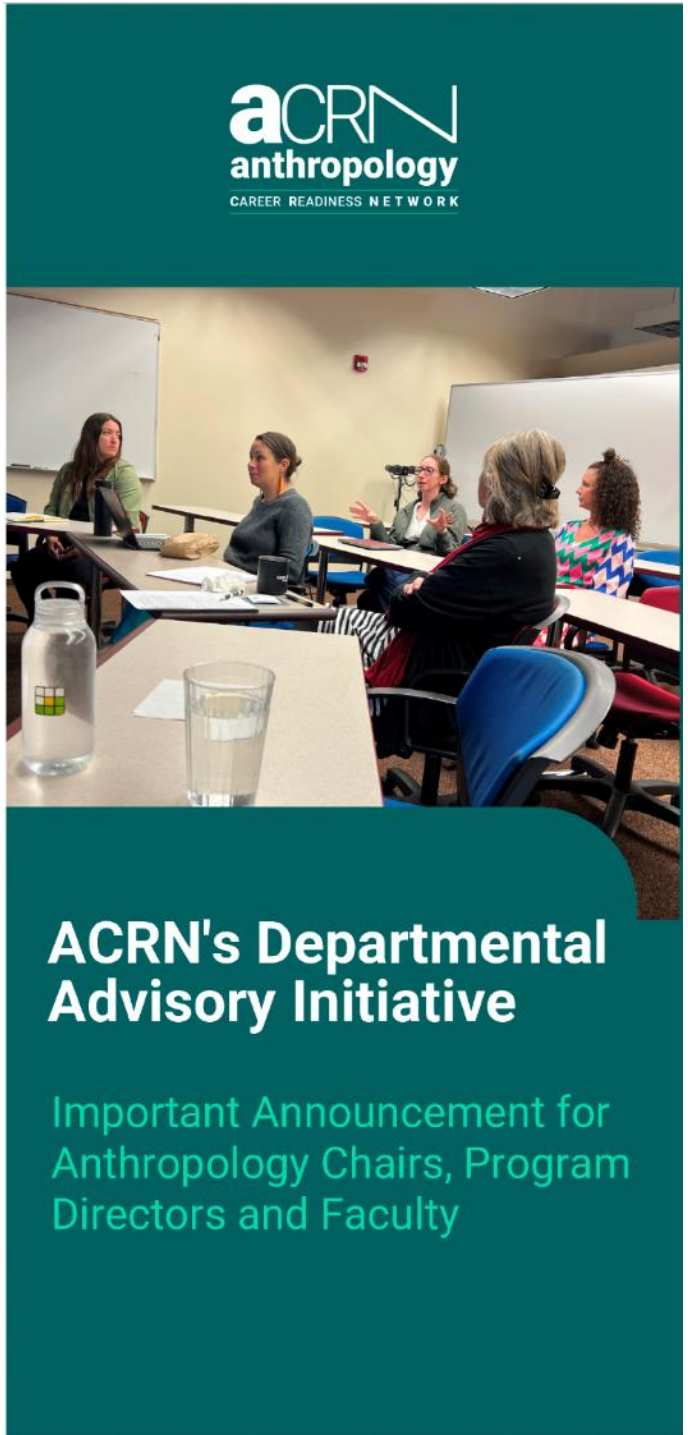
- What actions do Depts. students to learn about anthropology earlier in their college experience?
- To what extent do Depts. encourage undeclared majors and transfer students to find anthropology?

**What advice do you have for us?**

# New DAI tri-fold brochure available for sharing

- Motivates Anthropology Programs to participate
- Describes the DAI process
- Explains the new $1,000 DAI Award offered by the AAA and COPAA of the SfAA
- Lists 10 participating Anthropology Programs
- Provides three testimonials about the value of DAI

**Thanks to ACRN Intern**
Nimra Arooj



# DAI Awards

**Riall Nolan**

# ACRN helped launch a $1,000 DAI Award with COPAA of SfAA and AAA

- **Purpose:** Learn to offer sustainable programs incorporating career readiness, thereby preparing students for the workplace
- **How DAI Works:** Submitting your application and welcoming two ACRN facilitators to your campus to kick off the DAI's focus—implementing your own customized career readiness plan
- **Eligibility:**
  - Departments/Programs are members of AAA's Departmental Services Program
    *or*
  - Submitter is a member of SfAA
- **Application Deadline:** December 1

**Find DAI Details here**

# DAI Experience - Texas A&M

**Allison Hopkins**

# Highlights from DAI Experience

- **Initially carried out a survey on what career readiness practices we were already incorporating into our courses**
  - We learned that we are already doing a lot of them!

- **Because we paired DAI with our Program Re-Design, we spent time focusing on how to scaffold career readiness into our curriculum**
  - Our emphasis on careers, methods, and transferrable skills has become much more intentional
  - We have established specific career pathways based on faculty expertise (e.g., CRM, medical anthropology/pre-med)

- **Learned strategies for addressing declining enrollments**

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# Academic Hiring

**Sherri Briller**

# Purdue University – Department of Anthropology

# Assistant Professor of Practice (Health Focus)

Purdue is hiring a health anthropologist dedicated to teaching and mentoring students while connecting anthropology to today's pressing health concerns.

- Teach health and cultural anthropology courses
- Support student professional development
- Collaborate with health initiatives across Purdue

**Review of applications will begin November 17, 2025**

**Application Materials:** Cover Letter, CV, Sample Syllabus, and Three References

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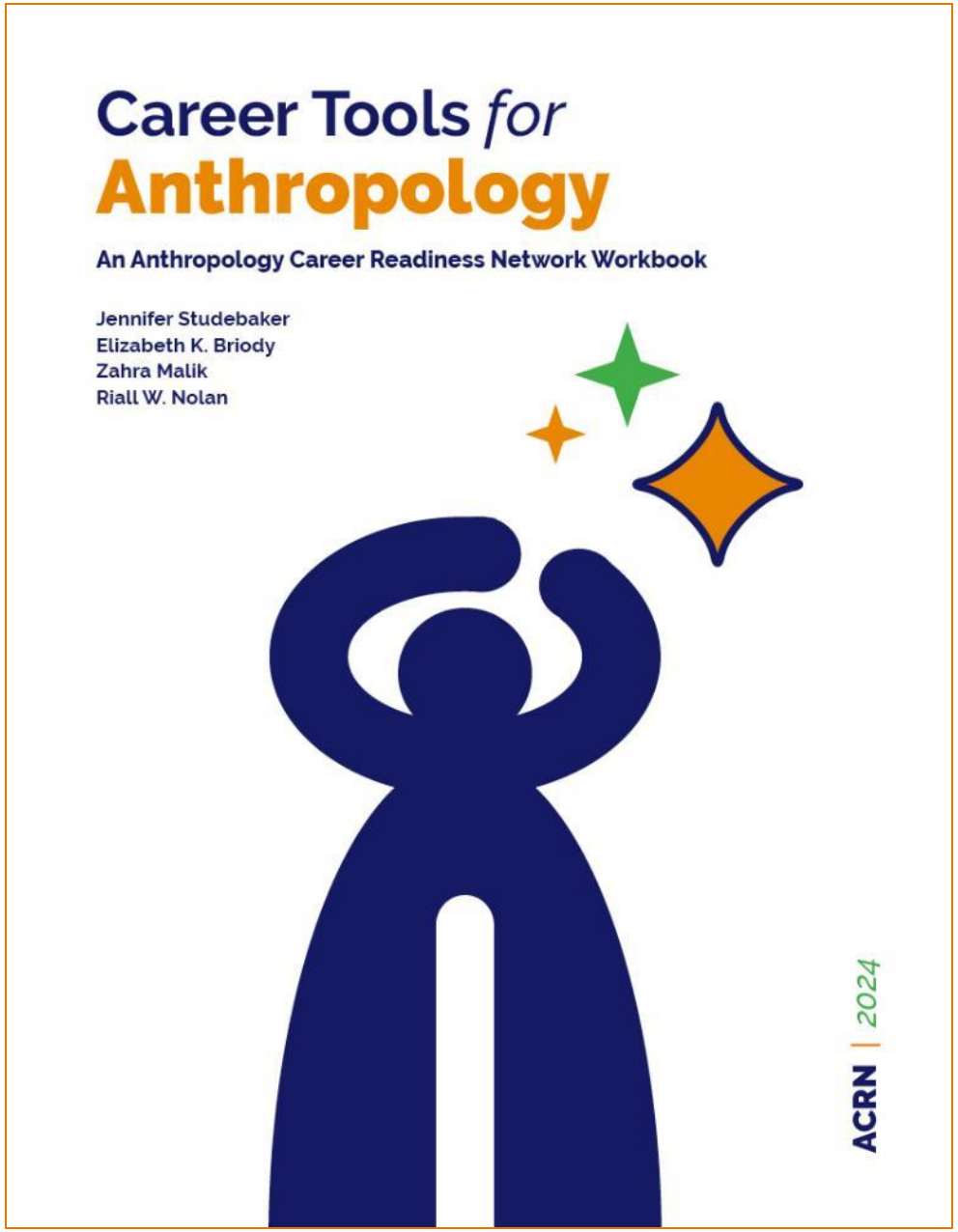
**Apply Here!**

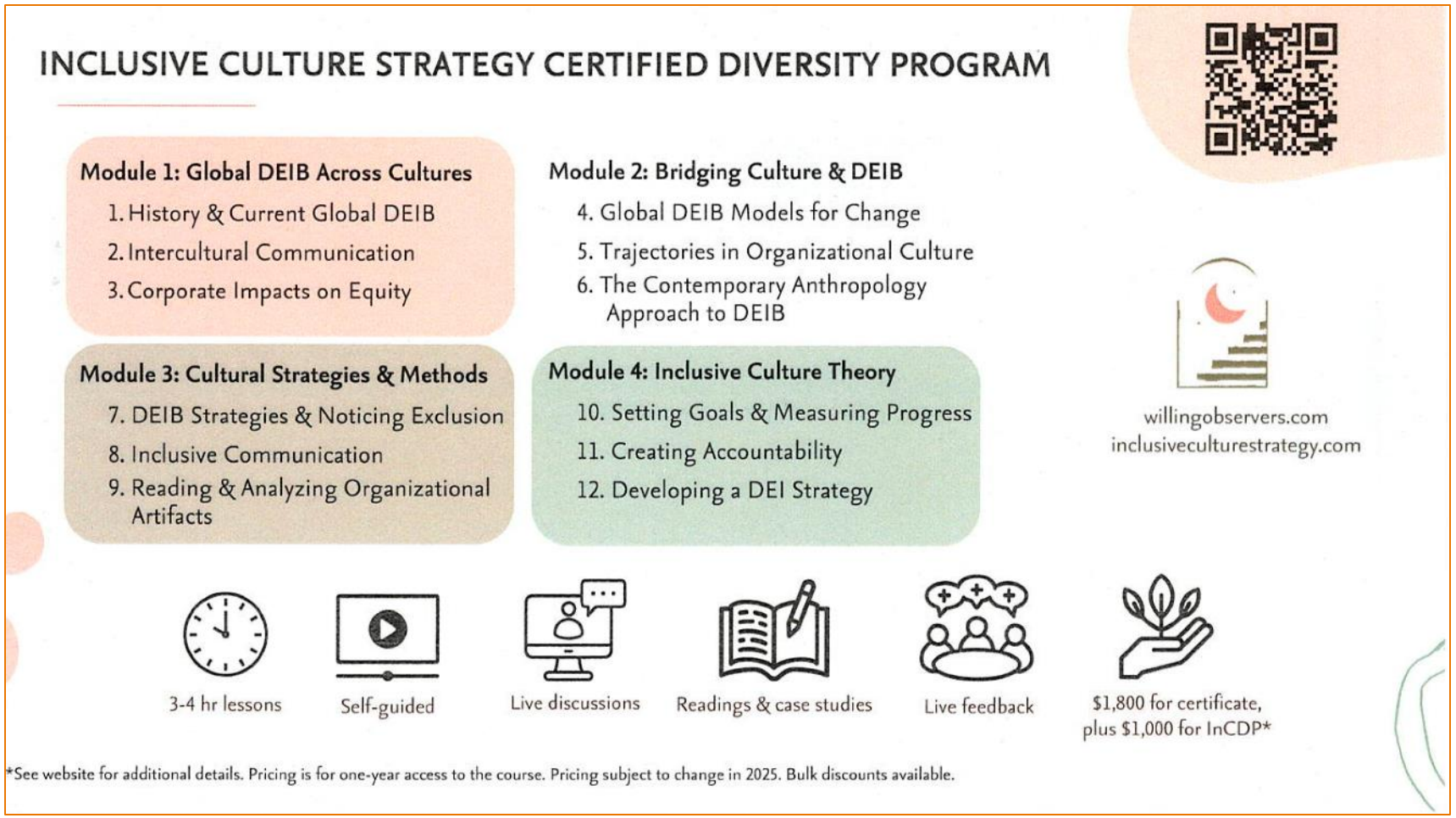
# Speaking of academia …

- If you are teaching in the spring:
  - Put this book on your students' reading list
  - Talk to your colleagues about ordering it
- Available on amazon.com for $10



# DEIB Certification offered by WillingObservers.com

# Enroll by Nov. 27 for 25% off



# Client-based Class Project - Messiah

**Juli Hodgson**
**Jenell Paris**

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# Update on Class Project

**Anthropology, Sociology, Criminal Justice Senior Seminar, Dr. Jenell Paris**

**Client**: War, Peace, and Justice Project of Carlisle, PA

**Project Rationale:** The WPJP will host an event on Fred Korematsu Day in January 2026. It is a new event requiring background research. It is designed to foster networking amongst local organizations.

**Progress**: Students have finished collecting data. They are in the analysis phase. Event will be held at Messiah University, making connections between organizational leaders.

**Deliverables:**

- Individual papers for professor to grade.
- Group presentation (slide deck) on Dec. 18, to the client.
- Two students will volunteer with WPJP into January.

# Discussion

**Client Management**

**Jennifer Studebaker**

**What strategies work best in ensuring project success?**

**How do you keep a client on track while eliminating "scope creep"?**

Let's hear your thoughts
or put them in the Chat!

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# Thank you for coming!

Next Zoom Call:

**Thursday, Jan. 22, 4:00 pm Eastern**