PEDAGOGY

How can activists and academics work together to build a more socially just world? Many academics work with activists, or are activists themselves. What works in these relationships and where can those relations be improved?

COMMUNITY & ACTION

What are the challenges/barriers involved in working towards social justice, and more importantly, how do we overcome them? It is easy to point out where the system is broken, the challenge lies in formulating a solution. We welcome your critiques and suggestions for how to engage in effective resistance and make social justice a reality.

What does the material world offer us that might help us imagine alternatives ways of being, doing, and knowing? In what ways can we learn from historical social justice movements? The world is constantly changing, and the way that we actively resist must change to, how do we proceed?

How can we move from analysis of perennial concerns like gentrification, housing, and food justice to an academically informed collective action?

COLLABORATION

How can we work across disciplines, across sectors, across agendas to resist domination and oppression? In what ways do the barriers divide us and facilitate domination? How can academics be more collaborative with one another and with public scholars and community members outside the academy to effect social justice? How can we improve the academic environment to facilitate the activist-scholars, and PhD and MA candidates?
SATURDAY, October 5th

REGISTRATION
Doors open at 8 am. The registration booth is located on the second floor outside Room 245 in the Mary-Graydon Center (MGC).

SESSION I (9 – 11 am)

**Anthropology & Education**
Individual Paper Presentations (Room 200)
- Tawanda Sydesky Nyawasha
  *Public Intellectuals and Anthropologies of Resistance in Contemporary South Africa*
- Kyle James – Goucher College
  *The Effects of Charter Schools in Struggling Rural Communities: Teach For America’s Prescription*

**Anthropology & Gender**
Individual Paper Presentations (Room 245)
- Hoching Jiang – American University
  *Potato, Love and Asian Pride*
- Andrea Hackl – American University
  *Understanding Media (Mis)representation of Cultural Identity*
- James S. Bielo – Miami University
  *“Act Like Men”: Social Engagement and Evangelical Masculinity*
- Michael Loadenthal
  *When Cops “Go Native”: Policing Revolution*

**Creating Spaces of New Understanding: Possibilities for the Land Grant University in Washington, D.C. & Beyond**
Organized Panel Discussion (Room 247)
- Amanda Huron – University of the District of Columbia
- Michelle Chatman – University of the District of Columbia
- Coy McKinney – University of the District of Columbia
- Tolessa Deksiisa – University of the District of Columbia

**Moderator:** Katie Wells – Virginia Tech

SESSION II (11:15 am – 1 pm)

**From The Belly of the Beast: Mobilizing Neighborhoods Against/ Beyond the Charitable Industrial Complex**
Organized Panel Discussion (Room 200)
- Michael Montoya – U. of California - Irvine
  *Paraethnographic Practice: Making the World Under Conditions of Our Unchoosing*
- Victoria Lowerson & Michael Montoya – U. of California - Irvine
  *Infecting Analysis in Action: Navigating Participatory*
- Rigoberto Rodriguez – U. of California - Irvine
  *Evaluating Neighborhood Engagement: Validating Knowledge and Stunting Social Justice*
- Connie McGuire & Michael Montoya – U. of California - Irvine
  *Engaging the Conundrum of Knowledge Production In a Collaborative Community-Based Health Initiative*

**In Their Own Words: Documenting the Stories of Unseen, Unheard Washington**
Film Screening and Organized Panel Discussion (Room 245)
- Film presented by Dr. Nina Shapiro-Perl – American University
- Efrain Ramirez – American University
- Luis Peralta – Artist/Owner of Luis Peralta Art & Design
  *Co-Creating the Digital Story*
- Lance Kramer – Executive Director, Meridian Hill Pictures
  *Participatory Filmmaking in DC’s Neighborhoods*
- Allison Arlotta – American University
  *Digital Storytelling as a Transformational Tool*

**Up the Anthropologist Research Collective**
Organized Workshop & Strategizing Session (Room 247)
- Jeremy Trombley – University of Maryland - College Park
- Justin Uehlein – American University
- David Colon-Cabrera – University of Maryland - College Park
- Kerry Hawk-Lessard – University of Maryland - College Park
- Michael Roller – University of Maryland - College Park
SATURDAY, October 5th

LUNCH BREAK (12:50 - 2:20 pm)

KEYNOTE PANEL & DISCUSSION (1 - 2:30 pm)
Located in the Founders Room at AU’s School of Int’l Service (SIS)

Archaeology & Slavery
Dr. Chapura Kusimba – American University
Archaeology of Slavery in East Africa
Dr. Shormarka Keita – Howard University
Skeletal Biology and the Archaeology of Slavery
Dr. Daniel Sayers – American University
The Great Dismal Swamp Landscape Study and Public Archaeology

SESSION III (2:40 – 4:40 pm)

Critical Pedagogy and Activist Education
Organized Panel & Discussion (Room 200)
Dr. Emily Steinmetz – American University
Dr. Brett Williams – American University
Alisse Waterston – John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
Tricia Way – Temple University
Tyrone Werts, Inside-Out Center

Participatory Citizenship
Individual Paper Presentations (Room 245)
Holly Doerflinger – Brandeis University
Participatory Citizenship: Changing Public Transcripts of Immigration Through Activism
Bethany Beyyette & Mustafa bin Beyyette – Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
The Islamic Blockade: Divisions Preventing Unification Between Indigenous and Immigrant Muslims in the United States
Cleon “Jiburili” Huff – Howard University
From the Pulpit to the Streets: Religious Leaders Fighting for Change

SESSION III (continued...)

Participatory Citizenship
Individual Paper Presentations (Room 245)
Jordan Miller – Salve Regina University
Rappaport, Schmitt, and Resistance: Political Theology Otherwise
Jeanne Hanna – American University
Identity and Activism Among Muslims In Tennessee

Place, Space and Being
Individual Paper Presentations (Room 247)
Christopher Kolb – Spalding University
Power/ Love: Justice and Public Compassion.
Rebecca Stone Gordon – American University
Unearthing Horror
Justin Malachowski – University of Chicago
The Unnaturalness of Human Nature: Assemblages, Materialities, and the Cosmology of Environmentalism
Rachel Stonecipher – Southern Methodist University
Contesting Inequality through Embodiment Anthropology: A Case Study in Migrant Advocacy

TAMIL FOLK DANCE (5 - 5:30 pm)
Performance & Discussion (Rooms 4 and 5)
Ted Samuel – American University

RECEPTION
Please join us at 6:30 pm at Guapo’s Restaurant! We’ll have a cash bar, free appetizers, & a DJ!

Directions to 4515 Wisconsin Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20016
The Restaurant is located 1 mile down Nebraska Avenue from American Universities Campus. The campus shuttle can pick you up from several locations around campus and it stops right at the Tenleytown metro station, a few doors down from Guapo’s.
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**SESSION I** (9 – 11 am)

**Anthropology & Policy**
Individual Paper Presentations *(Room 200)*

- Hali Thurber – American University
  *Finding Common Ground: Indigenous Archaeology, Tribal Sovereignty, and Federal Regulation*
- Dr. Tatiana Gumucio – Everglades Research & Education Center
  *The Academic as Interlocutor of Indigeneity: Advocating Indigenous Movements in Bolivia*
- Janice Arellano – Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law
  *Revisiting the Family and Medical Leave Act: Work/Life Balance Inclusivity and Worker Advancement Through a Legislative Lens*
- Caela O'Connell – University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
  *Research in Action: Bringing an Anthropological Approach to Public Policy Initiatives*
- Zoe West – Oxford University
  *Working Alongside Movements: Anthropological Scholarship and Activist Pedagogy*

**Film, Community Engagement and Power**
Film Screening *(Room 247)*

- Bridget Klein – American University
  *Bringing Visibility and Power to a Community Through Filmmaking*

**SESSION II** (11:15 am – 1:15 pm)

**Social Documentation and the First Garifuna Community Hospital of Honduras**
Film Screening *(Room 200)*

- Beth Geglia – American University
  *First Garifuna Community Hospital of Honduras*

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**SESSION II** (continued...)

**Why Public Anthropology Projects Need Critical Discourse Analysis: Interrogating Race, Class, Sexuality, Poverty & Nationalism**
Organized Panel Discussion & Workshop *(Room 245)*

- Justin Uehlein – American University
  *In The Mines, Pulled Out Of Time: Metaphors of Americanism and the Production of Ideology*
- Laura Jung – American University
  *Understanding Humanitarian Orders of Discourse*
- Taimur Khan – American University
  *Mock Pashto in Comedic Language Practices in Pakistan: Indexing Pashtuns as Hypermasculine, Clownish and Inauthentic Citizens*
- Nikki Lane – American University
  *“That's That Shit I Don't Like”: Ratchet Music in Black Queer Women’s Scene Space*

  *Discussant: Dr. William Leap – American University*

**Activism & Anthropology**
Individual Paper Presentations *(Room 247)*

- Rachel Mulroy & Sandra Faiman-Silva – Bridgewater State University
  *“OK, so I've been doing activist anthropology all along”: Grass Roots Organizing in SE Massachusetts*
- Kelsey Chatlosh – George Washington University
  *Claiming Public Space: Collective Art Actions in Pinochet-era Chile*
- Daniel Reyes – Food Bank of Delaware
  *“I've Never Seen an Apple Before”: Addressing Nutritional Inequality and Restoring Cultural Vitality in Delaware’s Public Spaces*
- Amanda Sliby – Student Farmworker Alliance
  *The Campaign for Fair Food: Reflective Action to Change the World*
- Mark Porter Webb – CUNY Graduate Center
  *All of Society A Gigantic School: Toward A Movement-Centered Anthropology*
SUNDAY, October 6th

LUNCH BREAK (1:20 - 2:20 pm)

SESSION III (2:30 – 4:30 pm)

Ethics in Action
Organized Panel & Discussion (Room 200)
- Dr. Gretchen Schafft – American University
- Ruth Sando, Ph.D. – Sando and Associates
- Judith Freidenburg – University of Maryland - College Park
- Elijah Edelman – American University
- Audrey Cooper – American University
- Adam Koons – Relief International
- Jenny Masur – National Underground Network to Freedom, National Park Service
- Deborah Murphy – Department of Research Programs, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Urban Anthropology
Individual Paper Presentations (Room 245)
- Allie Martin – American University
  Crank & Groove: Changing the Public Perception of Gogo Music in Washington, D.C.
- Geneva Morris – Lawyers Committee for Better Housing (Chicago)
  Rental Housing in Chicago: Collaborating in Response to Vacant Properties and Crime by Promoting Housing Stability to Protect Neighborhood Vitality and Diversity
- Aidyn Mills – University of Virginia
  Navigating the Extraordinary and Ordinary, Crisis and Precarity
- Rizvi Mubbashir – Georetown University
  NGOs, Urban Activists and the Scale of Peasant Struggle on Pakistan Military Farms
- Christopher Carrico – Towson University
  Research, Activism, and Public Anthropology in Georgetown, Guyana

KEYNOTE SPEAKER (5 - 6:30 pm, Rooms 4 and 5)

Dr. Faye Harrison – University of Florida
Building Networks, Coalitions, and Publics for Anthropological Praxis

Brief Biography
Dr. Harrison is a political anthropologist interested in culture, politics, and political economy as they relate to forms of social inequality. Her approach is one that emphasizes race, gender, class, and (trans)national identity as interlocking dimensions of difference, inequality, and power. Over the years, Dr. Harrison has done extensive ethnographic and documentary research in the United States, Great Britain, and the Caribbean; however, her research interests have taken her to other places as well, including Mexico, Denmark, South Africa, and China.
**SPECIAL THANKS**

We’d like to extend a sincere thank you to Dr. Faye Harrison for joining us this year as our keynote speaker for the 10th Annual Public Anthropology Conference at American University.

We’d like to welcome Dr. Chapura Kusimba to the American University Anthropology Department, and to thank him for organizing our keynote panel.

To Dr. Emily Steinmetz, Jennifer Miranda, Mark Hamilton and to all of our volunteers: your support and dedication has been invaluable to the success of this event.

Thank you to Georgetown Bagels for providing healthy meals for everyone.

We are grateful to the Anthropology Department of American University for creating such a spectacular event and continuing to host it for 10 years.

Thanks to all of the wonderful presenters who attended and shared work with us. The conference was enriched by each of your contributions.

Finally, we’d also like to thank our co-sponsors, the College of Arts & Sciences, the Center for Diversity & Inclusion, and the Library at American University.

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**ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

**MA in Public Anthropology**

The master's degree program in public anthropology prepares students in archaeology and cultural/social anthropology for careers in public service, community organizing, and social advocacy. Through coursework, research projects, and internship experiences, graduate students explore the workings of culture, power, and history in everyday life and acquire skills in critical inquiry, problem solving, and public communication. Coursework in related fields, including sociology, public history, education, international development, justice, law, and society, further enhances these perspectives and skills. Public anthropology MA students may focus their graduate studies in cultural/social anthropology or in archaeology. Both concentrations combine classroom and experiential/field-based learning activities as appropriate for each student's career plans and goals.

Pathways after graduation range widely and alumni are working as researchers, public intellectuals, community leaders, and grassroots organizers. Anthropology master's graduates are prepared for employment in the D.C. area, other U.S. locations, and international settings. They work with projects in such areas as cultural resource management, women's and minority health, educational equity, refugee resettlement, human rights, and environmental justice. All Department of Anthropology graduates will be prepared to engage the possibilities of anthropological theory and method for illuminating social problems, past and present, articulating social justice, and building social change.

**PhD in Anthropology**

The PhD degree program in anthropology provides opportunities for doctoral-level training in urban anthropology; ethnicity; the anthropology of work; the anthropology of development; language, culture and cognition; gender and culture; cross-cultural quantitative analysis; and historic and public archaeology. Concentrations are offered in cultural/social anthropology or archeology and race, gender, and social justice. Coursework draws on anthropology's four-field tradition and on the cross-cultural and interdisciplinary resources within the College of Arts and Sciences and across the university. Doctoral students will find ample opportunities for developing skills in public anthropology within the PhD program.

The anthropology PhD program is committed to working with students from diverse backgrounds, including those traditionally under-represented in higher education. Diverse voices and perspectives are fundamental to this program.

Doctoral students are encouraged to explore policy-oriented questions as well as more traditional, academic themes in any of the areas. Dissertations in archaeology and cultural/social anthropology examine the dynamics of culture, power, and history in North America, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East.

The anthropology PhD program has rich funding opportunities for highly qualified applicants and encourages research projects in both the U.S. and international settings.

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**NOTE:** All MGC rooms are equipped for Power Point presentations.