

Anthropology



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Anthropology, by its very nature, is an interdisciplinary enterprise, and is sought out by many other disciplines for cross-fertilization of ideas. Emory's graduate program in Anthropology foregrounds cultural and biological anthropology, placing special emphasis on cultivating dialogues and combinations of people, interests, and ideas that cross, connect, and transcend the field's received sub-disciplines.

Our doctoral program balances rigorous courses with a tutorial approach to advanced subjects and is designed to be intense and demanding for both students and faculty. We encourage a diversity of doctoral research agendas across the entire range of cultural and biological anthropology. We believe that the successful anthropologists of the future are created not through a monolithic theoretical orientation but through exposure to alternative explanatory paradigms. As a whole, our program provides students with a grounding in cultural and biological anthropology that is sophisticated and unique. Specialization within cultural or biological sub-fields is encouraged, as are combinations and creative dialogues between them.

Program Features

Our core program is a series of courses and seminars that gives advanced training in cultural and biological anthropology, including a pro-seminar introducing the work of all the faculty in the department. Our areas of focus have been built upon faculty strengths in a number of areas and enriched with new hires over the last several years. They include:

- History, Narrative, and Politics
- Practice, Power, and Representation
- Human Development, Diversity, and Life History
- Food, Nutrition, and Anthropology
- Gender and Sexuality
- Development, Political Economy and Sustainability
- Media, Communication, and Culture
- Primatology and Behavioral Ecology
- Early Hominin Environments, Subsistence and Cognition
- Human Social Neuroscience
- Medical Anthropology and Global Health

DISCOVER

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Emory University has outstanding facilities in support of anthropological research. A wide range of affiliated institutions, university departments, programs, and divisions provide anthropology graduate students with a unique, interdisciplinary experience.

Students in biological anthropology have available a range of resources and opportunities both within the program and in the broader research community. Students may participate in five fully equipped research laboratories housed within Anthropology: the Laboratory of Reproductive Ecology and Environmental Toxicology, the Laboratory for Comparative Human Biology, the Laboratory of Biogeochemical Anthropology, the Laboratory for Darwinian Neuroscience, the Paleolithic Technology Laboratory, and the Human Osteology Laboratory. Cultural students may also participate in the Media Publics and Critical Discourse Laboratory. Outside the program, opportunities for research include:

- The Center for Behavioral Neuroscience (CBN) which fosters innovative research in behavioral neuroscience with a focus on the neurobiology of social behavior.
- The Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center, which maintains a facility on the Emory campus and also a field station just outside of Atlanta, near Lawrenceville, Georgia.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located near campus, provides important collaborative opportunities in medical anthropology. Anthropology faculty also have close ties to the School of Public Health.



Resources are equally rich for students interested in cultural anthropology:

- The Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life (MARIAL) focuses its research on the functions and significance of ritual and myth in dual wage-earner middle-class families in the American South. The MARIAL Center offers graduate fellowships for doctoral research on some aspect of ritual, narrative or mythology in middle-class American family life.
- The Anthropology department also has strong affiliations with African Studies, African-American Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Post-Colonial Studies Group, the Graduate Institute of Liberal Arts, History, Linguistics and Psychology. Emory faculty associated with the University's Institute of African Studies comprise one of the largest groups of Africanist anthropologists in the United States, and Emory's Department of Women's Studies offers one of the few freestanding Ph.D. programs in Women's Studies in the country.

The Woodruff Library includes over two million volumes, major journals, the Human Relations Area Files, CD-ROM databases, a highly efficient inter-library loan system, and online catalog services. The Pitts Theological Library houses excellent collections on issues of colonialism and religion. The Carter Center of Emory University, affiliated with the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, also offers potential research resources.

Visit our website at www.anthropology.emory.edu/department/facilities.html to link to information about the sites mentioned above—an easy way to explore the many Emory Anthropology-related resources.

Curriculum

The program requires three years of full-time coursework, followed by dissertation research and write-up.

In their second and third years of study, graduate students intensify their individual research agendas and formulate in-depth research proposals. We give great attention to the research interests and needs of each student. Yearly review by faculty and careful monitoring of students' developing research plans are prominent aspects of the program. Public presentation of research proposals for departmental review exposes students to the dynamics of constructive collegial criticism, and enhances the probability of obtaining extramural research funding.

Doctoral research, dissertation, and the dissertation defense complete the program.

We emphasize attentiveness to students' research and professional goals at each stage of their education, including help in the process of finding postdoctoral funding and employment.

Training in Teaching

Graduate students participate in the Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity (TATTO) program offered through the Graduate School. Usually at the beginning of their second year of study, students attend a summer course on teaching. After completing the course, they take a program-specific course on pedagogy, and engage in a series of mentored and progressively more independent teaching assistant assignments.

Students who successfully complete these phases of TATTO and who have been admitted to Ph.D. candidacy are eligible to compete for the prestigious Dean's Teaching Fellowships, which provide sixth-year support and full responsibility for teaching one course during the academic year.

Students

Emory's graduate program in Anthropology receives applications from a wide range of the most highly qualified national and international candidates. We are most interested in intellectually committed, highly motivated students with strong credentials and important research goals—across the entire range of cultural and biological anthropology.

We welcome applications from minority and foreign students; our program has a strong record of supporting students' needs in these as well as other areas.

Because of our high level of support for all students, our program is highly selective. The average incoming class is 5 to 7 students, with about 40 doctoral students enrolled at any time.

Anthropology's website has information about all of our current students as well as our alumni, including educational background and research projects (www.anthropology.emory.edu/).

Throughout the years, our students have been successful in obtaining grants and fellowships from intra- and extra-mural sources. Past and current grants have been awarded from prestigious sources such as NSF, NRSA, Fulbright-Hayes, Mellon Foundation, Leakey, and Wenner-Gren.

Our students are also very active in the presentation and publication of their research. During 2008-09, for example, they authored 46 publications, including 41 peer-reviewed journal articles and 5 book chapters. Students presented a total of 51 papers or posters at scientific meetings and symposia, and organized or moderated 3 sessions at scientific meetings.

Graduates of the Anthropology program work in academia and for government agencies. Recent graduates have successfully competed for faculty positions and post-doctoral fellowships at Harvard University, Smith College, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Indiana (Purdue), the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, SUNY (New Paltz), Wagner College, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Santa Fe Institute, Middlebury College, University of Arizona, University of the Pacific, Georgia State University and Washington University. Other alumni are pursuing successful careers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).





Faculty

We have a core faculty of 21, and a large number of adjunct and associated faculty members with primary appointments in other fields.

Our faculty as a whole is distinguished by outstanding research productivity, and many members are leading figures, nationally and internationally, in their fields.

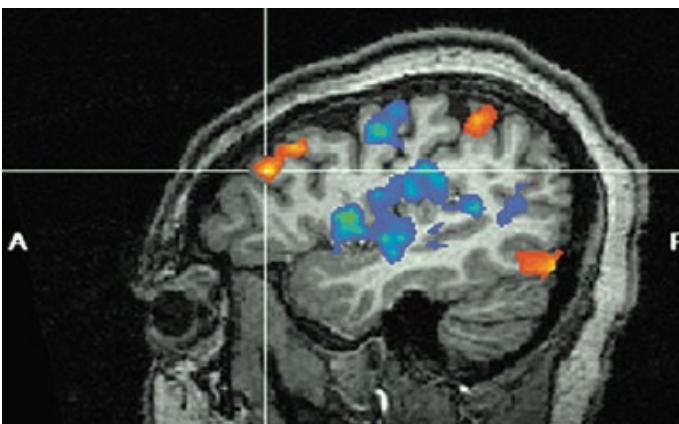
Our website has a complete list of faculty with research interests and other information, with links to their individual pages when available. Please visit www.anthropology.emory.edu/faculty/index.html

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