

UCLA DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY



MA Recipients & PhD Graduates

2021-22



The Department of Anthropology at UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of **Tovaangar** (the Los Angeles basin and South Channel Islands).

As a land grant institution, we are grateful to have the opportunity to work for the **taraaxotam** (indigenous peoples, in Tongva) in this place. We pay our respects to **Honuukvetam** (ancestors), **'Ahihirom** (Elders), and **'Eyoohiinkem** (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

CONGRATS, CLASS OF 2022!

On June 8, 2022 the Department of Anthropology held a hybrid event honoring our MA recipients and PhD graduates. Along with our colleagues and very hardworking staff who made the event possible, we were so happy to see many of you attend this important celebration.

While this year was also far from the “normal” we all continue to crave, we made it to the hybrid stage! We gathered for last year’s celebration event only virtually, and had to invoke an imagined podium, and imagined drinks, snacks, and conversations between old and new friends and colleagues. We announced graduates over Zoom, and watched as their families and friends toasted them from far-flung living rooms. This year, we made some progress: a real balcony, with real toasts! As anthropologists, one of our concerns is with the ways that material things mediate social relationships, and we remembered this as we raised our glasses — er, plastic cups — to honor our graduates. However, we anthropologists are also interested in the affordances of technologies — what these tools can and cannot do — and we are pretty grateful for the affordances of Zoom, which allow us to expand our community outside of the borders of the Reading Room’s physical space.

To our MA recipients: The Department would like to recognize that many of you had to revise or radically redesign your research project due to health concerns and travel constraints, yet managed to produce top-notch scholarship. Congratulations on completing this important milestone!

To our PhD graduates: As many people in the Department know quite well, the writing stage of a dissertation can be a lonely time, made even more lonely by quarantine and social distance. All of you **doctors** have done exemplary work in this challenging context. Congratulations on completing this chapter of your academic journey and the achievement of earning your doctorate. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Thank you, graduates, for providing us with the occasion to gather and celebrate your considerable achievements. And thank you, family and friends of our graduates, for supporting them not just during the June 8 celebration event, but throughout the years.



Erin Debenport
Vice Chair of Graduate Studies
Associate Professor



C. Jason Throop
Department Chair
Professor



MA Recipients

**EMILIA ROSE ØRSTED
HOLMBECK, MA**

Co-Chairs: Douglas W. Hollan & Linda Garro

**CONTEXTUALIZING PTSD AS
DIAGNOSIS AND
INTERVENTION: SITUATING
TRAUMA AND THE
SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF
SUFFERING IN LOCALLY
MEANINGFUL WORLDS**

**JEWELL RUTH-ELLA HUMPHREY,
MA**

Co-Chairs: Stephen Acabado & Justin Dunnivant

**HARBORING HISTORY: A
MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGICAL
ANALYSIS OF AN 18TH
CENTURY SHIPWRECK IN
CORAL BAY, ST. JAN**



LILLIAN KOHN, MA

Chair: Susan Slyomovics

**PUBLIC MOURNING, ONLINE
SPACES: VIRTUAL
MEMORIALIZATION AND
BINATIONAL GRIEF IN
ISRAEL-PALESTINE**

**NAAKOSHIE AWURAMA MILLS,
MA**

Chair: Laurie Hart

**PAR FOR THE CORPS: BLACK
DIPLOMATS AND RACE IN U.S.
FOREIGN POLICY**

ABDULLAH PUCKETT, MA

Chair: Philippe Bourgois

**DECARCERATION AND SOCIAL
JUSTICE ACTIVISM IN SOUTH
CENTRAL LA**

**MATTHEW JAMES SCHNEIDER,
MA**

Chair: Hannah Appel

**AGAINST ACCOUNTABILITY:
POLICING AND PUBLIC
KNOWLEDGE IN LOS ANGELES**

DOĞA TEKIN, MA

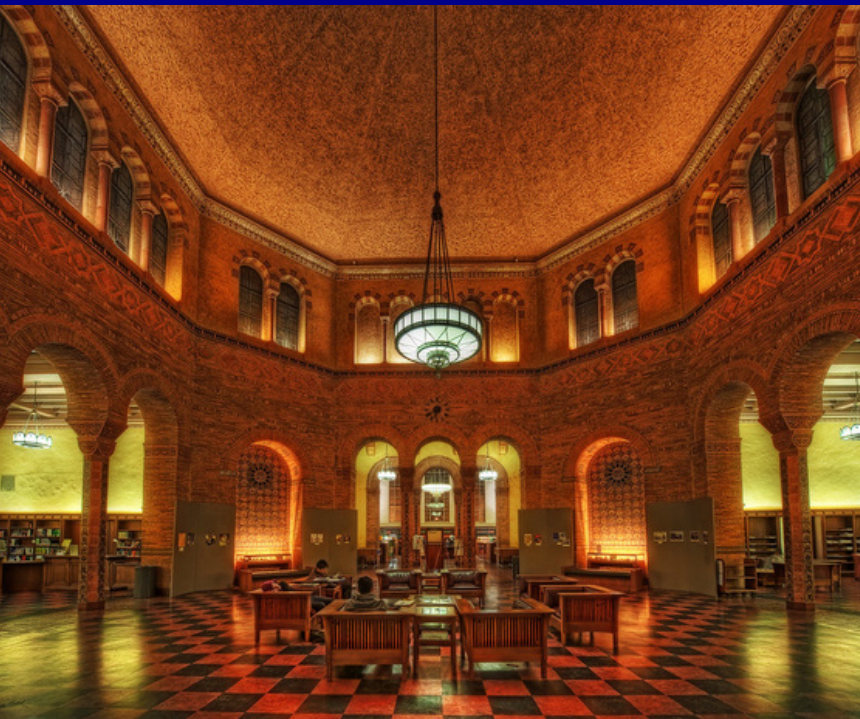
Co-Chairs: Erin Debenport & Paul V. Kroskrity

**CLAIMING BIG SUR: HOW
PLACES ENTER SEMIOSIS**

KIMBERLY TANYA ZHU, MA

Chair: Abigail Bigham

**GENOMIC FEATURES
UNDERLYING ANDEAN HIGH-
ALTITUDE ADAPTIVE
HEMOGLOBIN LEVELS**



PhD Recipients

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**BRITTANY NICOLE
FLORKIEWICZ, PHD**

Chair: Brooke Scelza

**PROPERTIES OF FACIAL
SIGNALING IN CAPTIVE
CHIMPANZEES (PAN
TROGLODYTES)**



YANINA GORI, PHD

Co-Chairs: Hannah Appel & C. Jason Throop

**RE/MEDIATING REVOLUTION:
CULTIVATING SOLIDARITY IN
A CUBAN QUEER COMMUNITY**

"Thank you to El Mejunje, my committee members and the faculty at UCLA, my wonderful fellow graduates, friends and family."

ZACHARY MONDESIRE, PHD

Chair: Hannah Appel

**REGION-CRAFT: AN
ETHNOGRAPHY OF SOUTH
SUDAN'S TRANSNATIONAL
INTELLIGENTSIA**

LAUREN TEXTOR, PHD

Co-Chairs: Philippe Bourgois & Laurie Hart

**DESERVING ABANDONMENT:
GOVERNING PAIN AND
ADDICTION ACROSS U.S.
OPIOID LANDSCAPES.**



Congratulations!