The Anthropology Department emphasizes the holistic study of the human condition. Our students’ interests range from world cultures and global challenges, to human rights and human origins. Students in Macalester’s Anthropology Department travel the United States and the world studying issues as diverse as globalization, environmental problems, public health, identity and religion. The department emphasizes the practice of anthropology and fieldwork. Students may major or minor in anthropology.

**Faculty**

**Olga Gonzalez,** associate professor and chair, teaches courses on Latin America, psychological anthropology, violence, museum anthropology, and anthropological theory. Her work studies the relationship between memory and secrecy in the context of war and violence, which she explores in her book *Unveiling Secrets of War in the Peruvian Andes.* She was also the curator of the exhibit *Ayacucho: The Times of Danger.* Her current research focuses on memory and visuality in “post-conflict” Peru.

**Ron Barrett,** associate professor, is a cultural and medical anthropologist whose research concerns the social aspects of infectious diseases, religious healing, and the ways that human beings come to terms with their own mortality. He is the author of *An Unnatural History of Emerging Infections* (with George Armelagos) and *Aghor Medicine: Pollution, Death, and Healing in Northern India.* He is also co-editor (with Peter Brown) of *Understanding and Applying Medical Anthropology.* He has conducted fieldwork in Northern and Western India as well as in the United States.

**Arjun Guneratne,** professor, teaches courses on South Asian society and culture, the anthropology of development, environmental anthropology, and ethnographic interviewing. His books include *Mary Tongues, One People: The Making of Tharu Identity in Nepal; Culture and the Environment in the Himalaya; and Pathways to Power: The Domestic Politics of South Asia.* He is currently working on a book about the history of ornithology in Sri Lanka. He has conducted fieldwork in Nepal and Sri Lanka.

**Scott Legge,** associate professor, is a biological anthropologist with research interests in human and non-human primate skeletal biology, as well as areas of growth and development in both skeletal and living populations. His recent publications include “News and Views: Response to 'Non-metric Dental Traits and Hominin Phylogeny’” by Carter et al., *Journal of Human Evolution; “Evaluation of the Utility of Deciduous Molar Morphological Variation in Great Ape Phylogenetic Analysis,” Dental Anthropology; “Geographic Variation in Non-metric Dental Traits of the Deciduous Molars of Pan and Gorilla,” International Journal of Primatology; “Dental Morphology and the Phylogenetic ‘Place’ of Australopithecus Sediba,” Science; and “Dentoalveolar Abscess Variation among Three Groups of Chimpanzees (Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii, Pan troglodytes troglodytes, and Pan paniscus),” International Journal of Paleopathology.*

**Dianna Shandy,** professor, received her PhD from Columbia University. Her research projects include a collaboration with UNHCR, in Geneva for the Global Initiative on Somali Refugees; ethnographic studies of the South Sudanese (Nuer) diaspora; and African asylum seekers in Ireland. She is the author/editor of *Nuer-American Passages: Globalizing Sudanese Migration; Glass Ceilings and 100-Hour Couples; The Cultural Experience: Ethnography in Complex Society, Rethinking Refugee and Displacement; and Conformity and Conflict: Readings in Cultural Anthropology,* 15th ed.

**Recent Topics Courses**

- Art and Sustainability in Latin America
- Conflict in African Societies
- Cultural Resource Management
- Food and Culture
- Gender, Power, and Sexualities in Africa
- Politics of Truth and Memory in Latin America
- Sustainability and the Modern World

**Honors Projects**

- **Andrea Grimaldi, ’16 (Villa Mercedes, Argentina), “When the Young Men Leave: Tharu Male Out-migration and the Impact of Remittances in Improving Stay Behind Families’ Livelihoods”**
- **Sophie Keane ’16 (Columbia, Md.), Gem sa bop (believe in yourself): “Gender Performance and Empowerment among Senegalese Women Hip-hop Artists”**
- **Nana Charlene Adubea Toa-Kwapong ’16 (Flekke, Norway), “Taking It Back to the Motherland: The Untold Tales of Accra’s Returnees”**

**Resources**

The Anthropology Department’s Ethnographic Laboratory includes state-of-the-art computers, printers, recorders, transcribing equipment, and digital cameras. Computers are equipped with ATLAS.ti, a qualitative data analysis software package.

The Biological Anthropology Laboratory houses the department’s skull cast collection containing some of the most important fossil finds in human evolution from the past four million years as well as numerous casts of living primates.

**Scholarships, Grants, and Awards**

Each year the department gives four awards to graduating seniors to recognize outstanding scholarship, research and service. In addition, several Spradley Summer Research Fellowships are given to support independent student research.
and an annual award is made to recognize the best student ethnography written in the research methods course.

McCurdy Award for special excellence in anthropological research: Nana Charlene Aduba Toa-Kwapong ’16 (Flekke, Norway) and Sophie Keane ’16 (Columbia, Md.)

Sonia Patten Award for contributing most to the formal and informal programs of the Anthropology department: Cecilia Mayer ’16 (Seattle)

Spradley Award for outstanding scholarship in anthropological course work and research: Andrea Grimaldi ’16 (Villa Mercedes, Argentina)

Weatherford Award for Best Senior Capstone: Katherine Meier ’16 (Madison, Conn.)

Spradley Summer Research Fellowships
Caroline Vellenga-Buban ’17, (Monmouth, Ill.), researching LGBTQ parents and reproductive politics.

Rachel Ladd ’17 (Lewisburg, Pa.), researching community engagement and cultural citizenship of Latinos in the Twin Cities.

Ethnography Prize Winner
Sara Saltman ’15 (Honolulu), “Social School Work and Public Middle Schools in America”

Fulbright Scholarship
Anne Gavin ’15 (St. Paul) is a Fulbright–Schuman grantee, researching immigration in the Mediterranean.

Sara Rasmussen ’14 (Wayzata, Minn.) received a Fulbright to study healthcare in Nepal.

Student-Faculty Summer Research Collaborations
Professor Scott Legge and Sierra Sater ’18 (Oconomowoc, Wis.), received a Collaborative Summer Research Award from the Gordon Harrison Summer Research Fund for a project entitled: “From the Inside Out: X-ray Micro-CT Analysis of Healed Traumatic Injuries in New World Monkeys.”

Other Awards
Mellon Mays Fellowship: Andrea Kvietok ’18 (Lima, Peru) for ethnographic research in Senegal

ACM-Graduate School Exploration Fellowships: Cecilia Caro ’18 (Iliff, Colo.), Giselle Lora ’18 (Troy, N.Y.), Allegra Wyatt ’18 (Portland, Ore.)

Critical Language Scholarship: Cecilia Mayer ’16 (Seattle), to study Bahasa in Indonesia. She hopes to combine these language skills with her graduate study in physical anthropology.

American Association of Physical Anthropologists’ 2016 Sherwood Washburn Award for exemplary student research: Cecilia Mayer ’16 (Seattle).

Live it! Award: Sophie Kurschner ’18 (Portland, Ore.) with anthropology alum Jonathan Goh ’15 (Houston) and three other Macalester students to work with local refugee organizations in Munich, Germany, regarding efficiency of aid being provided to refugees and asylum seekers.

Macalester’s Presidential Leadership Awards: Andrea Grimaldi ’16 (Villa Mercedes, Argentina) and Nana Charlene Aduba Toa-Kwapong ’16 (Flekke, Norway)

Department of Multicultural Life’s Outstanding Senior Award “HARAMBEE!”: Nana Charlene Aduba Toa-Kwapong ’16 (Flekke, Norway)

Study Away
In recent years, Macalester Anthropology majors have participated in study away programs in Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Senegal, Tanzania, Turkey, and several other countries.

Internships
Andrea Grimaldi ’16 (Villa Mercedes, Argentina), United Nations Association of Minnesota

Sophie Macks ’16 (San Francisco), World Savvy in Minneapolis

Katherine Meier ’16 (Madison, Conn.), Como Park Zoo, St. Paul, working with primates

Nana Charlene Aduba Toa-Kwapong ’16 (Flekke, Norway), Loft Literary Center and East Side Freedom Library

After Macalester
Andrea Grimaldi ’16 (Villa Mercedes, San Luis, Argentina) is a health and wellness assistant coordinator at Centro Tyrone Guzman in the Twin Cities.

Cecilia Mayer ’16 (Seattle) is a research assistant at the Tuanan Orangutan Research Project in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Gabrielle Morgenstern ’16 (Newton, Mass.) is a health program representative, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention & Control Division at Minnesota Department of Health.

Anissa Abdel-Jellil ’15 (Founex, Switzerland) is a fellow at URI (United Religions Initiative) North America in the Twin Cities.

Jonathan Goh ’15 (Houston) is an international program management intern at American Refugee Committee in the Twin Cities.

Antara Nader ’15 (Glendale, Mass.) is an AmeriCorps Member with City Year in San Jose, Calif.

Sara Saltman ’15 (Honolulu) is an early childhood educator at Teach for America in Chicago.

Katherine Ehrenreich ’14 (Deerfield, Ill.) is an associate technical advisor at Population Services International (PSI) in Laos working on the Women’s Health Project.

Sasha Lansky ’14 (Amherst, Mass.) is an international justice associate at Human Rights Watch in New York City.

Gina Megson ’14 (Portland, Ore.) is pursuing a master’s of public health at the University of Washington–Seattle.

Beth Moretzsky ’13 (Randolph, N.J.) is getting a master's in anthropology with a medical concentration from George Washington University.

Zoe Tomasello ’13 (Los Angeles) is a professional development assistant at Inner–City Arts, Los Angeles.

Lucky Housesomboth ’10 (Victoria, Minn.) is in corporate compliance at UCare in the Twin Cities.

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