

Anthropology

► Anthropology seeks to understand the immense diversity of the human condition by studying how people and communities around the world live their lives. Home to the first anthropology class taught in the United States (1879), the University of Rochester's Department of Anthropology is now a leader in the study of globalization—how cultures are transformed by processes of political, economic, and cultural change. Through ethnographic study, Rochester anthropologists seek to better understand human behavior in a globally connected world.

Throughout their college experience, students can participate in research that explores topics such as global Islam, immigration, sustainability, global consumerism, human rights, and post-conflict justice. They learn from faculty members whose research focuses on issues related to contemporary globalization in its economic, political, and cultural dimensions and whose work is conducted in Australia, China, Honduras, Indonesia, Papua

New Guinea, the Philippines, Rwanda, and South Korea. Upon graduation, students have gained a critical view of how the world works.

Points of Pride

Fulbright Scholars

In the past four years, five anthropology students have received Fulbright Scholarships: Sara Dubois '10 (Russia), Jenna Miller '11 (Kazakhstan), Sorcha Dundas '12 (Nepal), Jyothi Purushotham '13 (India), and Anaise Williams '13 (Bangladesh).

Distinguished Faculty

In the 2011–12 academic year, Professor and Chair Robert Foster was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship. Assistant Professor Eleana Kim was recognized with an ACLS/SSRC/NEH International Area Studies Fellowship. Assistant Professor Daniel Reichman earned a Victor Turner Prize in Ethnographic Writing

for his book *The Broken Village: Coffee, Migration, and Globalization in Honduras*.

The Malawi Immersion Seminar

The department is home to the Malawi Immersion Seminar, an intensive summer program that brings students to a village in Malawi to participate in health, education, and agricultural development projects and fieldwork. The program provides students with transformational hands-on, experiential learning opportunities.

Lewis Henry Morgan

Morgan, a Rochester attorney in the late 1890s, is credited with creating the field of anthropology in North America with his groundbreaking studies of Native Americans. He donated his estate and bequeathed his papers and books to the University. The department hosts the prestigious Lewis Henry Morgan Lecture Series every fall. Now in its 50th year, it is the oldest anthropological lecture series in North America.



"The mentorship of the professors, the research opportunities, and the leadership experiences within the department helped me discover my passion for anthropology and what I want to do for the rest of my life."

Anaise Williams '13
anthropology major, Fulbright Scholar



How You Can Help

Gifts to the Department of Anthropology enrich faculty, students, and their research. Consider the following giving opportunities:

Scholarships

Supporting students is one of the highest priorities at Rochester. Endowing an undergraduate scholarship to enable the best and brightest to pursue education opportunities is one of the most enduring and meaningful ways an individual or organization can make a difference.

Professorships

Endowed professorships help to

attract and retain faculty of exceptional talent and are visible honors recognized across the University and by other top educational institutions. Investing in an endowed professorship gives donors the satisfaction of knowing their names will be forever linked to excellence in teaching and research.

Programs

Endow the Malawi Immersion Seminar or provide funds to replicate this field program in other sites. Or elevate the connection the University has with Lewis Henry Morgan by endowing the annual lecture series or creating a

▲ Professor Kristin Doughty conducts research with local genocide courts, called "gacaca," in Rwanda 2008.

professorship in his name. Or show your support by funding anthropology conferences, film series programs, field trips, and other intellectual and career-oriented activities.

Research Grants

Faculty and undergraduate students depend on research grants. Providing funds helps them further their work abroad and covers travel, living expenses, equipment, and other research-related costs.

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