

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

This year the undergraduate anthropology program had 144 majors and 47 minors. Sixty-four and 24 minors graduated this year, eight with honors in anthropology and 28 with Latin Honors.

## Honors in Anthropology

- Margaret Cassidy-Blum

- Brandon Esenther

- Rachel Flamenbaum – “Speak Your Kasa’: Broadcasting the Language of Ambivalence in Accra”

- Sarah Knowles – “The Role of Absorption Centers in Gender Transformations among Ethiopian Immigrants to Israel”

- Vatche Tchekmedyan

- Kyle Viterbo

- Ashley Voroba

- Patrick Worth

## Latin Honors

### *Cum Laude*

Alexandra Bansal, Kathryn Cohan, Sona Desai, Monique Edwards, Brandon Esenther, Mathew Hadely, Elizabeth Hess, Kaitlyn Huegel, Rashmi Jose, Eugene Khan, Lauren Lindahl, Sarah Marwah, Jose Mejia, Jeanneth Nodland, Lindsey Reich, Parvin Taraz, Kyle Viterbo, Ashley Voroba, Pamela Walsh

### *Magna Cum Laude*

Margaret Cassidy-Blum, Rachel Flamenbaum, Tara Ingman, Sara Knowles, Rachel Moland, Catherine Muldoon, Vatche Tchekmedyan, Patrick Worth

### *Summa Cum Laude*

Fleur Porter

## **Elected to Phi Beta Kappa**

Daniel Coppeto, Tara Ingman, Karin Perro, Fleur Porter, Carissa White

## Awards

- Margaret Cassidy-Blum was awarded the Annette B. Weiner Award for excellence in her Anthropology major. She also received a Founder's Day award.

- Carlos Del Rio was awarded a Kranes Grant by the Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund in the amount of \$1,000 to support his research in Ecuador this summer.

- Rachael Flamenbaum won the Harold Acton Fellowship in

Fall 2005, the Edward Sapir Award in 2007, and the Sir Alfred Borgman Prize for best honors thesis in the Social Sciences.

- Tara Ingman received the Ranieri Travel Grant in summer 2006.

- Fleur Porter was awarded Phi Beta Kappa, inducted into the Red Dragon Honors Society, and received the Anthropology Department Prize.

- Kyle Viterbo received a \$1500 award from the Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund for travel to Philippines to examine fossil evidence from the Tabon Cave. She also won the Dean's Undergraduate Research Conference “Best Poster in Social Sciences” award for her thesis.

## CURRENT NEWS

- Joshua Klein received a year-long Education Fellowship at the Medicare Rights Center in NYC, starting in July.

- Whitney B. Reiner studied howler monkeys for a month at the La Suerte Biological Station while enrolled in a field school with Professor Michelle Bezanson.

- Stephanie Super is interning at the (NYC) American Museum of Natural History under the direction of Will Harcourt-Smith and Gary Sawyer.

- Ava Vitali is attending the Institute of Fine Arts next year, where she received a scholarship to study Egyptology. She is also participating in the NYU Institute of Fine Arts field survey this summer at the hellenistic site of Aphrodisias, in Turkey, with Prof. Christopher Ratte.

- John Stavrellis was awarded a fellowship to study Khmer in the University of Wisconsin's South East Asian Studies Summer Institute.

## ALUMNI NEWS

- Kit Yee Fung was accepted to NYU's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

- William Senders has been accepted into several medical schools and will most likely attend Oregon Health Sciences University for an MD.

- Gaurav Shah will attend the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in Fall 2007.

- Fleur Porter has been accepted to several medical schools, and will most likely attend Cornell Medical School.

- Laura Vogel will attend Brooklyn Law School in the fall to seek a J.D. in criminal and international law.

### AUSA

During the 2006-07 academic year, the Anthropology Undergraduate Student Association (AUSA) sponsored a number of events and activities, including:

- **Film Fridays**: a weekly film festival, occasionally accompanied by a discussion with food and refreshments offered when appropriate in keeping with the cultural theme of the film;
- **Museum Excursions and Exhibition Trips**: American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) for the opening of the new Hall of Human Origins and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Biological Anthropology department of AMNH, as well at the Margaret Mead Film Festival;
- **Info Sessions**: a series of information sessions to help the Anthropology Dept. undergraduate student population explore options in the study of anthropology of all four sub-disciplines. These sessions include:
  - **Graduate School Discussion**
  - **GRE Workshop**
  - **Field school Discussion**
  - **Insider's Info Session**
- **Weekly Newsletter**: which included a notice of programs available for NYU students to attend in the general New York City area such as lectures, exhibitions, film series, and cultural events; events held by AUSA; events held by anthropological and archaeological societies in NYC; grant and internship opportunities; and other anthropology-related news beneficial to the Anthropology undergraduate population of NYU;
- **Meet & Greet and Welcome Back**: general meetings held at the beginning of each semester allowing returning students and new students to interact in a less formal setting;
- **Special Events**:
  - **AIA's Dual Passions: Archaeology and Filmmaking**: AUSA proudly co-sponsored this event with the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA). The day-long event focused on a dialogue between archaeologists and documentary film makers. Two films and clips from three others were featured. Producers of each of the films provided commentary on their motivations, approaches, and intended audiences.
  - **The 2007 Annual American Association of Physical Anthropologist Meetings**: AUSA subsidized students' registration fees to attend the 2006 annual meetings, which were held in Philadelphia.
- **First Annual Anthropology Undergraduate Research Discussion**: This year, AUSA held the very first undergraduate research discussion in the department. With the goal of motivating underclassmen to take on research, upperclassmen with recently finished honors/senior theses shared their experiences and projects, within the four fields of anthropology, with one another. We hope very much that this will become a new tradition for AUSA and the department.

These events would not have been possible without the help of the Anthropology Undergraduate Student Association's advisor, Professor Rita Wright and Anthropology Director of Undergraduate Studies Professor Aisha Khan. We would also like to give our gratitude to the entire faculty of the department of Anthropology for their continual support of their undergraduates.

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