

Medusa Graduate Conference 2024: Communities

March 20th-22nd, 2024

Anthropology Organisations to Check Out

→ Fieldwork Initiative

Fieldwork Initiative works against gendered violence/sexual harassment during research fieldwork and in academia that is perpetuated against women/LGTBQIA+/POC individuals.

Reading:

<https://twitter.com/MeTooFieldwork>

→ National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA)

The National Association for the Practice of Anthropology works to support practising anthropologists both in and outside of academia. NAPA supports anthropologists and their contributions in bringing forward real-life solutions to communities, policymakers, and organisations through resources, networking, and mentorship programs.

Reading:

<https://practicinganthropology.org/practice/>

<https://practicinganthropology.org/mentoring-career/>

→ Disability Research Interest Group

The Disability Research Interest Group fosters disability research across all subfields of anthropology.

Reading:

<https://medanthro.net/interest-groups/drigr/>

→ Biological Anthropology Women's Mentoring Network

The Biological Anthropology Women's Mentoring Network promotes connection, professional development, events, resources, and a safe space for graduate-level women regardless of academic ranking or employment status.

Reading:

<https://bawmn.org/>

<https://bawmn.org/join-bawmn/>

→ Please Bring Me Home

Please Bring Me Home, a non profit organisation mostly run by volunteers, solicits anonymous tips on cold cases and missing persons in Canada and works to find and/or identify these individuals and bring them home to their loved ones.

Reading:

<https://pleasebringmehome.com/>

<https://pleasebringmehome.com/cases-2/>

→ Finding Ceremony

Finding Ceremony, stewarded by Dr. Lyra Monteiro and aAliy Muhammad, is a descendant community-controlled process, aiming to restore care for ancestors held in the Morton Cranial Collection, MOVE remains, and 12,000 additional individuals at the Penn Museum.

Reading:

<https://www.sapiens.org/biology/finding-ceremony-morton-collection-repatriation/>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19P-uTUNwALoswI_kaQ2CfYgTB83S_xVO/view

→ Trans Doe Task Force

Trans Doe Task Force (TDTF) is a trans-led non profit organisation that works on the cases of LGBTQ+ missing and murdered individuals. Trans Doe Task Force also educates law enforcement, the public, forensic professionals, and the media about the complexities and nuances of the cases that Trans Doe Task Force works on. The Trans Doe Task Force has their own in-house forensic genealogy team.

Reading:

<https://transdoetaskforce.org/>

<https://transdoetaskforce.org/index.php/case-map>

<https://xtramagazine.com/power/missing-trans-people-trans-doe-207739>

→ Black Trowel Collective

Black Trowel Collective works for archaeology students from working class and historically looted communities by providing microgrants to undergraduate and graduate students who need the financial support.

Reading:

<https://blacktrowelcollective.wordpress.com/>

→ Diggers' Forum

Diggers' Forum works to create a positive, sustainable, and financially stable career for all professional archaeologists, regardless of what stage they are at in their careers. Diggers' Forum specifically wishes to amplify the voices of those who are newer in the field and may have lower-ranking roles.

Reading:

<https://www.archaeologists.net/groups/diggers>

https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/DF_Statement_archaeology_shortages_v3.pdf

https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/CIfA_DF_business_plan_21-24.pdf

→ Field Inclusive

Field Inclusive is a non-profit organisation working to support field biologists in the natural sciences through addressing field safety issues, developing field safety resources, and providing financial aid and experiential learning opportunities to researchers.

Reading:

<https://www.fieldinclusive.org/services/>

<https://www.fieldinclusive.org/resources/>

→ Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group (AMHIG)

Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group functions as a forum for anthropologists and other scholars who conduct mental health-related work to network, share resources, and further research mental health and wellness through an anthropological lens.

Reading:

<https://amhig.medanthro.net/>

<https://amhig.medanthro.net/resources/>

→ Critical Anthropology for Global Health

Critical Anthropology for Global Health is a special interest group with an understanding of global health as people, communities, and ideologies being linked and transnational. Critical Anthropology for Global Health encourages anthropologists to involve themselves in global health issues and also provides global health resources.

Reading:

<https://cagh.medanthro.net/mission-statement/>