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# General Meeting Information

## Location of Meeting Events

The majority of Conference events will be held in the UMass Amherst Conference Center, at **1 Campus Center Way, Amherst MA 01003**.

Certain plenaries, sessions, and events (please see program for details) will be held in other central campus locations, such as Bowker Auditorium, the Commonwealth Honors College, or the Integrated Learning Center.

## Registration

Registration materials—including conference program, conference badges, and parking passes—as well as day of registration are available at the following times and locations:

<b>Thursday Oct 3</b>	<b>2:00-4:00pm</b> , 1st Floor Campus Center
<b>Friday Oct 4</b>	<b>7:45am-10:45am</b> , 1st Floor Campus Center <b>11:00am-5:00pm</b> , Campus Center Room 810 (Conference Registration Office)
<b>Saturday Oct 5</b>	<b>7:45am-10:45am</b> , 1st Floor Campus Center <b>11:00am-5:00pm</b> , Machmer Hall, Room 201 (Mail Room)

## Parking

Conference attendees and guests at Hotel UMass should park at the Campus Center Parking Garage, located at **1 Campus Center Way, Amherst MA 01003**. Follow the signs down to park on Level 2, and enter the Campus Center using the marked hallway. Stay to the left to walk through the main concourse, and follow the signs to conference registration, or proceed to the elevators for Hotel access.

Discounted parking passes will be made available with your registration materials. Hotel UMass guests will receive a complimentary parking pass to the Campus Center Parking Garage at hotel check-in.

## HOW TO USE DISCOUNT PARKING PASSES

Before getting in your car to leave for the day, take your gate ticket and the parking coupon to one of the garage pay stations (located on levels 2, 3, and 4). Enter your gate ticket and, when prompted, scan the parking coupon. This will offer you a discounted rate of \$6.50/day (at most), valid for one exit. Once your coupon has been applied, submit payment for any remaining balance. The pay station will return your gate ticket to you. Return to your car and follow signs to the garage exit. Insert your validated gate ticket to lift the exit gate as you drive out of the garage. This process will need to be repeated each day you attend the conference.

## ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Attendees with a valid state-issued reserved accessible license plate or placard may park in any marked Handicapped Space or any unrestricted, unreserved space or lot, at no charge, as long as your plate or placard is clearly displayed at all times during your stay. To locate reserved accessible parking, visit the UMass Parking Map, select the blue parking icon on the right, and click the "Handicapped Parking" option.

## Wifi

Free Wifi will be available for use throughout UMass's Campus. Login details will be provided in your welcome packet at registration.

## Name Badge

Please wear your name badge, provided at registration, for entry to all Engaging Anthropology Conference Activities, and for the duration of the conference.

## Local Transportation

There are multiple transportation options to get you from campus to amenities and attractions in the surrounding area. Amherst center, with local shops and restaurants, is a 15-20 minute walk or a 5 minute drive from campus. If you find you need to visit a grocery store, large retail store, or pharmacy during your stay, numerous options are located on University Drive and Russell Street (also known as Route 9) in neighboring Hadley, about a 5-10 minute trip from campus by car or bus. Retailers include CVS, Stop and Shop, Trader Joes, Target, and more.

Local buses, operated by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, run regularly between Amherst center and the University, with additional services traveling throughout the Pioneer Valley, including Northampton, Springfield, and Greenfield. If you'd rather take a car, UMass has partnered with Zipcar to bring on-demand car sharing services right to campus. The area is also serviced by a variety of cab companies, including Uber, Lyft, Celebrity Cab Company and Taxi Express. There are also a number of bicycle rentals around campus, including Valley Bike Share and Hampshire Bicycle Exchange.

## Eating on campus

Recently named "Best Campus Food in America" by the Princeton Review for the third year in a row, UMass Dining invites you to join our table!

### CAMPUS CENTER EATERIES

The [Blue Wall](#), located in the Campus Center, is one of the most popular and convenient dining options on campus. The Blue Wall has 10 different stations served a-la-carte. Offerings include pizza, salads, wraps, deli sandwiches, sushi, burgers, burritos, gelato, and more. [Harvest Market](#), located on the main concourse of the Campus Center, is a full service market serving healthy, sustainable, and delicious fare for on the go customers. The hot bar often features Indian, Ethiopian, traditional American, and many other world cuisines, and the salad bar is always stocked with in-season ingredients and freshly prepared salads. Need a quick pick-me-up or caffeine fix? [People's Organic Coffee](#), located on the main concourse of the Campus

Center across from Harvest Market, serves People's Organic Fair Trade coffees, as well as a variety of specialty coffee beverages, organic teas, locally baked pastries, fresh cookies, salads and paninis.

#### FOOD TRUCKS

Our food trucks, [Baby Berk](#) and [Baby Berk 2](#), are great options for a quick and convenient meal. Serving freshly prepared food truck fare, including burgers, wasabi steak tacos, grilled cheeses, tater tots and sweet potato fries, you are sure to leave satisfied. Checkout [@UMassBabyBerk](#) and [@UMassBabyBerk2](#) on Twitter to find daily schedules and location updates, and look for the trucks around campus during your stay!

#### **Lactation Room**

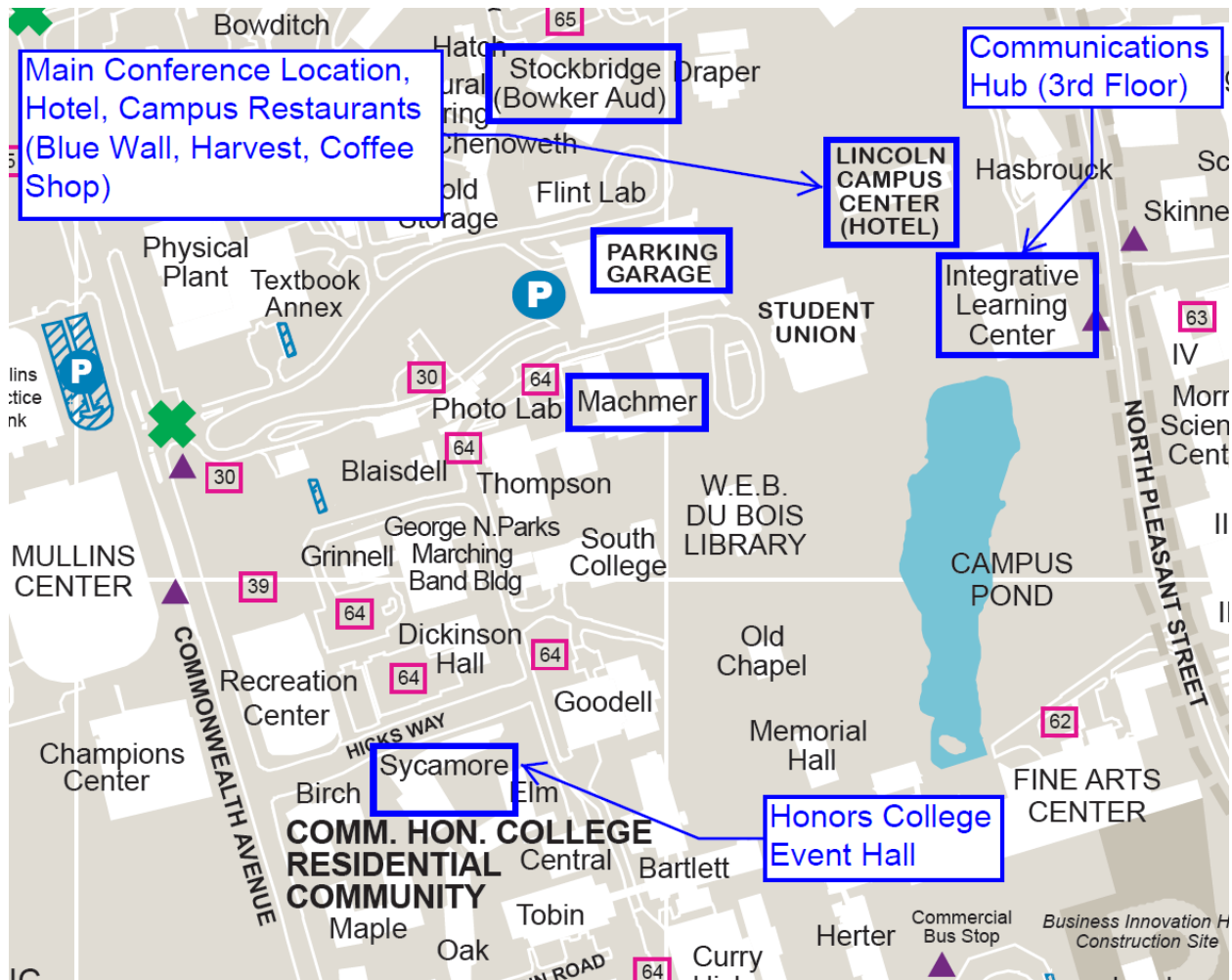
A lactation room will be made available in Machmer Hall, room 209. Please contact Beverly Morrison ([bmorrison@umass.edu](mailto:bmorrison@umass.edu), (413) 545-5939), or see conference staff for questions.

#### **Code of Conduct**

All attendees, speakers, sponsors and volunteers at our conference are required to agree with the following code of conduct. Organizers will enforce this code throughout the event. We expect cooperation from all participants to help ensure a safe environment for everybody. Our conference is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion (or lack thereof), or technology choices. We do not tolerate harassment of conference participants in any form. Conference participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the conference without a refund at the discretion of the conference organizers. Contact the conference organizers with any concerns or questions at [UMassAnthro50@gmail.com](mailto:UMassAnthro50@gmail.com).



# Map of Conference Locations



For full campus map, see registration packet, or visit: <https://my.umass.edu/campusmap>

For GPS directions, please head toward 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003 for Campus Center, Hotel UMass, and the UMass Parking Garage

# Conference Overview

## Thursday, October 3

- 2:00-4:00pm** On-Site Registration; 1st Floor Campus Center
- 2:00-3:30pm** Navigating Your First Conference, Conference Orientation and Workshop for Undergraduates  
Campus Center [CC] 165-69
- 4:30-6:00pm** **Plenary and Distinguished Lecturer in the Anthropology of Europe: *Hypothetically Speaking: Fictions of Europe at the Margins of Ethnography***,  
Communications Hub, 3rd Floor Integrated Learning Center [ILC]  
  
**Lilith Mahmud**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of California Irvine
- 6:00-6:30pm** **Plenary Reception**  
Communications Hub, 3rd Floor Integrated Learning Center (ILC)

## Friday, October 4

- 7:45-10:45am** On-Site Registration; 1st Floor Campus Center
- 8:15-10:00am** Panel Sessions A, Campus Center [CC]
- 10:15-12:00pm** Panel Sessions B, Campus Center [CC]
- 11:00am-5pm** On-Site Registration; Campus Center Room 810 (Conference Registration Office)
- 1:00-3:00pm** **Plenary Panel: *Engaging the Present, Envisioning Futures***,  
Bowker Auditorium, Stockbridge Hall  
  
**Jodi Dean**, Professor of Political Science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
**Arturo Escobar**, Kenan Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
**Stephen Healy**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for

Culture and Society at Western Sydney University and member of the Community Economies Collective

- 3:10-4:20pm** Panel Sessions C, Campus Center [CC]
- 4:30-6:00pm** **Plenary: *Soldiers and Kings: Visualizing Kinship, Race, and Violence on the Human Smuggling Trail***,  
Commonwealth Honors College [CHC] Event Hall  
**Jason De León**, Professor of Anthropology and Chicana/o Studies, University of California, Los Angeles
- 6:00-6:30pm** **Plenary Reception**  
Commonwealth Honors College [CHC] Event Hall
- 7:00-9:00pm** Conference and Departmental Celebration Dinner  
**[Advanced registration required]**  
Amherst Room, 10th Floor, Campus Center
- 9:30pm-12am** Dance Party  
[Open to all]  
Amherst Room, 10th Floor, Campus Center

## Saturday, October 5

- 7:45-10:45am** On-Site Registration; 1st Floor Campus Center
- 8:15-10:00am** Panel Sessions D, Campus Center [CC]
- 10:15am-12pm** Panel Sessions E, Campus Center [CC]
- 11:00am-5pm** On-Site Registration; Machmer Hall Room 201 (Mail Room)
- 1:00-2:45pm** **Plenary: *Homo naledi and the Chamber of Secrets***,  
Amherst Room, 10th Floor, Campus Center  
**Jeremy DeSilva**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Dartmouth College
- 3:00-5:30pm** **Machmer Hall Open House**  
(Undergraduate Poster Session, Open Labs, Participatory Timeline, Publication Rooms, Reception, and More)
- 3:00-4:45pm** Panel Sessions F (Times will vary, please see schedule),  
Campus Center [CC] and Machmer Hall

- 7:00-9:00pm**      **Plenary: *Black Feminism Today*,**  
Amherst Room, 10th Floor, Campus Center
- Whitney Battle-Baptiste**, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
**Dána-Ain Davis**, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Society, Graduate Center, CUNY  
**Riché J. Daniel Barnes**, Dean of Pierson College and Affiliate Professor of Anthropology at Yale University  
**Amanda Walker Johnson**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 9:00-10:00pm**      **Plenary Reception**  
Amherst Room and Hadley Room Foyer, 10th Floor Campus Center [CC]
- 10:00pm**            **Special Event: Moonlit Hike of Mount Sugarloaf**, led by Eric Johnson (UMass Amherst)  
Meet and Depart from Parking behind Machmer Hall

## Sunday, October 6

- 8:15am-12pm**      **Ethnographic Film Festival**  
Integrated Learning Center, ILC S240
- 8:15-10:00am**      Panel Sessions G, Campus Center [CC]
- 10:15am-12pm**      Panel Sessions H, Campus Center [CC]
- 12:00pm**            Conference Ends

# Engaging Anthropology Plenary Events and Speakers

## ***Hypothetically Speaking: Fictions of Europe at the Margins of Ethnography***

Thursday, October 3, 4:30-6:00pm, Communications Hub, 3rd Floor Integrated Learning Center [ILC]

**Lilith Mahmud** is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Irvine. She received her PhD in anthropology from Harvard University, and she specializes in critical European studies and feminist anthropology with particular expertise in the study of secrecy, transparency, migration, nationalism, gender, race, class, liberalism, and the Right. Her first book, "The Brotherhood of Freemason Sisters: Gender, Secrecy, and Fraternity in Italian Masonic Lodges" (University of Chicago Press, 2014), was awarded the William A. Douglass Prize for best ethnography in Europeanist anthropology. Professor Mahmud's second book project is a study of Italy's institutional responses to the intertwined crises of labor and migration focused on Italian cooperatives as the main socio-economic organizations handling the business of solidarity at the margins of Europe.



## ***Engaging the Present, Envisioning Futures***

Friday, October 4, 1:00-3:00pm, Stockbridge Bowker Auditorium

**Jodi Dean** is Donald R. Harter '39 Professor of the Humanities and Social Sciences in the Department of Political Science at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Dean is the author of a wide variety of work, contributing to political theory, media studies, and third-wave feminism, perhaps most notably with her theory of *communicative capitalism*—online communication that merges democracy and capitalism into a single neoliberal formation that favors emotional expression over logical discourse, subverting democratic will. Her book *Crowds and Party* (Verso, 2016), explores the power and potential of crowds, by examining how the Occupy Wall Street movement resonates with the idea of communicative capitalism. And in her forthcoming work, *Comrade: An Essay on Political Belonging* (Verso, 2019), Dean engages what she sees as a key problem with the contemporary left: the substitution of political identity for a relation of political belonging that must be built, sustained, and defended.



**Arturo Escobar** is Kenan Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His influential works have spanned areas of political ecology, ontological design, the anthropology of development, social movements, and technoscience. In his well-known book, *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World* (Princeton University Press, 1995), Escobar traces how development policies became mechanisms of control in the “Third World” that were just as pervasive as their colonial counterparts. In his newest work, *Designs for the Pluriverse: Radical Interdependence, Autonomy, and the Making of Worlds* (Duke University Press, 2018), Escobar takes up the recent ontological turn with an eye toward the global ecological crisis, attempting to imagine a different way of life, and a “new notion of the human.”



**Stephen Healy** is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Culture and Society at Western Sydney University. His research concentrates on the relationship between economy, subjectivity, and the enactment of new econo-socialities within areas of healthcare reform policy, cooperative and regional development, and the solidarity economy movement. His current project with Katherine Gibson and Jenny Cameron, *Reconfiguring the Enterprise: Shifting Manufacturing Culture in Australia*, involves a case study of reimagined futures of manufacturing in Australia. He is co-author of *Take Back the Economy: An Ethical Guide for Transforming our Communities* (University of Minnesota Press, 2013) and has published work in *Gender, Place, and Culture*, *Professional Geographer*, *Journal of Political Ecology*, and *Rethinking Marxism*. Healy is a founding member of the Community Economies Research Network (CERN).



## ***Soldiers and Kings: Visualizing Kinship, Race, and Violence on the Human Smuggling Trail***

Friday, October 4, 4:30-6:00pm, Commonwealth Honors College Event Hall

**Jason De León** is Professor of Anthropology and Chicana/o Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. His areas of expertise include theories of violence, materiality, Latin American migration, photoethnography, forensic science, and archaeology of the contemporary. He is director of the Undocumented Migration Project, a long-term study of clandestine border crossing that uses a combination of ethnographic, archaeological, visual, and forensic approaches to understanding border crossing in a variety of geographical contexts. De León is the author of the award-winning book, *The Land of Open Graves: Living and Dying on the Migrant Trail*, in which he sheds light on the human consequences of U.S. immigration policy. His current work, entitled *Soldiers and Kings*, employs the lens of photoethnography to examine the daily lives of Honduran smugglers moving migrants across Mexico.



## ***Homo naledi and the Chamber of Secrets***

Saturday, October 5, 1:00-2:45pm,  
Campus Center Amherst Room

**Jeremy DeSilva** is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Dartmouth College. He is a paleoanthropologist, specializing in the locomotion of the first apes (hominoids) and early human ancestors (hominins). His recent work has focused on the origins and evolution of upright walking in the human lineage. Additionally, he is part of the research team that has discovered and described two new hominin species: *Australopithecus sediba* and *Homo naledi*. He has studied wild chimpanzees in Western Uganda and early human fossils in museums throughout Eastern and South Africa. From 1998-2003, he worked as an educator at the Boston Museum of Science and continues to be passionate about science education. No human, or proto-human remains will be shown during this presentation.



## ***Black Feminism Today***

Saturday, October 5, 7:00-9:00pm, Campus Center Amherst Room

**Whitney Battle-Baptiste** is Professor of Anthropology and Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Center, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Her research focuses on how the intersection of race, gender, class, and sexuality appear through an archaeological lens. Her current work explores the complexities of navigating a community-based archaeological project at the Millars Plantation site on the Bahamian Island of Eleuthera. Her first book, *Black Feminist Archaeology* (Left Coast Press, 2011) outlined the tenets of Black feminist thought for archaeologists and shows how it can be used to improve contemporary historical archaeology as a whole. Battle-Baptiste recently joined with Du Bois center colleague Britt Russert to edit *W.E.B. Du Bois's Data Portraits: Visualizing Black America* (Princeton Architectural Press, 2018), which featured the colorful charts, graphs, and maps produced by W.E.B. Du Bois for the 1900 Paris Exposition to visually represent the experience of Black Americans.



**Dána-Ain Davis** is Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Society at the CUNY Graduate Center. Davis's areas of specialization include black studies, family and sexual violence, reproductive rights, poverty and welfare policy, and women's studies. She has written extensively on the topics of race, gender, and inequality, most recently taken up in her book, *Reproductive Injustice: Racism, Pregnancy and Prematurity* (NYU Press 2019), in which she examines role that medical racism plays in the lives of black women who have given birth to premature infants.





**Riché J. Daniel Barnes** is Dean of Pierson College, Affiliate Professor of Anthropology, and Co-Director of the Mellon Mays and Edward A. Bouchet Undergraduate Fellowship Programs at Yale University. A socio-cultural anthropologist, Barnes's research focuses on a broad range of issues concerning Black families throughout the African Diaspora, including schools and communities, Black women's roles as mothers, and gender as it relates to marriage, career, and motherhood. Barnes is author of *Raising the Race: Black Career Women Redefine Marriage, Motherhood, and Community* (Rutgers Press, 2016), nominated for an NAACP award, and winner of the 2017 Distinguished Book Award for the Race, Gender, and Class Section of the American Sociological Association. Barnes's current work expands her research on Black motherhood to investigate health disparities and strategies for educating and enculturating Black children. She is President-Elect of the Association of Black Anthropologists and winner of the 2019 AAA/Oxford University Press Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching of Anthropology.



**Amanda Walker Johnson** is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. A cultural anthropologist, Walker Johnson specializes in the intersection of critical race theory, the anthropology of science, and critical education theory, and is committed to conducting research and pedagogy as work for social justice. Her work examines the ways in which systems of standardized testing and the production of "scientific" knowledge about race, segregation, failure, and risk, impact education in the U.S, particularly for African Americans and Latino/as. Walker Johnson is the author of *Objectifying Measures: The Dominance of High-Stakes Testing and the Politics of Schooling* (Temple University Press, 2009).



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The Engaging Anthropology Conference would not be possible without the generous efforts of UMass faculty, students and friends, past and present. Thank you to all who have helped make this conference a reality.

Thanks especially to our co-sponsors who have helped make our conference plenaries, events, and sessions possible!

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# Daily Conference Schedule

## Thursday, October 3

**2:00-3:30pm**

CC 165-69

### **Navigating Your First Conference**

(For Undergraduate Attendees)

- **Niki Bavar** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Paul Oberheim** (Co-Organizer, UMass Amherst)
- **Shannon Nelson-Maney** (Co-Organizer, UMass Amherst)

**4:30-6:00pm**

Communications  
Hub, 3rd Floor  
Integrated  
Learning Center  
[ILC]

### **Plenary and Distinguished Lecturer in the Anthropology of Europe:**

***Hypothetically Speaking: Fictions of Europe at the  
Margins of Ethnography***

**Lilith Mahmud**, Associate Professor of Anthropology,  
University of California, Irvine

**6:00-6:30pm**

Communications  
Hub, 3rd Floor  
Integrated  
Learning Center  
[ILC]

### **Plenary Reception**

## Friday, October 4

**8:15-10:00am**

A1.

CC 168C

### **Panel Sessions A, Campus Center [CC]**

*Critical Biocultural Anthropology: Historical Roots and  
New Directions*

*Part 1: Historical Roots: UMass and the Development of a  
Critical Biocultural Anthropology*

- Organizers: **Thomas Leatherman** (UMass Amherst) and **Alan Goodman** (Hampshire College)
- **Michael Blakey** (College of William and Mary)
- **Alan Goodman** (Hampshire College)
- **Thomas Leatherman** (UMass Amherst)
- **Alan Swedlund** (UMass Amherst)
- **Brooke Thomas** (UMass Amherst)
- Moderator: **Morgan Hoke** (University of Pennsylvania)

A2.  
CC 804-08

*Political Ecologies of Work, Conservation, and Climate Change*

- **Jose Martinez-Reyes** (Chair, UMass Boston)
- **Jose Martinez-Reyes** (UMass Boston) *Guitar Ecologies: Gibson Les Paul and Forest Ecopolitics in Fiji*
- **Luz Cordoba** (University of California, Santa Cruz) *"We are Nature Workers": Harvesting as Skill-Practice*
- **Janis Steele** (Island Reach)
- **Sara Lowden** (University of Maine) *Bat-friendly Bacanora: Binational Conservation and Gendered Borderlands Imaginaries in Arizona, United States and Sonora, Mexico*
- **Discussion**

A3.  
CC 903

*Resistance, Movements, and Anthropological Engagement*

- **Deborah Keisch** (Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Garam Kwon** (Graduate Center, CUNY) *Reflections on the Politics of Pacifism in the Catalan Pro-independence Movement*
- **Sandhya Ganapathy** (St. Lawrence University) *Birthing Resistance*
- **Zoë Berman** (University of Chicago) *Collaborative Research & Societal Healing in Post-Genocide Rwanda*
- **Deborah Keisch** (UMass Amherst) and **Tim Scott** (Central Connecticut State University) *U.S. Veteran Healing Through Service and Resistance*
- **Discussion**

A4.  
CC 163C

*Health, Inequalities, and Evolution*

- **Eric Griffith** (Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Sofiya Shreyer** (UMass Amherst) *Grandmotherhood in Ukrainian Immigrants and Sedentees: Behavioral Variation, Health, and Evolutionary Implications*
- **Eric Griffith** (UMass Amherst) *Alzheimer's disease in Mexico and the United States: Which symptoms motivate a diagnosis?*
- **Jallicia Jolly** (Amherst College) *Bodily Protests & HIV+ Black Caribbean Women: On Transforming Responses to HIV/AIDS in the Americas*
- **Jon E. Zibbell** (RTI International) *Collaborative Ethnography During a Fentanyl Epidemic: Developing Safer Consumption Strategies with People who Inject Drugs to Reduce Overdose Risk*
- **Discussion**

A5.  
CC 904-08

*Teaching and Learning Ethnographic Lessons on Criticality, Reflexivity, and Positionality: Insights from Entanglements in Educational Research to Journal Publication*

- **Theresa Austin** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Maria Jose Botelho** (UMass Amherst) *Pedagogies of Ethnography: Possibilities and Tensions of Teaching Research Practices in Education*
- **Margaret Felis** (UMass Amherst) *Researching the Co-instructor/researcher*
- **Theresa Austin** (UMass Amherst) *Recognizing Whose Story and Whose Gaze Matters: Taking a Critical Stance in Transformative Research*

- **Rosa Medina Riveros** (UMass Amherst) *“Being there and here”*: Presence and Translocality in Online Educational Ethnography
- **Emma Britton** (UMass Amherst) *Experience as the Lone Ethnographer: Navigating Entanglements and Narratives*

A6.  
CC 905-09

### *Engaging Evolution, Part 1*

- **Andrew Best** (Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Tabitha Dorshorst** (UMass Amherst) *Archery’s Lasting Mark: A Biomechanical Analysis of Archery*
- **Lynnette Leidy Sievert** (UMass Amherst) *The Evolution of Menopause and Post-Reproductive Life: A Phylogenetic Perspective*
- **Brigitte Holt** (UMass Amherst) and **Gina Agostini** (College of Dental Medicine, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ) *Limb Bone Structure Reflects Activity and Ancestry*
- **Discussion**

A7.  
CC 165-69

### *Veganism as Engaged Anthropological Theory*

- **Danielle Raad** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Koosje de Pooter** (Universiteit Utrecht) *Is Milk Good for Everyone? An Ecofeminist Exploration of the Dutch Dairy Industry*
- **Suzanna Powers** (Leipzig University) *Vegetarian Japan: The Contemporary State of a Historical Diet*
- **Kasia Enriquez** (Lewis & Clark College) *Factory Farming and the Unspoken Intersections of the Vegan Movement: An Anti-Capitalist and Activist Perspective*
- **Anna Taylor** (UMass Amherst) *Towards Zoocentric History: Why Animal History Matters*
- **Danielle Raad** (UMass Amherst) *An Unpolished Mirror: Nonhuman Animals in the #MeToo Era*

A8.  
CC 174-76

### *Arts, Ethnography, and Engagement*

- **Diana Fox** (Chair, Bridgewater State University)
- **Nancy Parent** (Mitchell College) *At the Core of Learning in Common: Theatre Arts Effects on Fluency Among Elementary School Students*
- **Claire Vionnet** (University Concordia/University of Bern) *To Engage with Dance*
- **Diana Fox** (Bridgewater State University) *Researching ARTivism in Nepal: Preliminary Reflections on the Political and Social Art of Women Contemporary Artists*
- **Discussion**

## **10:15-12:00pm Panel Sessions B, Campus Center [CC]**

B1.  
CC 168C

### *Critical Biocultural Anthropology: Historical Roots and New Directions* *Part 2: New Directions: Expanding Theory and Method in Critical Biocultural Anthropology*

- Organizers: **Thomas Leatherman** (UMass Amherst) and **Alan Goodman** (Hampshire College)

- **Barrett Brenton** (Binghamton University)
- **Rick Smith** (Dartmouth College)
- **Morgan Hoke** (University of Pennsylvania)
- **Paula Tallman** (Salve Regina University)
- **Kasey Jernigan** (University of Virginia)
- **L. Zachary DuBois** (University of Oregon)
- Moderator: **Tom Leatherman** (UMass Amherst)

B2.  
CC 804-08

### *Embodied Resiliences: Building a Feminist Anthropology*

- **Catriela Hernández Reyes** (Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Vanesa Giraldo** (UMass Amherst) *“This is not our war”*: Conversations Between an Ethnographer and a Revolutionary
- **Catriela Hernández Reyes** (UMass Amherst) *Toward an Anti-racist Ethnography and Anthropology of Armed Violence in Colombia*
- **Claudia Morales** (UMass Amherst) *Touch: Politics of Immobility, Means of Control and Ethnography from the México-Guatemala Border*
- **Ana Del Conde** (UMass Amherst) *Knitting Security in the P’urhépecha Plateau*
- Discussant: **Claudia Morales** (UMass Amherst)

B3.  
CC 903

### *Teaching, Pedagogy, and Practice*

- **Marne Ausec** (Chair, Kenyon College)
- **Dennis Culliton** (Witness Stones Project) *Witness Stones Project: Restoring the History and Honoring the Humanity of the Locally Enslaved Presenter*
- **Marne Ausec** (Kenyon College) *From Statements of Field to Making a Statement in the Field: Anthropology and International Education*
- **Myles Bittner** (UMass Amherst) *Mitigating Linguistically Challenging Classrooms*
- **Ruth Mathis Bissell** (San Francisco Day School) *Anthropology and Restorative Justice: How Teaching through “Little Injustices” Can Support Social Justice Frameworks in Schools - What happened? How do we make it right?*
- **Discussion**

B4.  
CC 904-08

### *Pursuing Collective Political Possibilities through Collaborations and Practices of Solidarity*

- **Nelli Sargsyan** (Organizer and Chair, Marlboro College)
- **Alta Millar** (Marlboro College) *Embodying the Unknown: A Collection of Sensory Happenings and Moving into a State of Communally-Felt Stability*
- **Nelli Sargsyan** (Marlboro College) *Collective Care: A Feminist Practice to Imagine Livable Lives*
- **Leni Charbonneau** (Marlboro College) *Terrain of Possibility: Incorporating Geographic Perspectives into an Engaged Anthropology of Decolonization*
- **Discussion**

B5.  
CC 165-69

### *Beyond the Past: Anthropology and Participatory Heritage (Roundtable)*

- **Neil Silberman** (Organizer and Chair, Coherit Associates, LLC)
- **Elizabeth Chilton** (Binghamton University)
- **Siobhan Hart** (Skidmore College)

- **Erica Kowsz** (UMass Amherst)

B6.  
CC 905-09

*Engaging Evolution, Part 2*

- **Andrew Best** (Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Andrew J. Zamora, Timothy H. Webster** and **Jason M. Kamlar** (UMass Amherst) *Exome Sequencing Reveals Patterns of Selection Across Brown Lemurs (Eulemur)*
- **Jennifer Marino** (UMass Amherst) *Don't Sweat It: Eccrine Project Methods*
- **Andrew Best** (UMass Amherst) and **Jason Kamlar** (UMass Amherst) *Evolution and Diversity of Human Eccrine Sweat Gland Density*
- **Discussion**

B7.  
CC 162-75

*Speculative Futures of Archaeological Research*  
(Roundtable)

- **Victoria Bochniak** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst) and **Ryan Rybka** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Sonya Atalay** (UMass Amherst)
- **Kasey Diserens Morgan** (University of Pennsylvania)
- **Haeden Stewart** (UMass Amherst)
- **Annie Danis** (University of California, Berkeley)
- **Michael Blakey** (College of William and Mary)

B8.  
CC 174-76

*Anthropology of/for Social Justice and Engagement*

- **Blake Harding** (Chair, Columbia University and University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)
- **Sandra Faiman-Silva** (Bridgewater State University) *Making Anthropology Relevant—a 50-year journey*
- **Blake Harding** (Columbia University and University of Witwatersrand, South Africa) *Towards an Inclusive Society: What Does This Look Like?*
- **Richard M. Leventhal** (University of Pennsylvania) *Thinking About Social Justice in the Maya Area: The Past and Future of Archaeology*
- **Jessica Brinkworth** (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) and **Kyle Boshardy** (University of Illinois Urbana Champaign) *The Future is Now: Taking Individual Climate Responsibility in Anthropological and Lab-based Research*
- **Discussion**

B9.  
CC 163C

*Food Anthropology: Value and Values in Food Projects*

- **Krista Harper** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Cary Speck** (UMass Amherst), *Let Them Eat Doughnuts: Food Regimes and Political Protest in Prague*
- **Dana Conzo** (UMass Amherst), *Recreating Food Values in the Post-Sugar Caribbean*
- **Kristen Whitmore** (UMass Amherst), *Envisioning Pathways Toward Transformative Food Systems Change: Understanding the Role of Multi-Stakeholder Engagement at the Culinary and Nutrition Center in Springfield, MA*
- **Rachel E. Black** (Connecticut College), *Cheffe de Cuisine: Women Redefining the Kitchen and Labor*
- **Carole Counihan** (Millersville University), *Food Activism and Sensuous Human Activity in Cagliari, Italy*

**1:00-3:00pm**  
Bowker  
Auditorium,  
Stockbridge Hall

**Plenary Panel: Engaging the Present, Envisioning the Future**

**Jodi Dean**, Professor of Political Science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
**Arturo Escobar**, Kenan Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
**Stephen Healy**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Culture and Society at Western Sydney University and member of the Community Economies Collective

**3:10-4:20pm**

**Panel Sessions C, Campus Center [CC]**

C1.  
CC 163C

*Engaging Anthropology through Public Writing for Advocacy, to 'Save My Life,' and Become More Resilient*

- **Irma McClaurin** (McClaurin Solutions)

C2.  
CC 905-09

*"Toward Tomorrow" Today: Anthropology, Social Ecology, and Visionary Thought (Workshop/Horizontal group discussion)*

- **Eleanor Finley** (Co-Facilitator, UMass Amherst)
- **Erica Kowsz** (Co-Facilitator, UMass Amherst)

\*\* Preparatory Material: Lecture by Murray Bookchin. "Toward Tomorrow Fair," UMass Amherst. August 24, 1978. Available at: <http://credo.library.UMass.edu/view/full/mums741-b237-i005>

C3.  
CC 165-69

*Cultivating Care: Transforming Systems of Violence to Systems of Care for Survivors of Sexual Assault/Interpersonal Violence (Workshop)*

- **Lachlan Thompson** (Hampshire College)

C4.  
CC 174-76

*The Legacy of Sylvia Forman: Participatory Roundtable Discussion and Celebration of Sylvia's Varied Contributions to the Discipline and Department*

- **Susan Brin Hyatt** (Co-Chair/Organizer, IUPUI)
- **Dena Shenk** (Co-Chair/Organizer, University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

C5.  
CC 904-08

*New Possibilities for a New Order*

- **Arjun Shankar** (Chair, Colgate University)
- **Matthew Slaats** (University of Virginia) *Infrastructures of the Marvelous: Municipalism as Urban Social Transformation*
- **Gabriel Arboleda** (Amherst College) *Disciplinary Engagements: Anthropology and (or for, as, of, by...) Design*
- **Nicole le Roux** (UMass Amherst) *Dead People with Functioning Hands: A Grassroots NGO Perspective on the Cost of Survival in Cape Town, South Africa*



- **Arjun Shankar** (Colgate University) *The Brown Savior Industrial Complex: Interrogating India's Help Economy*
- **Discussion**

C6.  
CC 903

*Hard Questions about Anthropology and Public Policy* (Roundtable)

- **Kamela Heyward-Rotimi** (Co-Organizer, Knowledge Exchange Research Group and Duke University),
- **Teresa Leslie** (Co-Organizer, Eastern Caribbean Public Health Foundation)
- **Vin Lyon-Callo** (Okemos MI Board of Education and Western Michigan University)

**4:30-6:00pm**  
Commonwealth  
Honors College  
[CHC] Event Hall

**Plenary: *Soldiers and Kings: Visualizing Kinship, Race, and Violence on the Human Smuggling Trail***

**Jason De León**, Professor of Anthropology and Chicana/o Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

**6:00-6:30pm**  
Commonwealth  
Honors College  
[CHC] Event Hall

**Plenary Reception**

**7:00-9:00pm**  
Amherst Room  
10th floor,  
Campus Center

**UMass Anthropology 50th Anniversary Dinner**

[Advanced registration required]

**9:30-Midnight**  
Amherst Room  
10th floor,  
Campus Center

**Dance Party**

[Open to all]

## Saturday, October 5

**8:15-10:00am**

**Panel Sessions D, Campus Center [CC]**

D1.  
CC 163C

*Engaging Diverse Transformations: Thinking Through Cooperation, Commons, Solidarity and Scholarly Practice, Part 1*

- **Stephen Healy** (Organizer and Chair, Western Sydney University)
- **Ethan Miller** (Bates College) *Land and Livelihood: Reimagining the Roots of Sustenance in Theory and Practice*
- **Claire Sagan** (Vassar College) *Nomadic Timescapes: Blu's Graffiti and More-than-Human Temporalities*
- **Stephen Healy** (Western Sydney University) *Commoning in a Much Warmer, Weirder World: Universities, Engaged Research and Ontological Politics*

- **Boone Shear** (UMass Amherst) and **Penn Loh** (Tufts University) *Solidarity Economy as a Politics of Ontological Design*

D2.  
CC 168C

*Critical Biocultural Anthropology, Historical Roots and New Directions*  
*Part 3: Critical Biocultural Perspectives in Historical and Archaeological Contexts*

- Organizers: **Thomas Leatherman** (UMass Amherst) and **Alan Goodman** (Hampshire College)
- **Deborah Bolnick** (University of Connecticut, Storrs)
- **Anne Grauer** (Loyola University of Chicago)
- **Joseph Jones** (College of William and Mary)
- **Ventura Perez** (UMass Amherst)
- **Jerome Rose** (University of Arkansas)
- Moderator: **Alan Goodman** (Hampshire College)

D3.  
CC 165-69

*Understanding Illness and Cultivating Care*

- **Gerpha Gerlin** (Chair, Boston University School of Medicine) *Auto-Ethnographic Reflections on Subjectivity and Chronic Mental Illness*
- **Margaret Gradie** (Brown University) *An Engaged Anthropologist in State Government: Opportunities for Research*
- **Caroline Melly** (Smith College) *Cannabis Medicine as Mode of Care: Thoughts on Cultivating an Engaged Anthropology*
- **Victor Corona** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) *Construction and Care of Male Beauty: Stories from a Barbershop*

D4.  
CC 903

*Archival Collaboration for Human Rights and Historical Memory in Guatemala*

- **Brie Gettleson** (Organizer and Chair, Haverford College)
- **Mariana Ramirez** (Haverford College) *Dignification Practices in Post-conflict Guatemala*
- **Natalia Mora** (Haverford College) *The Legacy of Nonviolent Resistance as Shown Through the Work of Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo*
- **Saul Ontiveros** (Haverford College) *Archival History: Indigenous Movement in a Migrating Guatemala*
- Discussant: **Brie Gettleson** (Haverford College)

D5.  
CC 905-09

*Ethnographies of Care and Migration (Roundtable)*

- **Claudia Morales** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Elias Capello** (UMass Amherst)
- **Jorge Choy-Gomez** (University of Texas, Austin)
- **Montserrat Ramírez** (University of Texas, Austin)
- **Rodrigo Dominguez Villegas** (UMass Amherst)

D6.  
CC 174-76

*Culture and Territory: Current Discussions Around a Foundational Debate in Anthropology*

- **Ana E. Smith Aguilar** (Co-Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)

- **Gabriela Quijano** (UMass Amherst) *“Territory is at the heart of what we do”:  
Behind the Production of the DOP Seggiano Olive Oil*
- **Ana E. Smith Aguilar** (UMass Amherst) *Chatino Communal Property and  
Possible Alternative Agrarian World*
- **Laura Sauls** (College of the Holy Cross) *Territorial Lands, Global Forests?  
Emerging Climate Change Governance in Mesoamerica*
- **Discussion**

D7.  
CC 904-08

### *Engaging Religion (Roundtable)*

- **Felicity Aulino** (Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Bill Girard** (Mount Holyoke College)
- **Amy Cox Hall** (Amherst College)
- **Joshua Roth** (Mount Holyoke College)

D8.  
CC 162-75

### *Engagement in Anthropology*

- **Paul Oberheim** (Chair, UMass Amherst) *An Archaeological Comparison of the  
Garden as a Social Space*
- **Elizabeth Klarich** (Smith College) *Slow Collaborations: Community-Based  
Archaeology and Clay Histories in the Lake Titicaca Basin, Peru*
- **Noor Sullivan** (American University) *Exploring Egyptianity and Egyptian  
Indigeneity*
- **Discussion**

D9.  
Room TBA

Ethnographic Film Screening  
**Krista Harper** (Organizer, UMass Amherst)

## **10:15am-12pm Panel Sessions E, Campus Center [CC]**

E1.  
CC 168C

### *Migratory Governance: Regimes of Mobility and Morality*

- **Elizabeth Krause** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Ying Li** (UMass Amherst) *Post-Disaster Displacement and Heritage Governance  
in Qiang communities, China*
- **Elizabeth Krause** (UMass Amherst) *Inspection Culture and Migratory  
Governance*
- **Ragini Saira Malhotra** (UMass Amherst) *Precarious Living, Precarious Work:  
The Politics of Violence in Childhood at Delhi’s Urban Margins*
- **Svati Shah** (UMass Amherst) *Migrant Subjects, Sexuality, and Economic Agency*
- **Lauren Woodard** (UMass Amherst) *The Promise of Mobility as Return in Russia*

E2.  
CC 165-69

### *Decolonization as Praxis: Radical Pedagogy and Modes of Refusal*

- **Chrystel Oloukoi** (Organizer and Chair, Harvard University)
- **Xitlalli Alvarez-Almendariz** (Harvard University) *Unintended Refusals: Pedagogy  
of the Illegalized Researcher Within Imperial Borders*
- **Myriam Amri** (Harvard University) and **Chrystel Oloukoi** (Harvard University) *Teaching to Transgress: Unsettling Canon(s) and Discipline(s)*

- **Youssef Carter** (Harvard) *Refusing the Gaze: A Memoir of Subalternity and Insights on Doing Black Anthropology*
- **Sarah Ihmoud** (Boston University) *Teaching Fugitive Anthropology*

E3.  
CC 174-76

*Barriers to Higher Education for Formerly Incarcerated Students (Workshop)*

- **Susan Brin Hyatt** (Co-Organizer, IUPUI)
- **Justin Helepololei** (Co-Organizer, UMass Amherst)
- **Toussaint Losier** (UMass Amherst)
- **Israel Rivera** (UMass Amherst)
- **Jose Bou** (Holyoke Public Schools)

E4.  
CC 903

*Visual Ethnography of Cultural Heritage and Community Activism*

- **Krista Harper** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Erica Kowsz** (UMass Amherst) *Videographic Ease and Ethnographic Refusal: Video as Research Practice and Research Product*
- **Alin Rus** (Franklin Pierce University) *Malanca- a Time Machine. Ritual, Celebration, and Social Change in Southern Ukrainian Malanca or is it "Contemporary Practice of Malanka", a Ukrainian New Year's Ritual Performance*
- **Kevin Anderson** (UMass Amherst) *Impact of Tourism on Pompeii's Archaeological Site*
- **Usha Rao**, *Urban Activists' Efforts to Save Old Bangalore from Destruction with the Construction of a New Metro Route*
- **Diana Fox** (Bridgewater State University) *Collaborative Filming with LGBTQ Subjects: Ethical Dilemmas at the Intersection of Visual and Activist/Advocacy Anthropology*

E5.  
CC 162-75

*Language, Pedagogy, and Social Justice (Roundtable)*

- **Lynette Arnold** (Organizer, UMass Amherst)
- **Mariam Durrani** (Hamilton College)
- **Victor Corona** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- **Addie L. Sayers China** (University of North Carolina, Wilmington)
- **Jason Sarkosi-Forfinski**
- **Sonya Pritzker** (University of Alabama)

E6.  
CC 905-09

*Ongoing Engagement in Holyoke and Springfield: Creating Long-Term, Meaningful, Sustained Community Relationships that Build Power for Youth-Led Racial Justice (Gallery Walk, Discussion, Presentations)*

- **Jennifer Sandler** (Organizer, UMass Amherst) and **Kysa Nygreen** (Organizer, UMass Amherst)
- **Keisha Green** (UMass Amherst)
- **Laura Valdiviezo** (UMass Amherst)
- **Joel Arce** (UMass Amherst)
- **Partners of Holyoke Ethnic Studies** and the **Pioneer Valley Project Youth Committee**

E7.  
CC 904-08

*Whither Goes the Road: Navigating Modernity and Marginality in Times of Sociopolitical Transition*

- **Chun-Yi Sum** (Organizer and Chair, University of Rochester)
- **Martha Lagace** (Boston University) *“Jesus is the Speedgun”*: Road Accidents and Religion in Uganda
- **Eric Michael Kelley** (UMass Boston) *Avá-Guaraní Shamanic Mediation on the Road to “Progress” in Eastern Paraguay*
- **Navid Fozi** (Bridgewater State University) *A Religious Minority in Transit: Iranian Baha’i and Convert Asylum Seekers in Turkey*
- **Chun-Yi Sum** (University of Rochester) *Road Accidents and Ethnic Encounters in Southwestern China*
- Discussant: **Robert Weller** (Boston University)

E8.  
CC 163C

*Possible Interventions Towards Designing a Pluriverse*

- **Boone Shear** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Joseph Krupczynski** (UMass Amherst) *Exploring Design as a Counter-Hegemonic Spatial Practice*
- **Meredith Degyansky** (UMass Amherst) *Reflections on Survival Club and a Liberatory Praxis*
- **Vincent Lyon-Callo** (Western Michigan University) *Engaging School Based Mental Health Efforts as Design for Living Well*
- **Boone Shear** (UMass Amherst) *Teaching and Learning as Methods Assemblage*
- Discussant: **Arturo Escobar** (University of North Carolina)

**1:00-2:45pm**  
Amherst Room,  
10th floor,  
Campus Center

**Plenary: *Homo naledi* and the Chamber of Secrets**

**Jeremy DeSilva**, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College

**3:00-4:45pm**  
**And varying times**

**Panel Sessions F, Campus Center [CC] and Machmer Hall**

F1.  
CC 168C

*Engaging Anthropology in Public Health* (Roundtable)

- **Susan Shaw** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Aline Gubrium** (UMass Amherst)
- **Airin Denise Martinez** (UMass Amherst)
- **Alice Fiddian-Green** (UMass Amherst)
- **Sarah Lowe** (Define American)

F2.  
CC 165-69

*Racism, Exclusion, and Injustice: Navigating Whiteness and Survival*

- **Molly Maddra-Santiago** (Chair, American University)
- **Jennifer Walkup** (American University) *Race and Resistance: Movements for Black Land Along River Road and their White “Supporters”*

- **Molly Maddra-Santiago** (American University) *Personal Myths: Whiteness, Family, and Home*
- **Edward Snajdr** (John Jay College) and **Shonna Trinch** (John Jay College) *War of Words: Signage, Place-making, Race, Racism, and the Law in Gentrifying Brooklyn*
- **Elizabeth Hanna Rubio** (University of California, Irvine) *Undocumented Survival Imaginaries: Refusing Recognition as Liberation*

F3.  
CC 163C

*Engaging Diverse Transformations: Thinking Through Cooperation, Commons, Solidarity and Scholarly Practice, Part 2*

- **Bradley Wilson** (West Virginia University) *Working Out the Alternatives Within: Doing Food Justice and Engaged Scholarship in an Appalachian Land-Grant University*
- **Josh Fisher** (Western Washington University) and **Alex Nading** (Brown University) *The Promises and Pitfalls of Open Source Methods: An Example from Urban Nicaragua*
- **Lisa Markowitz** (University of Louisville) *The Dining Room Table: A Cooperative Story*
- **Julia Snelling** (University of Manchester) *Relations in Society: The Importance of Human Connection through a Look at Those Removed*

**3:00-5:30pm**  
Machmer Hall,  
E-24

Anthropology Open House  
(Open Labs, Publications Room, Participatory Timeline, Reception)

F4.  
**3:00pm**  
Machmer Hall,  
Front Steps

*“A Dérive”* (Exploratory Group Walk, Drift, Dérive, Wander. Meditative and Social.)  
**Meredith Degyansky** (Organizer, UMass Amherst)

F5.  
**3:10-3:45pm**  
Machmer Hall,  
E-10

*The Efficacy of Bio-Cultural Methodology*  
Special Talk by **Ken Jacobsen** (UMass Amherst)

F6.  
**4:00-5:00pm**  
Machmer Hall,  
E-21

*The Irma McClaurin Black Feminist Archive: Channeling Historical Archaeology*  
Special Talk by **Irma McClaurin**, McClaurin Solutions

F7.  
**3:00-5:30pm**  
Machmer Hall,  
3rd Floor Hub,  
East Wing

Undergraduate Poster Session  
**Victoria Bochniak** (Organizer, UMass Amherst)

F8.  
**4:00-5:00pm**  
Room TBA

Ethnographic Film Screening  
**Krista Harper** (Organizer, UMass Amherst)

**7:00-9:00pm**  
Amherst Room  
10th floor,  
Campus Center

**Plenary: *Black Feminism Today***  
**Whitney Battle-Baptiste**, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Center, UMass Amherst  
**Dána-Ain Davis**, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Society, Graduate Center, CUNY  
**Riché J. Daniel Barnes**, Dean of Pierson College and Affiliate Professor of Anthropology, Yale University  
**Amanda Walker Johnson**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, UMass Amherst

**9:00-10:00**  
Amherst and  
Hadley Room  
Foyer, 10th Floor  
Campus Center

**Plenary Reception and Cash Bar**

**10:00pm**

**Mount Sugarloaf Moonlit Hike**  
**Eric Johnson** (Organizer and Hike Leader, UMass Amherst)  
\*\*Meet in parking area behind Machmer Hall (See description below for more details)

## Sunday, October 6

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**8:15am-12pm**  
Integrated  
Learning Center  
[ILC], Room 240

Ethnographic Film Screening  
**Krista Harper** (Organizer, UMass Amherst)

### **8:15-10am** Panel Sessions G, Campus Center [CC]

G1.  
CC 162-75

*The Anthro-scene Outside the Discipline*

- **Julie Skogsbergh** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Lisa Modenos** (UMass Amherst)
- **Anthony Martin** (Westfield State University)
- **Flavia Stanley** (Lesley University)

G2.  
CC 905-09

*The Emergence of Worlds: Past, Present, and Future*

- **Mara Dicenta** (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), *Un-settling Nature: Science, Modernity, and (De)Coloniality “In the End of the World”*

- **Lee Bloch** (Brandeis University), *Archaeology for Post-Apocalyptic Worlds: Deep Adaptation and Changing Contexts for Radical Visions of the Future*
- **John Rowan** (UMass Amherst) and **Jason M. Kamlar** (UMass Amherst) *The Past, Present and Future of Human-environment Interactions: The View From Deep Time*
- **Elan Abrell** (Wesleyan University), *Liberation or Domination?: Cellular Agriculture and the New Animal Laborer*
- **Discussion**

G3.  
CC 163C

#### *Inclusivity in Archaeology (Roundtable)*

- **Claire Norton** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Boston)
- **Lissa Herzing** (UMass Boston)
- **Jocelyn Lee** (UMass Boston)
- **Leah Palmer** (UMass Boston)
- Discussant: **Sarah Carr** (UMass Boston)

G4.  
CC 165-69

#### *Engagement Today: UACT Beyond the Community-University Divide (Participatory Session)*

- **Jennifer Sandler** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Leslie Abraham** (Umass Amherst)
- **Justin Helepololei** (UMass Amherst)
- **Jackie Brown** (UMass Amherst)
- **Brennan Tierney** (UMass Amherst)
- **Monique Roberts** (UMass Amherst)
- **Lily Brown** (UMass Amherst)

G5.  
CC 168C

#### *Immigration/Asylum*

- **Angèle Smith** (Chair, University of Northern British Columbia)
- **Nicola Bulled** (Independent Researcher) *A Personal Network Approach to the Study of Asylum-Seeker Integration in Greece*
- **Angèle Smith** (University of Northern British Columbia) *Asylum Seekers in Ireland as an Archaeology of Now: A Feminist Approach to Social Justice*
- **Laura Moran** (Independent Researcher) *Belonging and Becoming in a Multicultural World: Anthropological Perspectives on Youth and Identity*
- **Frida Caro** (Al Otro Lado)
- **Discussion**

G6.  
CC 174-76

#### *Work, Human Rights, and Struggle Today*

- **Whitney Russell** (Chair, University of California San Diego)
- **Frances W. Harrison** (Binghamton University) *Paychecks and Patriotism: How Does Neoliberal Securitization Work?*
- **Whitney Russell** (University of California San Diego) *Engaging Human Rights Without a Right to Engage*
- **Muchen Zhou** (American University) *A Domestic Livelihoods Study: Mama Robai Mayeku's Pottery Business*
- **Jeffrey Alyn Smith** (Xi'an Polytechnic University) *The Secret Sex Lives of Chinese University Students: Queer, Muslim, and Chinese*
- **Discussion**



## 10:15am-12pm Panel Sessions H, Campus Center [CC]

H1.  
CC 162-75

*Femme on Femme Ethnography: Using Insights from Queer Ethnography to Form Intentional Alignments in the Field* (Workshop)

- **Meredith Degyansky** (UMass Amherst)
- **Denny Bobot** (UMass Amherst)
- **Elias Capello** (UMass Amherst)

H2.  
CC 905-09

*Engaging Primate Studies*

- **Anna H. Weyher** (Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Rachel Bell** (UMass Amherst) *Investigating the Impacts of Ecological Factors on Lemur Microbiome Diversity at Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve, Madagascar*
- **Amanda J. Fuchs** (UMass Amherst) *Phylogeny of Baboon Social Organization*
- **Anna H. Weyher** (UMass Amherst) *Social Networks in Kinda Baboons*
- **Jason M. Kamilar** (UMass Amherst) and **Anna H. Weyher** (UMass Amherst) *Social Structure and Gut Microbiome Diversity in Kinda Baboons*
- **Richard S. Meindl** (Kent State University) *The Demography of Living Macaques Provides Understanding of the Success of Early Hominids*

H3.  
CC 163C

*Open Room*

H4.  
CC 165-69

*Is Tenure Still the Coveted Brass Ring? The Value of Non Tenure Track Anthropology Careers* (Roundtable)

- **Heidi Bauer-Clapp** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Valerie Joseph** (Smith College)
- **Deborah Keisch** (UMass Amherst)

H5.  
CC 168C

*Power, Inequality, and Justice in Anthropology*

- **Takami Delisle** (Chair, University of Kentucky)
- **Takami Delisle** (University of Kentucky) *Divide and Conquer in Anthropology?: Dilemmas and Conflicts in Decolonizing Graduate Training in the U.S*
- **Jeffrey Alyn Smith** (Xi'an Polytechnic University) *Hear No Evil, See No Evil, Speak No Evil: Why Chinese Graduates Get Working-Class Jobs*
- **Joel Saxe** (UMass Amherst) *A General Strike For Higher Ed?*

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*Ethnography and/of Illiberal Populism, Nationalism and the Far-Right: Challenges and Strategies* (Roundtable)

- **Julie Hemment** (Organizer and Chair, UMass Amherst)
- **Catherine Tebaldi** (UMass Amherst)
- **Alina Ryabovolova** (UMass Amherst)
- **Viveca Greene** (Hampshire College)
- **Julie Hemment** (UMass Amherst)

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*Communicating Re-Production Practices*

- **Brendan Alden** (Chair, UMass Amherst), *Transversing Artworlds: Locating Artists as Labor*
- **Mary Dickman** (UMass Amherst), *Dangerous Wombs: The Politics of Pregnancy*
- **J.D. Swerzenski** (UMass Amherst), *What Does This Button Do?: Troubling the Media Production Process*

# Special Events

## UMass Amherst Anthropology 50th Anniversary Dinner

On Friday, October 4, from 7-9pm, we will gather around good food and memories to celebrate 50 years of engaging anthropology at the UMass Amherst Department of Anthropology. Due to space limitations, the dinner is restricted to those conference attendees who registered for the dinner as part of their conference attendance.

## Anthropology Open House

Saturday afternoon from 3-5:30pm is reserved for a series of events, talks, displays, and conversations in Machmer Hall intended to help us further reflect on, celebrate, and carry forward the work of the University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Anthropology. We encourage you to wander through the department in Machmer Hall and connect with friends, old and new. Join us for an informal reception in E-24, explore the lab spaces on the 1st Floor, add your memories and ideas to the participatory timeline of departmental happenings, check out the research and engagement room, and attend one of the two talks being held during this time in Machmer.



## Night Hike up Wequamps/Mount Sugarloaf, Saturday Oct. 5 at 10pm

Back in the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century, members of the Anthropology Department regularly gathered for night hikes. On Saturday, Oct 5, you are invited to recall those days with a night hike up Wequamps/Mount Sugarloaf.

We will hike to the summit of this lofty peak (682 feet above sea level!) using the paved access road. The gate will be closed so there will be no vehicular traffic.

Details: Please meet in the parking area behind Machmer Hall, and be ready to leave by 10:00 PM. Be prepared to carpool, hike uphill (bring sensible footwear, water, flashlight, etc.), and above all, be prepared for spectacular views of the Valley and UMass!

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the following form (<https://tinyurl.com/y4neek2o>), or email Eric Johnson at [ericjohnson@anthro.umass.edu](mailto:ericjohnson@anthro.umass.edu).

## Engaging Anthropology Documentary Film Screening

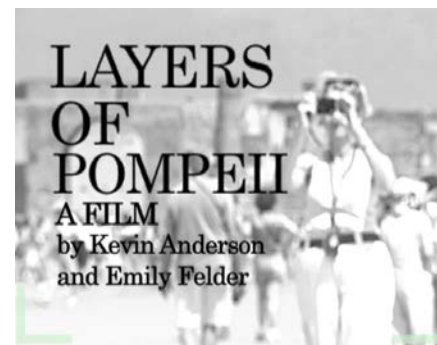
Throughout the conference, we will feature a series of screenings of documentary films on themes of cultural heritage, activism, and struggles for recognition featuring anthropological research conducted in India, Italy, Ukraine, Canada, and Jamaica. All screenings are free and open to the public.

### ***Malanca: A Time Machine* (dir. Alin Rus, 75 min.)**

Ukraine is one of the ex-Soviet republics for which transition to democracy was accompanied by profound changes and extreme challenges. Revolutions, social unrest, war, economic decline, and political turmoil were all present in the country since the collapse of the Soviet Union. In spite of these events, the rural communities in Southern Ukraine still perform their traditional New Year ritual – *Malanca*. At first glance, *Malanca* seems to be a timeless folk custom, but a more thorough examination presents it as a “time machine” transporting us through the memories of the local inhabitants. *Malanca* crosses a troubled and tumultuous historical terrain, from the first years of Communism to more recent postsocialist struggles for democracy.

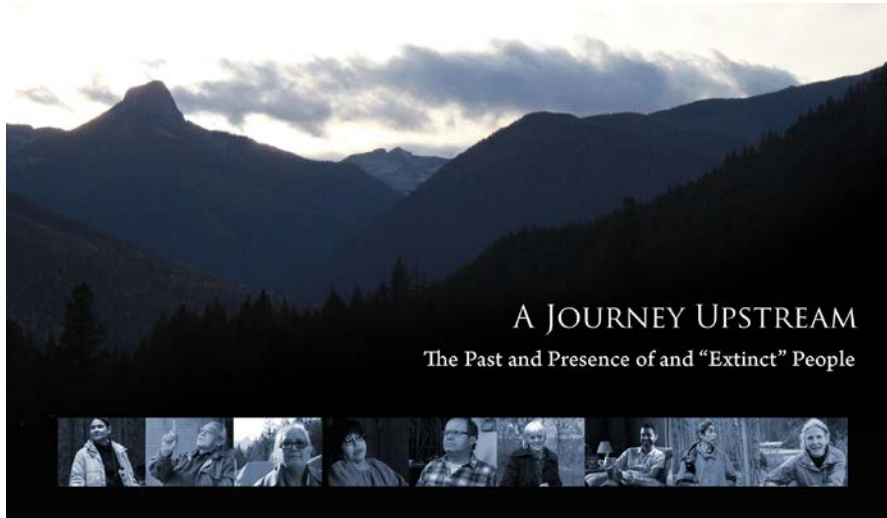
### ***Layers of Pompeii* (dir. Kevin Anderson, 26 min.)**

This documentary film approaches contemporary Pompeii with an ethnographic lens, exploring the range of reasons tourists have for visiting the site while giving voice to those who interpret, maintain, and study the ancient Roman city. What is unearthed exposes disjuncture between the modern city surrounding the archaeological park and the site itself, but also the fragile state of the city “frozen in time.”



### ***Many Loves, One Heart: Stories of Courage and Resilience* (Dir. Diana Fox and Sarah Feinbloom, 18 min)**

*Many Loves, One Heart* tells the story of the nascent LGBTQ movement in Jamaica by highlighting courageous members of the community and their allies, who have committed their lives to the Jamaican struggle for LGBTQ rights. Jamaica has frequently been cited for egregious homophobic violence by international press and human rights organizations. Challenging this often one-sided depiction, *Many Loves, One Heart* presents brave Jamaicans who are seeking to transform their island into a space of inclusivity where they can love freely.



***A Journey Upstream: The Past and Presence of an "Extinct" People (dir. Erica Kowsz, 35 min.)***

Historical and ethnographic accounts document the Sinixt as the native inhabitants of the Upper Columbia River drainage at the time of the arrival of Europeans in the 19th century. Through displacement and historical circumstance, the band

was declared extinct in Canada in 1956, and Sinixt people lost their designation under the Indian Act. In the 1980s, activists returned to their traditional territory to protect threatened gravesites, and some have stayed on to seek official recognition as Aboriginal people of Canada. In this film, the voices of Sinixt people and local residents of the West Kootenay come together to explain webs of ancestral responsibility and attachment to the land. Their ongoing struggle highlights the complexities of legislating ethnic identity the continuing impact of this colonial process.

***Our Metropolis (dir. Gautam Sonti and Usha Rao, 87 min)***

Bangalore is being refashioned as a 'world-class' metropolis. Livelihoods and homes make way for flyovers, glitzy malls and a shiny Metro. Threatened with violent transformation of their city, residents confront the authorities. Beneath the State's ideal of a 'global city' lurks the intent to clear a pasture for big business.

