Dear students-

It is with great pleasure that we present the selection of Anthropology courses available in Spring 2023. Between several new courses offered for the very first time this Spring and the last hurrah of some old favorites, there is truly a fantastic menu of classes for you to choose from this term. In particular, I’d like to highlight the following offerings:

**APY 313/611: Data Science of Culture and Language** - The very first UM course to be offered by our newest faculty member, Dr. Steve Moran, this course will introduce students to the fundamentals of the growing use of Data Science in Anthropology and beyond.

**APY 359/628: The Archaeology of Plastics** - A course that explores, through the lenses of archaeology, environmental sciences, health, and public policy the defining material culture of our age, the Age of Plastics.

**APY 393/616: Drugs and Culture** - The final time this highly regarded course will be offered by the soon-retiring Dr. Bryan Page.

**APY 418/611: Seminar in Anthropology - Indigenous Cartographies** - A hands-on exploration of how indigenous peoples, and indigenous geographies, can be used to advance claims to power, territory, sovereignty, and identity (co-offered with the NAGIS program).

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**APY 502/702: Field Studies in Anthropology – Gender and Work** - A new Spring Break travel course that will take students to the Dominican Republic to learn the methods of Cultural Anthropology by engaging in the practice thereof. Not to be missed, and sure to be a life-changing experience!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the faculty members listed for each course or to me.

All my best,

-Dr. P (William J. Pestle)
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**Undergraduate Course Offerings**

**APY 101: Introduction to Anthropology**
Section H, MW 3:35pm – 4:50pm        Instructor: TBA
A broad overview of archaeology, cultural anthropology, biological anthropology, and linguistics.

**APY 201: Principles of Archaeology**
Section D, MWF 11:15am – 12:05pm        Instructor: Pamela Geller
History, methods, and theory of archaeology with an outline of the main characteristics of the prehistoric record throughout the world.

**APY 202: Principles of Cultural Anthropology**
Section E, MWF 12:20pm – 1:10pm        Instructor: Ann Brittain
Cultural anthropology, including such topics as economics, politics, kinship and families, health systems, religion, and personality.

**APY 203: Principles of Physical Anthropology**
Section P, TuTh 11:00am – 12:15pm        Instructor: Stephanie Musgrave
The origin and biological development of the human species; human evolution explored by means of the fossil record of prehistoric population; differentiation and adaptation of contemporary populations in various world environments; the comparison of humans and other primates with respect to biological and behavioral variability.

**APY 205: Medicine and Health Care in Society**
Section Q, TuTh 12:30pm – 1:45pm        Instructor: Louis Herns-Marcelin
A sociohistorical analysis of the intersection between medicine, health care and society, using examples throughout the world. It will reflect on 'taking-for-granted' concepts such as the 'body, risk, illness and healing' and their relationships to culture, power, and society, as well as the plurality of narratives and discourses on health and healing practices.
APY 301: World Prehistory

Section Q, TuTh 12:30pm – 1:45pm  Instructor: Traci Ardren

The global prehistoric record, with emphasis on the development of social complexity and ancient states. Prerequisite: APY 201 or by Instructor permission.

APY 302: Ethnographies of Black Life

Section O, TuTh 9:30am – 10:45am  Instructor: Jafari Allen

Themes that have shaped Anthropology's engagement with Black Life. Critique between Black Studies and the social Sciences with particular focus on the discipline of anthropology, interrogation of the methods and theoretical frameworks employed to empirically distill the social conditions and political formations of black diasporic peoples.

APY 309: Evolution of Human Behavior

Section O, TuTh 9:30am – 10:45am  Instructor: Stephanie Musgrave


APY 313: Data Science of Culture and Language  NEW!

Section P, TuTh 11:00am – 12:15pm  Instructor: Steve Moran

The basic principles and methods of data science will be presented. A central theme is the assessment of scientific claims, and subsequent data collection, transformation, quantitative analysis, and reporting of scientific results. Specific topics include for example data wrangling, visualization, and modeling.

APY 359: The Archaeology of Plastics  NEW!

Section 01, M 12:20pm – 2:50pm  Instructor: Pamela Geller

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in a fourth age: the Plastic Age. There is, however, something unique about this substance’s
Anthropocenic impact on the planet that distinguishes it from prior periods. In this class, we use
archaeology as a means for exploring that impact, for better and worse.

**APY 362: The Languages of the World**
Section S, TuTh 3:30pm – 4:45pm  
Instructor: TBA

The world's languages. The primary focus is on major differences and similarities among the
structural properties of languages from diverse regions and linguistic families. In short, an
introduction to linguistic typology. Prerequisite: APY 204 or by Instructor permission. This
course will be offered online synchronously.

**APY 385: Caribbean Cultures**
Section C, MWF 10:10am – 11:00am  
Instructor: Ann Brittain

Caribbean societies, including ethnic diversity, production and exchange, domestic organization,
and belief systems.

**APY 393: Drugs and Culture**
Section T, TuTh 5:05pm – 6:20pm  
Instructor: Bryan Page

Cross cultural review of human drug use with special attention to the use of drugs in cultural
context.

**APY 405: Readings in Anthropology**
Section Arranged  
Instructor: Various

Supervised readings on special topics in Anthropology.

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**APY 406: Readings in Anthropology**
Section Arranged  
Instructor: Various

Supervised readings on special topics in Anthropology.

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**APY 413: Medical Anthropology**
Section R, TuTh 2:00pm – 3:15pm  
Instructor: Bryan Page

**APY 417: Archaeometry: The Science of Material Culture**
Section J, MW 5:05 – 6:20  
Instructor: William Pestle
The archaeological application of a physical science (physics, chemistry, geology, etc.) techniques to answer pertinent anthropological questions about past societies. Prerequisite: APY 201 or by Instructor permission.

**APY 418: Seminar in Anthropology - Indigenous Cartographies**
Section R, TuTh 2:00pm – 3:15 pm  
Instructor: Timothy Norris
This course/seminar is an introduction to global indigenous cartography that explores ancestral, anticolonial, and decolonial cartographic practices and performances through various lenses of indigeneity. Learning will be reading focused from both literary and map texts, with excursions to the University of Miami Libraries’ Special Collections, the Lowe are Museum, and a potential field trip. The goal will be to provide students with an understanding of how indigenous geographies intermingle with western/European cartographic traditions by tracing the distinct histories of practice in various traditions and then examining how they have come together in the past and continue to do so in the present. Inquiry will focus on how maps are used as tools to claim power, territory, sovereignty, and identity, and how they are leveraged for conservation and natural resource management on indigenous territory. Students will be encouraged to explore various mapping technologies from manual hand drawn or narrative traditions to digital mapping platforms such as ESRI’s storymap suite.

**APY 484: Anthropological Theory**
Section S, TuTh 3:30pm – 4:45pm  
Instructor: Louis Herns-Marcelin
Theoretical frameworks directing data collection and research methodology in anthropology.
APY 486: Black Feminist Theory

Section P, TuTh 11:00am – 12:15pm    Instructor: Jafari Allen

Black feminist theory, produced primarily by Black women scholars, artists and activists throughout the diaspora, constitutes a distinctive and influential body of politics and thought. Black feminist’s uninvited interventions in Black politics, arts and letters – produced at the interstices of violence, silence, invisibility, or forgetting – exposes and makes available a wider horizon of possibilities than had been proposed before its emergence. The central theoretical innovation of this praxis (later claimed by theorists of various stripes), is the multiple ‘interlocking’, ‘intersectional’, ‘compounded’ constitution of “identity,” oppression – aesthetic sensibilities, for example – and therefore of roads toward freedom. This distinctive body of work is not only interdisciplinary and multilingual, but also constitutive to specific geographies, politics, experiences, and particular intellectual and political streams.

APY 502: Field Studies in Anthropology – Gender and Work    NEW!

Section B, MWF 9:05am – 9:55am    Instructor: Claire Oueslati-Porter

This course requires travel to the Dominican Republic over Spring Break* week where students will reside in a resort and conduct field research on work and tourism. Students will spend mornings learning to conduct ethnographic methods while shadowing resort workers. Students will spend afternoons conducting ethnographic research focusing on the interactions involving service between the resort's guests and the workers. Sites of research at the resort will include housekeeping, kitchen, grounds, the front desk and concierge, pool, cafes, and the beach. Students will produce ethnographic field notes throughout this intensive week of participant observation research. Upon returning to class at UM campus, students will participate in class sessions that will teach the methodologies for analyzing patterns on field notes, as well as for developing theories based on their findings. In the weeks of class prior to travel, students who do not know Spanish will be expected to learn basic Spanish via the UM library's online language teach system, Mango Languages. Spring Break travel required; fees not included in tuition.

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APY 505: Museum Internship

Section 01, W 1:25pm – 3:55pm    Instructor: Traci Ardren

Field work and on-site experience in museum studies conducted in conjunction with the major museums in Miami. Training and research in methods and techniques in museology. Prerequisite: APY 201 or by Instructor permission.
APY 512: Advanced Medical Anthropology

Section R, TuTh 2:00pm – 3:15pm                     Instructor: Bryan Page

Applications of theories and methods of medical anthropology to problems in human health and disease.
Graduate Course Offerings

**APY 601: Graduate Semester - Principles of Archaeology**

Section D, MWF 11:15am – 12:05pm  
Instructor: Pamela Geller

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Section E, MWF 12:20pm – 1:10pm  
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Cultural anthropology, including such topics as economics, politics, kinship and families, health systems, religion, and personality.

**APY 603: Graduate Semester - Principles of Physical Anthropology**

Section P, TuTh 11:00am – 12:15pm  
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Theoretical frameworks directing data collection and research methodology in anthropology.

**APY 690: Teaching Practice In Anthropology**

Section: Arranged  
Instructor: Various

Logistics and pedagogical issues of teaching anthropology, including skill set and materials suitable for employment in settings for which the master's is the required, e.g., two-year schools. The student will evaluate texts, create teaching materials for a given subfield, master commonly-available electronic teaching and learning tools, and teach one class as directed.

**APY 699: Reading in Anthropology**

Section: Arranged  
Instructor: Various

Supervised readings on special topics in Anthropology, allowing the student to work independently with an Anthropology professor, conducting research on a topic of both of their choosing.

**APY 702: Field Studies in Anthropology**

Section: Arranged  
Instructor: David Forrest

Field research in advanced topics in Cultural, Archaeological, Linguistic and/or Biological Anthropology. Preparation of data for professional presentation and publication is stressed.

**APY 702: Field Studies in Anthropology – Gender and Work**  
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**APY 805: Graduate Internship: Professional Practice of Anthropology**

Section: Arranged Instructor: David Forrest

An internship designed to provide valuable career-related work experience in a real-world setting, e.g., institutions, organizations and/or businesses. Students will identify an opportunity, supervisor, and write a proposal as to the relevancy to their goals. The Internship may be paid or unpaid. This course may be repeated.

**APY 810: Master’s Degree Thesis Preparation and Writing**

Section: Arranged Instructor: David Forrest

Preparation/completion of a written thesis for the master’s degree when the student has completed the thesis research, is engaged in writing the thesis, and expects to use the facilities and resources of the Anthropology department and the university; enrollment is required when the completed thesis is defended and approved. This course may be repeated.
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