

# ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Anthropology Society at UH is to engage graduate & undergraduate students in activities, discussions, & events that promote an understanding & appreciation of anthropology that will provide our members with the background needed to become professional anthropologists. It is also a goal of the Anthropology Society to recognize & honor achievements in the discipline among the anthropology faculty & students.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

We wanted a way to provide our members with upcoming event information, lecture profiles, recent meeting topics, important Society updates, and more, all in one spot! This way both upcoming events as well as recent past events are highlighted, so you can always feel up-to-date and informed on happenings within the Society and the Anthropology Department. We hope you will find these newsletters informative and entertaining.

### Upcoming Lecture Series

We have been working to organize a Lecture Series featuring faculty speakers, alums of the UH anthropology program, and professionals from the discipline to give brief lectures on a variety of topics related to anthropology. This is slated to begin Spring 2018 and will include at least one speaker a month. Stay tuned for the speaker lineup as it becomes available.

### Upcoming Field Trip to STAFS

The very popular field trip to the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science (STAFS) facility, more commonly known as 'the body farm', takes place this month. This is by far the most popular event among our student members and we are very happy that Dr. Bytheway and

Sam Houston State University have continued the tradition of hosting the Society and providing a facility tour each year. STAFS also has opportunities for student volunteers and internships. See their [website](#) for details. More information about STAFS and our Society field trip will be highlighted in the next newsletter.

### Updates to GetInvolved

To better serve our Society members, GetInvolved will be undergoing some updates to the official membership roster. Starting at noon on Monday, 11/20, we will be removing all members from the roster. If you wish to continue membership, please reapply after this date. You can also help us out

with this process by ending your membership and then reapplying. Your membership will become active again Monday 11/20 after all updates to the roster are complete. The intention of doing this is to remove those members who are no longer active and thus provide us with a better idea of who our current active members are. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience as we undergo this transition.

### International Archaeology Day at HMNS

October is Archaeology Month, and October 28<sup>th</sup> is International Archaeology day. The Houston Museum of Natural Science hosted a celebration highlighting local archaeology groups in the Houston area include the [Texas Archaeological Society](#), the [Houston Archaeological Society](#), and [TxDot](#) to name a few participating organizations. This is a great event for those interested in local and historical archaeology, and many participating groups also have volunteer opportunities for students!



*Assorted artifacts from Frost Town excavation (Houston Archaeological Society & TxDot)*



*Some recent projects by TxDot & Houston Archaeological Society*





Poster of Paleoindian lithics by TxDot. Check it out on the Anth Department posting board!



Brazoria County Museum display of WWI artifacts. 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States entry into WWI

## CCS Department Holiday Party

The Comparative Cultural Studies Department, of which anthropology is a part, is hosting a holiday party Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the archaeology lab, second floor McElhinney building. Faculty have been kind enough to invite the Society to join in the festivities. Take a break from studying for finals and relax among fellow CCS students and faculty in a casual environment. This is a potluck so if you can, please plan to bring some treats to share!



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## Lambda Alpha National Honors Society

This is a National Collegiate Honors Society for anthropology, with a chapter here at UH. They provide annual student scholarships for anthropology majors, grants for study abroad research, as well as a magazine in which students can publish papers after passing a peer-review process. For more information about how to join or how to apply for scholarships see their [website](#) or contact Anth Society.

## KNOW A STUDENT OR FACULTY MEMBER WITH RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY?

Let Anth Society highlight their accomplishment in the next newsletter!

One of our stated goals is to acknowledge and honor achievements of our Anth Dept, faculty, and exceptional undergraduate and graduate students. Please feel free to nominate yourself for consideration or anyone else you feel has demonstrated recent outstanding achievements within the department and the discipline and let us call attention to their work in this small way!