Graduate Study

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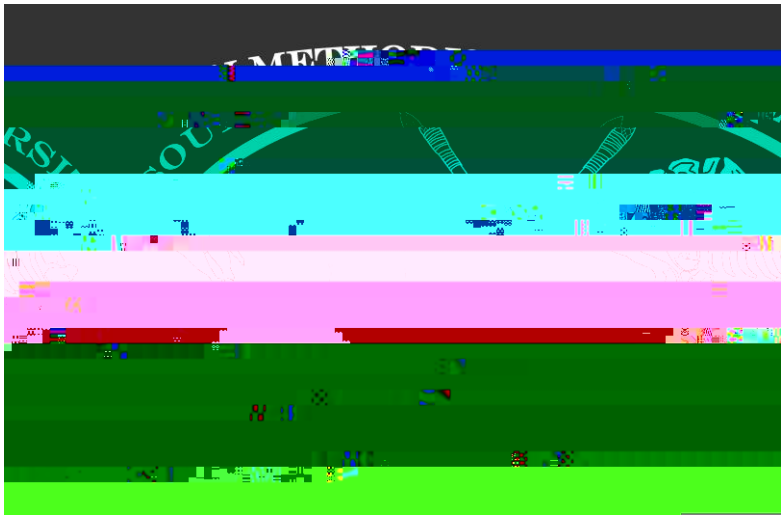

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our community of graduate students, faculty, and staff. We hope that this guide known in its paper version as the *Redbook* will answer many, if not all, of your questions about procedures and programs.

through e-mail: smugrad@smu.edu. In addition, applications can be made online at http://smu.edu/graduate/forms.asp or by contacting the Dept. of Anthropology, SMU, Dallas, TX 75275. Admission requirements and other information are contained in the current *Dedman College Graduate Catalog*. Only a limited number of students are accepted. Three letters of recommendation (using a form supplied by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies) are required of all applicants.

To be admitted to the Department, you should have:

1. A (or its equivalent from a foreign university),

Financial Support

Nearly all private Universities are expensive; SMU is no exception. Everyone, student and faculty alike, is concerned about securing and distributing financial support. The Department of Anthropology has a limited amount of financial support available for new and continuing

evaluation of overall student performance, made at special faculty meetings at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters. A notice of deadlines for student requests for support is posted well in advance of these meetings. If you are to receive support for the coming semester, the Departmental Chair will send you a letter following those meetings (generally in late December or late May) with details of your assignment and compensation.

NOTICE: If you request any kind of financial aid (departmental or otherwise), you must fill out the free application for federal student aid. For current forms, consult the SMU Office of Financial Aid, at http://smu.edu/financial_aid/Grad.asp

Types of Financial Support:

Department/University-based Assistantships

Teaching Assistantships (TAs) typically pay a stipend plus remission of tuition/fees. Basic health insurance coverage will be provided for students who maintain full-time status and have support through a stipend/assistantship of at least $16,000/AY. Assignments are made by the Department Chair after consultation with faculty members. This insurance is only available to students for the first five years of your enrollment.

Note: Before you can participate in classroom instruction as a Teaching Assistant (or Adjunct Lecturer), you must attend a teaching assistant symposium sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Department Assistantships (DAs) typically pay a stipend plus remission of tuition/fees. Basic health insurance coverage will be provided for students who maintain full-time status and have support through a stipend/assistantship of at least $16,000/Academic Year (AY). Assignments are made by the Department Chair.

Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs) are provided to graduate students who work on sponsored research projects led by individual faculty members. The compensation paid to GRAs may vary, according to the guidelines of the funding agency, and may cover summers as well as the fall/spring semesters. Under most circumstances, GRAs will receive remission of tuition/fees. Assignments are made by the Principal Investigator of the research project and confirmed by the Department Chair.

Readers/Graders.

Compensation and responsibilities will vary. Please see the Department Chair if you are interested in working in such a role.

Campus Jobs. Over the years, graduate students in anthropology have been creative in finding employment on campus beyond the Department of Anthropology. They have worked s Studies Program Office), in the residence halls (as dorm directors), to name just a few. If you are being funded as a TA, DA, or GRA, before you can accept additional part-time or full-time employment on campus beyond our department, you must obtain approval from the Department Chair and the Dean of Dedman College. For more information about campus employment, contact: http://smu.edu/Financial_Aid/StEmploy.asp.

Federal Work Study Program (FWSP) and **Texas College Work Study Program** (TCWSP) funds are available at SMU for those financially eligible. If you believe that you are eligible, please indicate this in your application for admission.

Tuition Awards

Tuition Awards (covering tuition/fees) usually are tied to Teaching Assistantships, Department Assistantships, and Graduate Research Assistantships. In exceptional circumstances, partial tuition awards may be made to students in other situations to expedite their movement through the program.

Tuition Equalization Grants (TEG), available from the state of Texas, (9 hours for one term). These are available only to Texas residents. If you believe that you qualify, please indicate this in your application for admission.

External Funding Sources

Fellowships and Grants. Students are strongly encouraged to submit proposals to the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program, the Ford Foundation, and other appropriate agencies. Successful applicants may receive as much as $30,000/year plus remission of tuition/fees, and health insurance coverage. Information is available through the

your project, and a one-page vita. Applications should be approved by your Advisor, affirmed by the Department Chair, and then submitted to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Room 342 Dallas Hall, SMU Box 240. The sponsoring faculty member should send a letter of recommendation directly to the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies.

ISEM Research Grants. The Institute for the Study of Earth and Man (ISEM) occasionally has funding for graduate student research. Proposals are accepted on a rotating basis. You should prepare a short proposal and a budget. This should be approved with a letter of support from your faculty Advisor, submitted to the Chair of the Department for signature, and then submitted to Dr. Louis Jacobs, Director of the Institute.

Teaching Opportunities for Students with MA Degrees

Adjunct Lectureships. A limited number of opportunities are available each term (fall, spring, and summer) for students with MA degrees in Anthropology to teach courses independently. The compensation is determined on a per course basis and does not necessarily involve remission of tuition/fees or provision of insurance coverage.

Dissertation Write-Up Awards

The Garry A. Weber Graduate Fellowships are awarded to students in the final phase of dissertation writing in conjunction with a dissertation completion award from the h athee

1) If you are required to print material for your job as TA or RA on behalf of a faculty member, the department will provide these copies or print jobs. These items are to be sent to Tiffany Powell, or Pamela Hogan for copying/printing.

2) TAs, please take special note: It is the responsibility of the undergraduate students in your classes to submit their coursework either electronically or as hard copy as specified by you or the instructor. If you or the instructor specifies that electronic copies are acceptable, they will not be printed by the department.

3) The copier is not to be used by graduate students for printing required readings from your courses; the printer is not to be used for your research papers or exams. If, however, your course instructor requires that you bring to class copies of an assignment for distribution to all members of the class, these items are to be sent to Tiffany Powell, or Pamela Hogan for copying/printing.

Students can pay for personal printing at any of the on-campus libraries using their SMU id card.

Leaves of Absence for Medical, Familial, and Personal Purposes

We have procedures in place for ensuring that you can maintain your status in our graduate program even if you encounter a medical, familial, or personal situation that prevents you from attending classes or otherwise participating in the program for an extended period. Please consult with your Advisor, and if needed with the Department Chair, for the best path to follow for your particular case. It is important to have written documentation of your need for medical, familial, or personal leave of absence from the program.

If you have taken a leave of absence for any reason and wish to reinstate yourself in the program, you must contact the Chair of the Department before the end of the first month of the semester preceding the semester in which you plan to re-enroll.

Academic Appeals

You are entering a large and complicated organization. We try to be fair to all our members and to uphold high s

your petition. No waivers or credits will be given for ANY course for which there is no supporting documentation.

In general, only courses for which you earned an A- or better (or its equivalent) can be waived or transferred. In cases where letter grades are not available (for example, for courses taken at some foreign universities), an explanation of the grade from the professor of record will be required.

Required Courses

Courses can be waived and credit hours granted as meeting SMU requirements only if they are deemed equivalent to our courses. Even if a course taken elsewhere is not deemed to be equivalent to a required course, you subsequently can petition to have the course transferred within the limits imposed for elective hours. For example, you may have taken a course in the history of ethnological theory. Such a course would not be equivalent to our ANTH 5334, a required course that covers the history of all four sub-fields of anthropology, but the course you took still might be considered for waiver/credit as an elective course.

Elective Hours

If you enter our graduate program with an earned Masters Degree, you may petition to transfer up to 18

subject to conditions imposed by the instructor. Any grade of **C+** (2.3) or below in a required course is considered a failure, and the course must be re-taken (without formal registration) the next time it is offered.

3. If the course in which the **C+** or lower is earned is an ***elective***, the course need not be repeated. A grade of **C+** or lower in an elective may be changed to a passing grade

   imposed by the instructor.
4. Two grades of **C+** or below are caus1 285.77 653.98 Tm

2. Ability to organize materials and ideas in an effective way.
3. Evidence of working effectively with others (students, colleagues) in cooperative settings.
4. Willingness to invest extra time and effort (beyond minimal or adequate levels) and see that undergraduate students learn and understand course materials.
5. High ethical standards in relationships with students and professors.

Performance in Research and Fieldwork

1. High ethical standards in relationship with research community and with professors in the field or in the academic setting. Plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, and facilitating academic dishonesty are all unacceptable, and will be dealt with in accordance with the policies of the SMU Honor System (as detailed in the *Dedman College Graduate Programs Catalog*, and at smu.edu/studentlife/). Students should consult the SMU Policy & Procedures for dealing with scientific conduct in research. This policy is available in the Departmental Office.
2. Ability to apply anthropological concepts in the field.
3. Ability to engage in cooperative teamwork with other students and faculty in the field, whether in the United States or abroad.
4. Evidence of flexibility and adaptability to field settings.

Written Statement of Evaluation

Following each end-of-semester faculty meeting, you will receive a written statement from the department chair regarding
for improvements. A copy of the statement will be placed in your departmental file.

Removal from Program and Appeals

language as a tool in preparing for your PhD Qualifying Examination. The Department will not pay for you to take language courses.

Important note: the language requirement must be satisfied before you take your PhD Qualifying exams.

Archaeology students must demonstrate an ability to read research literature published in a modern foreign language such as French, German, Spanish, or Russian. You may petition the faculty if you wish to substitute another language or languages. Students in Cultural Anthropology must demonstrate knowledge of the language most relevant to their field research.

to a maximum of two years). The Department will inform the Office of Research and Graduate Studies of all research leaves. If you do not register for two consecutive semesters without being granted a research leave, you will be dismissed from the program. If you do not register for one semester, and do not obtain a research leave, you may petition the Department Chair for re-instatement of your student status.

> **Note**: If you need to take a leave of absence for medical, familial, or personal reasons, please consult with your Advisor, and the Department Chair.

The minimum residency requirement is a total of 30 semester hours completed within three years of residence at SMU. Foreign students may need to satisfy additional residence requirements to comply with federal immigration regulations.

<u>The Normal Sequence for Completing PhD Requirements</u>:

> Coursework, including petitions for waivers of requiremen

Graduation Ceremonies and Doctoral Hooding

SMU grants doctoral degrees three times a year: in May, August, and December. Depending on when you submit the final, corrected version of your dissertation to the office of the Dean of

(including doctoral hooding) either in May or December. In either case, we invite you to participate in our departmental graduation ceremonies in May of the academic year in which you receive your doctoral degree.
receive your hood. You will be responsible for purchasing it at your own expense.

Failing the Doctoral Defense

Students who fail the doctoral defense may be given a second examination, at a time to be determined by the committee, but not later than one year after the initial examination. Students who fail the defense on the second opportunity are thereby disqualified to receive the PhD degree.

Time Limits

If you are registered for full-time study, you should plan on taking the PhD qualifying examination at the time specified in each degree program. Ordinarily, credit is not allowed for graduate courses (including transfers) taken more than ***six*** years before you take the doctoral qualifying examination. Should this time limit be exceeded, the credits must be revalidated and

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Southern Methodist University will not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age,

on the basis of sexual orientation. The Office of Institutional Access and Equity (**http://www.smu.edu/aao/**) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies and may be contacted at Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX 75275; 214-768-3601, or by e-mail at accessequity@smu.edu.

DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

THE MA DEGREE IN MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Introduction/Overview

ANTH 6305: Applied Anthropology
ANTH 6307: Global and Public Health
ANTH 6316 or 6317: Advanced Seminar in Ethnology (medical topic)
ANTH 6344: Global Population Processes
ANTH 6384: Global Issues and Development: An Overview
ANTH 6390/6391: Current Issues in Anthropology

Note: For non-medical anthropology coursework, you are encouraged to consult with the Instructor and to develop a research project/paper topic for the course that has a health focus.

For courses outside of the anthropology department, you must obtain the approval of your Advisor before enrolling. You should also discuss your enrollment in these courses with the Instructor of Record in the appropriate department or school. You may have the option of taking

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MA Examination in Medical Anthropology

Upon satisfactory completion of all course work (including the removal of any grades of Incomplete), you must pass an oral examination of approximately one hour designed to review your competence. Under conditions described in the *Dedman College Graduate Catalog*, the MA examination will be scheduled and conducted in consultation with your Advisor and with the members of the MA Examination Committee.

MA Examination Committee

You should form your MA Examination Committee late in your second semester, but prior to finalization of your internship proposal. The examining committee will consist of at least three members, two of whom must be from the Anthropology Department; the third member must be from a department other than Anthropology. Normally, the Committee chair. You are responsible for choosing the committee members, but should do so in close consultation with the Committee chair. The Department Chair will officially nominate this committee to the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies for approval.

The MA Degree

PROJECTED SEQUENCE AND TIMETABLE: MEDICAL M.A. PROGRAM

A possible schedule for your two year program follows. Do not expect the courses to be offered in the exact order as shown, and feel free to mix required and electives as they are available (you do not need to fulfill all your requirements before your electives). Also, the schedule of each student may vary depending on available opportunities. You will be expected to complete your internship by the third semester of your coursework. The 20-page write-up of your field/clinical experience must be completed during your fourth semester of coursework, and six weeks prior to the M

Total of 36 required hours.

YEAR 1

ANTH 6351, 6352 - Independent Studies
ANTH 6384 - Global Issues and Development: An Overview
ANTH 6390/6391 - Current Issues in Anthropology
ANTH 7341 Anthropological Writing
WS 6300 - Advanced Feminist Theory

Statistics: Students are encouraged to take statistics if appropriate for their area of specialization and research interests. You may take STAT 2331 by enrolling in an independent study (ANTH 6351). You may enroll in STAT 5371 and/or 5372 if you want more advanced statistical training. Consult with your faculty advisor.

Courses in Specialization GLOBALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (33 hours)

Core Courses (6 hours)
ANTH 6384 - Global Issues and Development: An Overview
Then either:
ANTH 6304 - Migration, Ethnicity and Nationalism
OR
ANTH 6305 - Applied Anthropology

Electives (27 hours). Any department course in cultural anthropology at the 5000 level or higher, including up to two semesters of Independent Study (ANTH 6351, 6352), and approved by your Advisor may be taken as Electives. These independent studies are in addition to the independent study normally taken to fulfill the statistics requirement. These may include but are not limited to:

ANTH 6305 - Applied Anthropology
ANTH 6309 Human Rights & Indigenous Peoples
ANTH 6316 or 6317- Advanced Seminar in Ethnology: Any Globalization Topic
ANTH 6327 - Gendered Lives and Global Change
ANTH 6344 - Global Population Issues: An Anthropological Approach
ANTH 6346 - Environmental Anthropology and Development
ANTH 6351, 6352 - Independent Studies
ANTH 6390/6391 - Current Issues in Anthropology
ANTH 7341 Anthropological Writing
WS 6300 - Advanced Feminist Theory

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Note: Failure to take this exam at the specified time can result in dismissal from the program. Only serious extenuating circumstances will be considered as a reason for postponement, and these must be presented in the form of a well-documented petition to be approved by a majority of the anthropology faculty. No written exam will be given during the summer.

Language Examination Students are strongly encouraged to take their Language Exam before the beginning of their third year of course work. However, the language exam *must be* successfully passed before students may start their PhD Qualifying exams. (Please see Appendix 1 for details on the Language Exam).

Summer following MA exams and the fourth semester Preliminary Dissertation Research:

Many students will

Preparing for the PhD Dissertation

Group C: Field Courses: up to 6 hours maximum

ANTH 5381, 5382, 5681, 5981 Field Methods in Archaeology

All graduate students must complete an archaeology field school or field experience equivalent prior to or during their time at SMU. A waiver for this requirement can be granted if you have completed a field school or have sufficient field supervisory experience prior to entering the SMU graduate program. Your waiver will be signed by the faculty member currently responsible for teaching the SMU archaeology field school.

Group C includes various workshops in Archaeological Sciences for 2 or 3 hours credit offered occasionally at Fort Burgwin. Register for these courses under a Research in Anthropology number.

PROGRESSION THROUGH THE PROGRAM Projected Sequence and Timetable:

PhD in Anthropology Archaeology (see TIMETABLE on page 39)

Faculty Advisor: Students will be assigned a faculty advisor when they enter the program or they may choose if they already know which faculty member they would like to have as their major mentor. This decision must be finalized by the end of the second semester filed with the department. In addition, students should formalize a general course of study with their advisors. (Important Note: a student may change his/her faculty advisor at any time if research interests change.)

Preparation for the Language Exam: Starting the first semester, students should begin language study or review in order to be prepared to pass the Language Exam their sixth semester, prior to the PhD Qualifying Exams. We have found that students who do not prepare early are often not ready to pass the Exam and this may delay their progress.

Students are expected to choose and finalize their faculty committee (their faculty advisor, two other professors from the department, and one outside member) by the end of their third semester. The committee must be set up in accordance with University Guidelines and approved by the committee chair. The list of committee members should be filed with the department and forwarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies. Note: no faculty member is obligated to serve on your PhD Qualifying committee, nor are you obligated to have any specific faculty member on your committee.

Students should meet with their committees at the end of their third semester to identify and plan their general dissertation research topic, and to discuss the areas to be covered by their PhD

Director of Graduate Studies, and their faculty committee chair to discuss ways to improve their progress.

MA General Examination

Upon entering the graduate program (i.e., during your first month in the department), you will receive a list of general topics in archaeological method and theory, and world prehistory. From these topics, the archaeology faculty will draw specific questions for your MA general examination, which will be taken at the end of your fourth semester. Additional details will be provided with the distribution of the general topics.

> Note: In extraordinary circumstances, if you enter our program with a Master degree in anthropology, the faculty will consider a petition to take the MA general examination at the end of your second semester of classes.
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> Note: If you have not completed an archaeology field school or had equivalent archaeology field training, you must do so prior to taking the MA general examination.
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> Note: No MA general examination may take place in the summer.

The exam will be administered toward the end of your fourth semester (second semester for entrants who successfully petition with an MA in Anthropology), the date to be determined based on that semester th or 12th week of the semester. The date will be announced at the beginning of the spring semester in which you take the exam. You will have one week from the distribution of the specific questions to provide the answers. Answers will be submitted electronically through the plagiarism protection software SafeAssign via Blackboard.

All members of the archaeology faculty in residence will grade the exam. Each question will be given either a *"Pass with distinction," "Pass," "Low pass,"* or *"Fail"* by each faculty member, and the average of these grades will stand as the grade for that question. The average of all of the grades will determine your overall performance on the exam. You will receive your results by the last day of the same exam week.

Your advancement in the PhD program is contingent on achieving a grade of *"Pass"* or higher on the exam as a whole. Students who receive a grade of *"Low pass"* on their exam are awarded a Masters of Arts degree in Anthropology, but will not be admitted into the PhD program. Students who fail the exam will not receive any degree and will not be allowed to continue in the program. Students will not be allowed to retake the examination, either in part or in whole.

Failure to take this exam at the specified time can result in dismissal from the program. Only serious extenuating circumstances will be considered as a reason for postponement, and these must be presented in the form of a well-documented petition to your Advisor, and be approved by a majority of the archaeology faculty.

Continuing Course Requirement

After you have received a Pass or higher on the MA general examination

place the week after exam week), a ***written*** statement discussing your progress on your dissertation. This letter will become part of your permanent file.

Dissertation Production: All guidelines for dissertation production should be obtained and studied *before* writing begins. Consult appropriate personnel in the Office of Research and Graduate Studies *in person before* final formatting of your graphics.

Scheduling the Defense Committee members must receive a draft of the entire dissertation, already vetted by the chair of the committee, at least seven (**7**) weeks in advance of the University-mandated deadline for dissertation defenses. You can expect to receive feedback from each committee member within four (**4**) weeks of receipt of draft chapters. **You must have your**

The Defense Procedures for a dissertation defense are outlined above. You will meet with your committee immediately following the public proceedings, and receive any additional recommendations to be incorporated into the third and final version of the dissertation, befor TJET9(be)-510(n

PROJECTED SEQUENCE AND TIMETABLE: ARCHAEOLOGY PhD

A possible schedule for your first several years in the program follows. Do not expect the courses to be offered in the exact order as shown, and feel free to mix required and elective as they are available (you do not need to fulfill all your requirements before your electives.) Also, the research/teaching schedules of each student will vary depending on funding opportunities & previous teaching experience. Finally, the semester numbering system applies only to semesters in residence: If you have field commitments during the academic year, your schedule must be adjusted accordingly. You still will be expected to take the MA general examination within five semesters of entering the program.

FULL-TIME FACULTY

For further information and access to individual faculty web pages, please go to:
http://smu.edu/Anthro

Caroline B. Brettell (PhD Brown 1978; University Distinguished Prof) Cultural anthropology, gender, anthropology and history, religion, kinship, migration, ethnicity. Europe and U.S.

Michael Callaghan (PhD Vanderbilt 2008; Adjunct Prof.) Archaeology, Complex Societies, Prehistoric Economies, Ceramic Analysis, Gender in Archaeology. Mesoamerica and Maya.

Travis Du Bry (PhD U California-Riverside 2004; Visiting Lecturer) Agri-business and food systems, labor, immigration/ migration, globalization. U.S., Mexico, and Spain.

B. Sunday Eiselt (PhD U Michigan 2006; Assoc. Prof., Director, SMU Archaeology Field School) Archaeology, indigenous archaeology, material culture studies (especially ceramics). N. America and SW.

Kacy Hollenback (PhD U Arizona 2012; Prof. of Practice) Anthropology of disaster, collaborative archaeology, material culture studies. N. America and Great Plains.

K. Ann Horsburgh (PhD Stanford U 2008; Visiting Asst. Prof.) African prehistory, molecular anthropology, ancient DNA, domestic fauna, prehistoric culture contact. Africa.

Brigitte Kovacevich (PhD Vanderbilt U 2006; Assistant Prof.) Archaeology, Maya, lithic production and exchange. Mesoamerica.

Victoria Lockwood (PhD UCLA 1983; Assoc. Prof.) Political economy, economic anthropology, international development, gender. Oceania and developing world.

Karen Lupo (PhD Utah 1993; Prof. and Department Chair) Ethnoarchaeology, Zooarchaeology, human behavioral ecology. Sub-Saharan Africa and Western U.S.

Mark McCoy (PhD U California-Berkeley 2006; Assoc. Prof.) Archaeology, political economy, human eco-dynamics, spatial technology. Oceania.

David J. Meltzer (PhD U Washington 1984; Henderson-Morrison Prof.; Executive Director, Quest Archaeological Research Program) Archaeology, Paleoindians, paleoenvironments, history of American archaeology. N. America.

Neely Myers (PhD U Chicago 2009; Asst. Prof.) Medical/psychiatric/psychological anthropology, mental health (especially psychosis and trauma). U.S. and Africa.

Nia Parson (PhD Rutgers U 2005; Asst. Prof.) Medical anthropology, mental health, gender, violence, inequality, globalization, human rights. Latin America, U.S., and Chile.

Christopher I. Roos (PhD U Arizona 2008; Asst. Prof.) Environmental archaeology, climate change, sustainability and ecological resilience, wildland fire, geoarchaeology, village societies. Southwest, Northern Plains, and Pacific Islands.

Carolyn Smith-Morris (PhD U Arizona 2001; Assoc. Prof.) Medical anthropology, Native American and Political Economy of Health. U.S. and Mexico.

Ronald K. Wetherington (PhD U Michigan 1964; Prof.) Physical anthropology, forensic anthropology, genetics, skeletal growth. Southwest U.S. prehistory and early history.

APPENDIX 1. LANGUAGE EXAMINATION

You may elect any language in which to be examined, but you must demonstrate to the faculty that this language is relevant to your area of anthropological interest.

No student may use English as a foreign language. On the other hand, foreign students who are not native speakers of English may use their native language to meet Departmental requirements if that language meets the criteria for relevance set forth above. Neither coursework taken prior to your entry into our programs nor exams other than those listed below will be considered as a waiver for this requirement.

If you require further training in a foreign language before attempting to pass the language exam, you may enroll in courses in the Department of World Languages and Literatures at SMU if the department teaches your chosen language. After obtaining permission from the instructor, you may take undergraduate or graduate-level language courses Pass/Fail. The three credit hours that you will receive per course will NOT count toward your required 54 hours of coursework for the PhD in Anthropology. These courses
additional charge).

If your language is not one of the languages that are taught at SMU, you may consider: 1) taking courses at another nearby university (these courses will not be transferred and DO NOT count toward the 54 hour requirement for the PhD in Anthropology); or

least 200 pages. Once settled on, exam material can be selected from this source. All translations must be in acceptable, fluent written English. Within the time limits imposed, you must translate the required passages, interpreting accurately such details as genders, tenses, idiomatic expressions, and similar linguistic features, which may not always have literal English equivalents, so as to furnish evidence that you are familiar with the language chosen.

OPTION 2. If available, you may take an examination given by the Education Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey. Check the ETS website (http://www.ets.org) for up-to-date information regarding type of exam, dates and places of administration, required fee, etc. The percentile score deemed passing by the Department of Anthropology may differ from that accepted by other departments, as long as it is consistent with overall University policy. Be sure to discuss the test you plan to take with your Advisor before you sign up for the test and pay the fee.

OPTION 3. You may elect to be examined by the Foreign Languages Department at SMU. In this case, you should consult with the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Anthropology. You must also consult with the Department of Foreign Languages to ascertain if there are any exam fees. The Director of Graduate Studies in Anthropology must approve the material to serve as the basis for the exam submitted to the Foreign Language Department. In case of failure, the Foreign Language Department will not reexamine before 30 days have elapsed.

OPTION 4. If you complete a language evaluation for a Fulbright or SSRC fellowship application, you may submit the results of this evaluation to fulfill the departmental language exam requirement. Examiners must be either language professionals affiliated with the University or native speakers holding professional and/or business positions in the community. You must provide a brief profile of the non-language professionals to either the DGS or Chair to have this examiner approved (in writing) prior to undertaking the actual exam. You must surpass a minimally acceptable score on the Fulbright or SSRC exams in order to fulfill the requirement.

OPTION 5. General Examination by Native Speaker in the Community. If you need to fulfill your language requirement in a non-Western language (e.g., Navajo, Laotian) not spoken by

Reading ability: Understands conventional topics and non-technical subjects.
Writing ability: Writes simple sentences on conventional topics.
Overall: Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad.

SSRC: Comprehension: Adequate comprehension for normal daily needs.
Speaking: Able to speak adequately for normal daily needs.
Reading: Able to read general material in own and related fields with the aid of a dictionary.
Writing: Able to draft academic materials in field of specialization, with major editing by a native speaker.

You may attempt the language exam as many times as needed in order to pass it. You also may try different options, different languages, and even different examiners. Once you have passed the language exam, notify the Department Chair in writing to place the results in your file.