

# AnthroScope

Department of Anthropology Newsletter Spring 2018

## *Major Career Recognition*

We congratulate Linda Whiteford, who has been awarded the Sol Tax Prize for Distinguished Service to Anthropology for her long-term and exceptional service to the Society for Applied Anthropology.

Whiteford has long been a major figure in SfAA, having served as President 2003-05, and contributing in many other roles. Her research and writing has focused on issues of gender and social justice in the areas of maternal and child health, reproductive health, global health policy, water-borne diseases, local and global responses to disasters, and humanitarian ethics. She has consulted for many international agencies such as WHO, PAHO, the World Bank, and USAID, and has received funding from the National Science Foundation.

Showing the central role of the Department in the Society for Applied Anthropology, Whiteford is the third USF faculty to win the Sol Tax award, following Michael Angrosino (2011) and Gilbert Kushner (2005). The award was presented in April at the SfAA's annual meeting in Philadelphia.



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## *Goodbye to two former Department Chairs*



This summer, the department says goodbye to two long-serving faculty members, as they move into retirement.

In a special "final performance," Linda Whiteford and Elizabeth Bird, both former Department Chairs, shared thoughts on their careers and lives with department faculty, students, and friends, followed by a reception.

Both will retire this summer from long and fruitful careers at USF. Whiteford, a medical anthropologist who has worked on reproductive health, disasters, and environmental issues, has published seven books and many articles and chapters, and her research has taken her to the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Cuba and several countries in Central and South America. Her work has been funded by the NSF, School of Advanced Research,

and other agencies. She has served for WHO, PAHO, USAID, the World Bank, and the Canadian Agency for International Development on projects in Bolivia, Ecuador, Antigua, Barbados and Mexico. She served USF in several capacities in the Provost's Office, leading important university initiatives, and was President of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

Bird, whose work has focused on media, popular culture, and issues of memory and heritage, has published seven books (two of which won major awards) and many articles and chapters. Her research has been primarily in the U.S. and Nigeria, and has been supported by the American Council of Learned Societies, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and others. She was inducted as a Fellow of the International Communication Association, a recognition given to about 2 percent of its members, and has won several USF research and teaching awards. At USF, she has served in the Provost's and President's offices, and as Faculty Senate President and member of the Board of Trustees.

Both Bird and Whiteford plan to remain connected to the department as faculty emerita, and look forward to active and fulfilling retirements.

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## *USF Leads the Way in Applied Anthropology*



The USF Anthropology department has long been a leader in applied anthropology, serving as a model for other programs nationwide, and training hundreds of applied and practicing anthropologists.

This leadership has been recognized with the recent selection of David Himmelgreen and Nancy Romero-Daza as the next editors for *Human Organization*, the flagship journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology. HO is a leading peer reviewed forum for scholarship across the applied social sciences. The two USF faculty will edit the journals for three year, beginning in 2019. As Romero-Daza states: "this is a great honor for our department, and it is especially meaningful to follow on the steps of our dear retired colleague Michael Angrosino, who held this position in the early 1990s."

USF faculty and alumni are also taking on leadership roles on the Governing Council of the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA), a section of the American Anthropological Association.

For 30 years, NAPA has championed the interests of applied and practicing anthropologists in and outside academia. David Himmelgreen is NAPA's President-Elect, set to take on the mantle in 2019. USF alumna Ellen Puccia (Ph.D. 2009) is the current Program chair while alumni Jason Lind (Ph.D, 2009), and Ann Tezak (Ph.D, 2016) are newly elected Members-At-Large. Wendy Hathaway (ABD) is the new Volunteer Coordinator and Elgin Klugh (Ph.D, 2004) is the new Workshops Committee chair. Finally, Terry Redding (Ph.D 1998), is retiring as the longtime Communications Chair. NAPA provides a social and intellectual home to applied and practicing anthropologists, and provides members benefits such as professional development, networking, mentoring, applied ethics, and opportunities for volunteering. Readers are encouraged to contact any of the current leaders to get involved.



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## *Community Engagement: Sulphur Springs*

For many years, Department faculty and students have worked in Sulphur Springs neighborhood, creating partnerships that assist the community, while also offering research and service opportunities to students. Elizabeth Bird and Antoinette Jackson continue this tradition in working with the Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage



Center, a small, all-volunteer non-profit that works to help instill pride in the rich heritage of this often marginalized neighborhood.

Bird has written several grants that have brought exhibits and programming to the Museum, such as a recent traveling exhibit on Florida Folk Art, accompanied by community lectures that attracted as many as 90 people to the Museum's beautiful location on the Hillsborough River.

Meanwhile, Jackson's students research important aspects of the community's history, most currently in her graduate Heritage Tourism class, where students are producing work that will feature in the museum. This partnership continues the department's tradition of engaged work that serves our local communities.

[Museum Website](#)

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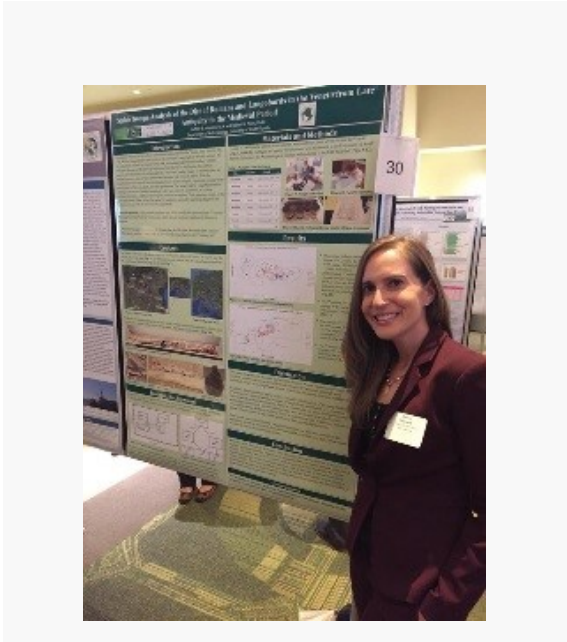
## Community Engagement: Crystal River

Florida Public Archaeology Network has been working with Dr. Tom Pluckhahn and the Crystal River Archaeological State Park to create new interpretive signage for the Crystal River archaeology site in Citrus County. The new signs are funded by a Florida Humanities Grant and the Friends of Crystal River State Parks. Installation will be completed sometime this spring.

[Park Information](#)



Ryan Logan, a doctoral candidate who is also pursuing an MPH in Public Health, was selected to receive the Edward Spicer Travel Awards for 2018 from the Society for Applied Anthropology, to offset expenses of attending the Annual Meeting this April. He presented his paper, "Reaching



Ashley Maxwell, doctoral candidate, was awarded a Rust Family Foundation grant for her dissertation research: "Exploring Variations in Diet and Health from Late Antiquity to the Early Medieval Period in Veneto, Italy: A Biochemical Analysis." Her research, advised by Robert Tykot, explores migration dynamics and

Them Where They're At": Exploring the Challenges, Potentiality, and Sustainability of the Community Health Worker (CHW) Model in the United States. Logan also received a Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice (SHARP) from the USF College of Public Health.

economic impacts through the use of stable isotope analyses to understand how migrant populations restructured the regional socioeconomic system in northern Italy after the fall of the Western Roman Empire. Maxwell also won an award for her poster at USF's 10th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium.

## Faculty Receive USF Honors

Christian Wells received the "Global Achievement Award for Outstanding Global Student Success" from USF World for creating the Peace Corps Master's International Program in Applied Anthropology and the Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program in Applied Anthropology.

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Elizabeth Bird has been selected to receive the 2018 Artist/Scholar Award for the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society's Chapter at the University of



South Florida. She will receive the award and make a presentation about her research and scholarship at the Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony, to be held April 22, 2:30pm, in the ISA 1051 auditorium. Bird commented, "I didn't even know I was nominated, so this is a wonderful surprise!" PKP is a community of scholars and professionals, founded in 1897 to honor superior college students across all disciplines. Its more than 300 chapters include individuals who have distinguished themselves in positions of leadership as artists or scholars.

## Students Create New Museum Exhibit

**EXPOSURE**  
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
EXHIBIT OPENING!

FRIDAY APRIL 20TH  
6PM-8PM  
SOC 151

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ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT  
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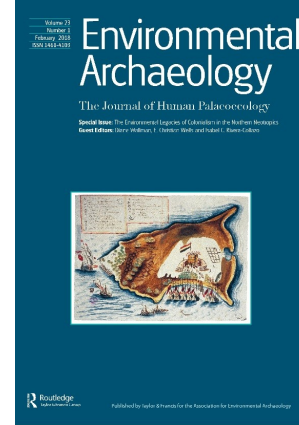
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The undergraduate students in the Spring 2018 Museum Methods course and their instructor, doctoral candidate Vivian Gornik, are pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit titled Exposure: Photography and Social Justice. Anchored in visual anthropology, this exhibit explores the role photography has historically played in raising awareness of social justice issues, and questions the potential of photography to continue to do so in a world saturated with images of human suffering.

This student-curated exhibit will open in the Waterman Gallery on Friday, April 20th. There will be a reception with light refreshments in SOC 151 at 6:00 pm before the opening of the exhibit.

# Faculty Define a Field

Christian Wells, along with department colleague Diane Wallman and Isabel C. Rivera-Collazo (UC San Diego) co-edited a special issue of *Environmental Archaeology* (23:1), titled Environmental Legacies of Colonialism in the Northern Neotropics.



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