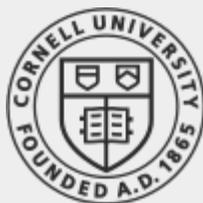


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## Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

You and I know that an education in anthropology is excellent preparation for life in our increasingly complex and diverse world. But incoming undergraduates do not always know this. In fact, a surprising number do not know what anthropology is and so never even think to enroll in an anthropology class. For the last few years we have been thinking strategically about how we might introduce more students to anthropology, and the earlier in their academic careers the better! Whether they fall in love with anthropology and decide to major in it or merely take a class or two, we are convinced that everyone benefits from students' exposure to anthropological ways of thinking about the world. It is our goal to make anthropology a central part of a liberal arts education at Cornell.

Our involvement in the campus-wide efforts of Global Cornell and Engaged Cornell has been central to our recent efforts to introduce anthropological perspectives to undergraduates. As you may know, this year we rolled out a suite of new courses designed to teach undergraduates from all over the university – particularly those who wish to study abroad – practical skills for communicating cross-culturally and engaging productively with people who understand the world in very different ways. By all accounts these courses have been

a big success, and we look forward to fine-tuning and improving them in the years to come.

These new courses form the core of a new minor that we have been developing in collaboration with Cornell's Public Service Center. The new minor in Public Service Studies will provide students who are committed to public service and direct engagement with communities the opportunity to ground their off-campus experiences in a curriculum that helps them to think critically about citizenship and the complexities of intercultural collaboration. Whether students' service commitments take them into the local Ithaca community, their neighborhoods at home, or destinations across the globe, the minor in Public Service Studies will equip them with the tools to reflect upon community action, advocacy and activism, as well as their own role in promoting social change. We hope to have this new minor up and running by the fall of 2018.

Finally, to help us reach a broader audience, we have been working closely with new and existing interdisciplinary majors on campus. First, we are reconstituting our relationship with the popular cross-college major Biology and Society. Next year, two of our courses will be designated as core courses for that major, and many of our faculty members will be serving as BSOC advisors. Second, we are working to achieve similar prominence within the brand new cross-college major in Environment and Sustainability. Anthropology has a lot to offer students in both these fields, and we are looking forward to working with them.

On March 20, Cornell will once again celebrate Giving Day. This is a great opportunity for you to help us get anthropology out into the world. Your donation, in any amount, supports our faculty and students as we offer anthropological training and experiences in the classroom and in the field. Please visit our [Department of Anthropology Giving Page](#) on March 20th to participate. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Best wishes, Paul Nadasdy

## Chair, Department of Anthropology



## Nadasdy Named Department Chair

Political and environmental anthropologist Paul Nadasdy has been named chair of the Department of Anthropology.

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## Infant skull binding shaped identity, inequality in ancient Andes

The idea of binding and reshaping a baby's head may make today's parents cringe, but for families in the Andes between 1100-1450 AD, cranial modification was all the rage.

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## Annelise Riles receives lifetime achievement award

Annelise Riles, professor of anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Jack G. Clarke '52 Professor of Far East Legal Studies at Cornell Law School, has received the Anneliese Maier Award for lifetime achievement across the social sciences and humanities from the German government and the Humboldt Foundation.

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## Anthropology Awards Support and Motivate Undergraduates

The Freedman Awards and Engaged Learning Scholarships help students to conduct research and seek a deeper understanding of their interests.

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## Awards and Accolades - Spring 2018

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