

Department of Anthropology

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the [Department of Anthropology](#) at Stony Brook University!

The past year witnessed the passing of [Bill Arens](#), who joined the Department of Anthropology in 1970, teaching cultural anthropology until the 1990s when he became Associate Dean of the Graduate School and ultimately Vice Provost for Global Affairs. I am certain that some of you recall his lectures, or perhaps your trips to Tanzania through the study abroad program he led.

On a more positive note, I am tremendously excited to bring news of the wonderful achievements of some of our students and faculty over the past year.

One of our recently graduated doctoral students, [Carrie Mongle](#), was selected as one of only five of the class of 2019 to be recognized with the President's Award to Distinguished Doctoral Students. Carrie was further honored with the invitation to give the commencement speech at the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony in May. This recognition was due to her outstanding contributions to research, scholarship and education. Within two years of entering the [Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Anthropological Sciences \(IDPAS\)](#), Carrie had already co-authored two peer-reviewed publications on bone formation and the structure of long bone diaphysis in humans. By graduation, she amassed an impressive record of eight publications in respected, high-impact international journals, with another five articles in press or under review. Carrie is first or second author on eight of these 13 articles! This is a truly impressive record. Upon graduation, Carrie began a postdoctoral research appointment in the Department of Anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History. We anticipate many future accomplishments for our Distinguished Doctoral Student. Congratulations, Carrie!

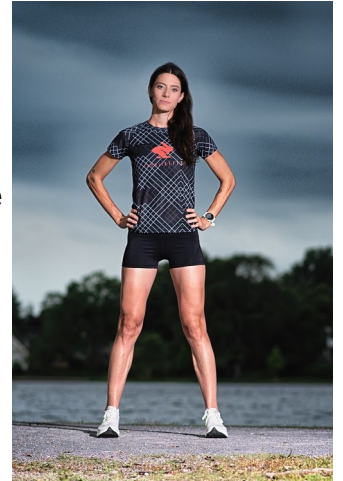


Two of our faculty have achieved noteworthy successes in the past year:



Assistant Professor [Catherine Markham](#), who has been studying wild baboons in Kenya for 15 years, will be adding a new direction to her research. Catherine is the Stony Brook lead investigator on a collaborative NSF research grant that was awarded in the amount of \$372,000 for this project. She will be working with members of the Amboseli [Baboon Research Project](#) and Stony Brook students to study the effects that social status and group size have on the energetic status of individual baboons by analyzing their thyroid hormone levels. Additionally, Catherine and her graduate students, in partnership with the University's [Institute for STEM Education](#), are developing a new after school science program focused on biological anthropology that will target school districts on Long Island.

Assistant Professor [Gabrielle Russo](#) has achieved remarkable success in her quest to qualify for the U.S. Women's Olympic Marathon Team for the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo. After winning the Long Island Marathon in 2017, she finished the 2018 Philadelphia Marathon with a time of 2:44:51, earning her way to compete in the qualifying race for the Olympic team, to be held in Atlanta in February of 2020. Gabrielle is currently training as an endurance triathlete — swimming, biking and running — to tone her aerobic capacity for the qualifying race. She recently placed 2nd in the Ironman Atlantic City triathlon! Qualifying to run in Atlanta is an achievement in itself, as Gabrielle is one of only a few hundred women in the entire nation who will be there. Go Gabrielle! Read more about her training for the 2020 Olympics Marathon Trials [here](#).



Congratulations to Carrie, Catherine and Gabrielle!

On Friday, October 18, we will celebrate the Investiture of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Pat C. Wright, recognizing the generosity of the Hernstein family in creating the Hernstein Family Endowed Chair for Conservation Biology. The event will take place at 3:00 pm in the Charles B. Wang Center Theatre. If you are able to join us, please RSVP by Tuesday, October 15.

Finally, on Thursday, October 24, the Departments of Anthropology and Ecology and Evolution are co-sponsoring the Presentation of the Rohlf Medal in Morphometrics to Dean C. Adams '99. Adams received his PhD from the Department of Ecology and Evolution and is currently Professor of Evolutionary Biology at Iowa State University. He will receive this prestigious award in conjunction with his lecture, "Morphometrics, Macroevolution, and An Effect Size Measure for Multivariate Data," part of the [2019 Provost's Lecture Series](#). The presentation and lecture will be held at 4:00 pm in the Charles B. Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2. The festivities will conclude with a celebration of Jim Rohlf's academic contributions to morphometrics and his philanthropic legacy to the Department of Anthropology for the future of the field. We hope you will join us for this exciting event!

Please send us your updates so we can include them on our forthcoming Alumni News page!

Warmly,

Frederick E. Grine
Professor and Chair

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