

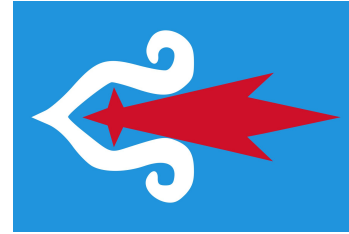
# Careers in Cultural Anthropology



# International Relations and Anthropology (Maria Allam, Anna Pena)

## Career Opportunities

- Indigenous Studies and protection
  - Ainu (Japan), Estonian Indigenous history
- Linguistics and preservation of endangered languages
  - Tongan Language Preservation
- EU and other foreign diplomatic societies (ambassadors and representatives)
  - Jobs: Policy Advisor, Human resources agent, communication, political affairs, law, translators, temporary research analyst.
- International law (practice and research of it)
- International Relations Theorists
- Global Marketing
- International Business
  - FranklinCovey, Netflix, Google
- International Liaison between museum/other research based institutions
  - Smithsonian, Natural History Museum of Utah



# Recommended Skill Sets For International Relations

- Ability to conduct field work
- Interpersonal Abilities
- Communication abilities with multiple cultural groups/languages
- Historical knowledge of the country you are working with
- Ability to conduct in-depth research and interviews (analytical skills)
- Decent writing skills for research/publication
- Recommended physical stamina (not necessary for every career)
- PhD, Doctorate..... Some fields require different educational levels.
- Adequate knowledge in International Politics



**F**IELD  
**WORK**



# International Relations continued...

## Educational Paths/Opportunities

### National

-[University of Utah Graduate School](#)

-[Applied Anthropology: University of North Texas](#)

-[Social and Cultural Studies: University of California, Berkeley](#)



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### International

-[Anthropology Masters Program, Tallinn University](#)

-[London School of Economics and Political Science](#) (Ranked 4th in Anthropology programs internationally)

-[Masters in Cultural Anthropology, Eötvös Loránd University](#)

-[National Autonomous University of Mexico \(UNAM\)](#) (Ranked first in Latin American Anthropology programs)

# Government and Anthropology

## Career Opportunities:

- Foreign Service
  - Promote peace and prosperity abroad, represent the interests of the United States
- Peace Corps or AmeriCorps VISTA
  - Provide social and economic support to foreign countries
- USAid
  - Foreign aid and development assistance
- International Trade
- Military
- CIA
- Homeland Security



# Government and Anthropology

## Government Requirements

- American citizenship
- No criminal background
- Pass security clearance

## Skills

- Foreign language fluency
- Internship and work experience
- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Leadership, advocacy, and independence
- Interpersonal skills, teamwork



# Refugee Resettlement and Anthropology

## CAREERS

- Casework
- ESL
- Health
- Economic Development
- Education
- Housing
- Research
- Occupational Therapy
- Interpreter
- Work in Refugee Camps

## PLACES TO WORK

- UNITED NATIONS
  - UNHCR
- NGO's
- Higher Education
- Government
- Hospitals
- Opportunities to work nationally or internationally
- Religious Organizations





# Refugee Resettlement and Anthropology

## SKILLS

- Advocacy
- Multicultural Awareness
- Fluent in multiple languages is helpful
- TESOL/TOEFL/TEFL Certificate
- CCM Certificate
- Undergraduate degree, Graduate degree, PHD





## The Arts and Anthropology

- Visual Anthropology
  - Visual Representations of Culture
    - “[We] examine how aspects of culture can be pictorially/visually interpreted and expressed, and how images can be understood as artifacts of culture.” - Society for Visual Anthropology
    - Can overlap with museum anthropology
  - Documentaries and Ethnographic Film
    - “...I think we can use film to show some of the realities of people’s lives....to get close with our cameras to the people we are filming, show what they do, listen to what they say and follow them with our filming long enough so we can learn.” - John Marshall

- Creative Fiction

“...[C]reating the story allowed me to apply anthropological concepts like cultural relativity, cultural construction of race, and evolution to create the biology and culture of a new species of humans and imagine what it might be like for them when a well-meaning scientist “discovers” their existence....I’d feared writing and producing fiction would take me farther from anthropology. Instead, it’s offering a way home.”

- Carlyanna Taylor



# The Arts and Anthropology

## Skillset:

- Research experience
- Office skills (e.g. organization, time management, communication)
- Writing proficiency
- IT skills
- Editing experience



# Archaeology and Anthropology

(Kate Henderson)

What kinds of jobs can I do as an archaeologist?

- Archaeological research
- Academic work (teaching, research, publishing)
- Work as a museum/gallery curator/exhibitions officer
- Archaeological conservation
- Manage cultural resources
- Do education and outreach with the public



# Archaeology and Anthropology

## Who hires archaeologists?

- Universities
- Government
- State and National Parks Services
- Forest Service
- Museums
- Historic Sites
- SHPO's (State Historic Preservation Offices)
- CRM Firms (Cultural Resource Management)
- Engineering Firms





# Archaeology and Anthropology

## How much education do I need?

While a bachelor's degree will work for entry level positions with the government or CRM firms, many higher paying and academic jobs require a master's or PhD.



**Note:** Archaeologists aren't necessarily limited to one kind of job; many jobs within archaeology provide skills and networking opportunities that can provide inroads to other job opportunities within the field. It's possible, for example, to build a career that includes academia, research, publication, CRM work, GIS, public outreach, museum work, and conservation.

## What other skills, knowledge, and certifications are helpful?

- Outdoors skills
- Physical fitness/hiking and climbing/carrying equipment
- People skills
- Analytical skills
- Investigative skills
- Ethnography skills
- Writing skills
- GIS Certification
- Additional languages
- Knowledge in other disciplines such as geography, geology, botany, etc.



# Environmental Nonprofits and Anthropology

## Jobs:

- Environmental educators
- Conservation scientists
- Policy analysts
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Natural Resource Specialist
- Director of Management and Operations
- Public Health Program Specialist

## Career Opportunities:

- Peace Corps
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Sierra Club Foundation
- Greenpeace Fund
- National Parks Conservation Association
- The Nature Conservancy
- Center for Biological Diversity



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# Nonprofits and Anthropology cont.

## Skillset:

- Bachelor's degree relevant to particular role
- Excellent writing and oral skills
- Able to work in demanding environments
- Nonprofit experience is preferred
- Previous experience in fields relating to the specific nonprofits
- Ability to work with different cultures and communities



# Education and Anthropology

## Graduate Programs



- At the U
  - *Education, Culture, and Society*

“Education, Culture & Society is committed to the study and pursuit of social justice in education using frameworks and methodologies that address class race, ethnicity, sexuality, and gender in educational policies and practices.”



- University of Wisconsin
  - *Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis*

“The mission of the department is to create, evaluate, exchange, and apply knowledge about leadership, learning, and organizational performance to prepare scholars and scholar practitioners who cultivate equity and educational opportunity in a diverse and changing world.”

# The Culinary Arts and Anthropology



Food/nutritional anthropology:

- study cultural significance of food collection, preparation, and traditions surrounding food
- some universities offer relevant graduate programs

Skills from anthropology that can be applied to the culinary arts:

- Understanding the role culture plays in food preparation
- Studying culinary arts abroad