CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS: Undergraduate Research in the Anthropology Classroom

Anthropology faculty at community colleges introduce the study of the human condition to students who are exposed to the discipline for the first time through myriad active teaching pedagogies. Whether our undergraduates act as archaeologists and take the steps to survey a site, learn the forensic measurements biological anthropologists use to reunite loved ones, or observe how speech patterns and social behaviors construct identity and community, the anthropology classroom becomes a laboratory where students learn by doing. Indeed, what all these class-based activities have in common is that they provide students with training in social science research methods. In the past decade, higher learning has shifted toward requiring undergraduates to gain some research experience in their field of study in order to increase their competitiveness in the job market and better train them for graduate programs. Anthropology has followed this trend as one of the fields in which research experiences are naturally embedded into our courses and scaffolded in the curricula, particularly given the move toward a more engaged and applied focus.

Our conference theme invites attendees—anthropology faculty full time and adjunct, practicing anthropologists, undergraduate and graduate students, and anthropology community collaborators—to address and explore best practices in incorporating research in the undergraduate classroom and in engaging undergraduates with research experiences. Whether you teach research methods or have a research-based activity that has proven to successfully engage students, or whether you conduct your own research that involves undergraduates in some way, we invite you to join the conversation! Following the mandate of SACC regional conferences, we hope to provide a forum for community college faculty and students, and those with whom we work in partnership, to network and benefit from shared information and strategies on ongoing collaborations.

The conference will be held at the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Ruth Gomberg-Muñoz, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Loyola University of Chicago, will give the Keynote Address, and attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a special touring exhibit at the museum, available to the general public only with an upcharge: Apsáalooke Women and Warriors. We hope to see you there!

Please address any questions regarding the conference and this Call for Presentation Proposals to the SACC Great Lakes Regional Conference organizers: Dr. Evin Rodkey or Dr. Isabel Scarborough at SACCmeetings@gmail.com Submit your conference proposals
and abstracts at this same email address. Abstracts and narratives should be no longer than 125 words and must be received no later than February 28, 2020.

All received submissions will receive a confirmation email within a week of submission. If you have any difficulties in the process of submitting your abstract, please contact Dr. Isabel Scarborough at SACCmeetings@gmail.com Notification of acceptance or rejection of proposals will be communicated Friday, March 6, 2020.

The Society for Anthropology in the Community Colleges (SACC) is a section of the American Anthropology Association (AAA). The Great Lakes Region includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. However, there is no restriction regarding residency; colleagues of other states are welcome to participate.

Presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes. Presentations will be divided into panels by the organizers. Given the short timeframe for this conference, we ask that all participants be mindful and follow this time limit.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
To REGISTER: At the American Anthropological Association Section Meetings site, scroll down to find the SACC Regional Great Lakes Conference. Here is the link: https://secure.americananthro.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=AAAWeb&WebKey=ced2aab5-ccd7-4f28-bd95-01edee542f5e&navItemNumber=636

COST

*Early registration: $40. (Must be received by March 30, 2020 through the American Anthropological Association, AAA website).*

*Regular registration: $45 (After March 30 and up to April 18 at the AAA website. On site registrations are either cash or check.)*

*Adjunct Faculty: $35 early registration fee ($40 regular registration)*

*STUDENTS: only $25 early registration fee! ($30 regular registration)*

A Conference Program and information on parking, places to stay, and other logistics will be emailed to participants and posted on SACC’s website after March 6: http://sacc.americananthro.org/

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago!!