



PennState
College of the
Liberal Arts

Department of Anthropology

Graduate study in Human Ecology

Our integrative evolutionary and ecological approach draws on strong disciplinary connections with allied fields and departments across campus to offer new ways of understanding the fundamental behavioral processes that drive environmental and social change.

Departmental faculty

Rebecca Bliege Bird *behavioral ecology, ecological anth, hunter-gatherers, Australia*

Douglas Bird *ecological anth, ethnoarchaeology, resource management, Australia*

José Capriles *environmental arch, socioecological systems, South America*

Kristina Douglass *environmental arch/anthropology, extinctions, Madagascar*

Sagan Friant *evolutionary ecology, disease ecology, bushmeat, Nigeria*

Luke Glowacki *behavioral ecology, collective action, social complexity, Ethiopia*

Douglas Kennett *environmental arch, behavioral ecology, demography, the Americas*

Sarah McClure *environmental arch, behavioral ecology, domestication, Europe*

George Perry *evolutionary ecology, genomics, parasites, primates, Madagascar*

David Puts *evolutionary psychology, behavioral endocrinology, sexual selection*

Asher Rosinger *ecological anth, water & health, South America/North America*

Mary Shenk *behavioral ecology, cultural anth, demography, India/Bangladesh*

Affiliated faculty

Carter Hunt (RPTM) *environmental anth, ecotourism, sustainability, Latin America*

Bronwen Powell (Geography) *environmental anth, diet quality, Ethiopia*

Active areas of faculty research

- Climate change, extinctions and biodiversity
- Historical/political ecology of conservation
- Social/political impacts of climate change
- Violence and warfare
- Coastal and island subsistence and ecological impacts
- Indigenous landscapes and biodiversity
- Evolutionary ecology of host-parasite interactions
- Risk, resilience and health in socioecological systems
- Sustainable development
- Collective action and cooperation in small scale societies
- Zoonotic disease and nutrition security
- Food/water insecurity, diet quality and social/ecological change
- Historic/contemporary role of landscape fire in biodiversity and sustainability
- Evolution and ecology of domestication, including plant-human and animal-human interactions
- Origin and evolution of inequality and social complexity
- The effects of market integration on health disparities, fertility and marriage patterns
- Behavioral endocrinology and sexual selection



Why Penn State?

- PSU Anthropology offers rigorous training in empirical scientific methods and a strong foundation in anthropological theory.
- Admitted students guaranteed 5 years of financial support
- Access to cutting edge technologies and active, externally funded field and laboratory projects
- Dual-title PhD degree options available in Bioethics, Demography, Human Dimensions of Natural Resource and Environment, and a joint MD/PhD through the Penn State College of Medicine
- Ecology PhD options available through the Interdepartmental Graduate Degree Program in Ecology

Deadline to apply: December 1



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