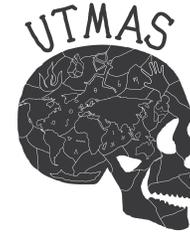




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# University of Toronto Mississauga Anthropology Society Annual Newsletter



January 21, 2021

## Fall Semester Recap, Winter Activities and More!



### **Thank you! Thank You!**

To all the students, faculty and staff who participated in our virtual events during the Fall semester! We believe that with your help, the UTMAS was still able to build a sense of community despite the hardships we have experienced throughout the year.

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### Call for Papers

UTMAS is currently looking for students who wish to present their research papers and projects at our annual Anthropology Conference in the first week of April.

Please see [page 8](#) for more information on the Anthropology Conference and merchandise.

### Merchandise w/ New Logo!





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## A Letter from Our President

Dear UTM Community,

I wanted to first start by saying congratulations to everyone on surviving a semester of remote learning! It has been a tough year for many of us, and I am so happy you are here!

Wow! What a semester it has been, we have had various events to promote student artwork, the launch of a new website and various academic and social events. I would like to give a huge thank you to UTMAS executives, anthropology faculty and all our attendees. We could not have put forth programming, without your support.

This winter semester we are committed to providing more workshops, and events for students to part-take in. We are about to launch a brand-new peer-mentorship program. An upper year student can pair with a 1st year student. The goal of the program is to aid first/second year students in anthropology in their academic trajectories.

We also have our annual conference, which will be held at the beginning of April, and we are looking for presenters. We will be providing gift card prizes to the top presenter, so bring your best work! Leading up to the presentation we will be providing students with workshops to develop communication and presentation skills.

As the winter semester vastly approaches, and the end of the year is near in sight. Are you interested in being part of this amazing academic society? Want to network with professors and take on a leadership role? Join our executive team for the 2021-2022 school year! Our annual elections will be happening between February-March, stay tuned to our social media for updates regarding the process.

We are always happy to hear feedback, if you have any suggestions for events/workshops you would like to see happen this year, let us know at: [anthropology@utmsu.ca](mailto:anthropology@utmsu.ca)

Overall, this year has been a success for UTMAS to promote online social, and academic engagement, despite the circumstances we face. I applaud the resilience and wish you the best in the winter 2021 semester.

Sincerely,

Lydia Clarke Rehman

President

## Fall 2020 Event Recap: Highlights

We started off the Fall semester with a new team and decided to revamp our website and logo! In order to get other anthropology students involved in the society, we held a UTMAS Logo Redesign Contest. We were *not* disappointed with the submissions!

After careful deliberation, we decided to go with Arumitha Sasiharán's Design.

Checkout the other logo submissions, go to [page 9](#).



Anthropology is highly interdisciplinary, and careers in the field can be both Cliché (i.e professor and archaeologist), and unconventional. This event was primarily focused on applied careers.

We held an online webinar entitled “Anthro IRL: Careers in Academia and Beyond,” with a panel of diverse professionals with academic backgrounds in anthropology. Our Panelists came from: Metrolinx, City of Toronto, City of Mississauga, Diamond Consulting and Marketing), and Centre of Forensic Sciences and some of our lovely UTM anthropology faculty members.

If you couldn't make it to the Anthro IRL event don't fret! Click the link below and you'll be able to access it:

Recording: [Anthro IRL: Careers in Academia and Beyond](#)

We held our annual graduate information session where the wonderful UTM anthropology faculty answered your questions about graduate school. It was a total Grad School 101, they shared everything you need to know about applying. They also discussed key information about careers in Academia!

If you couldn't make it to the Graduate Information Session, not to worry! Click the link below and you'll be able to access it:

Recording: [Graduate Information Session](#)

UTMAS  
**Grad Info Session**

Join us on November 27th from 1-3 PM to learn about graduate schools, the application process, and much more from our UTM professors!

**FEATURING:**

- Dr. Estaban Parra
- Dr. Lauren Schroeder
- Dr. Zoe H. Wool
- Dr. Steven Dorland
- Dr. Nicole Novroski
- Dr. Andrew Gilbert

Register at [bit.ly/utmasgis](http://bit.ly/utmasgis)

Prizes to be won!

UTMAS PRESENTS

# Anthro Trivia Night

December 3rd  
6-7 PM

Register at [bit.ly/utmastrivia](http://bit.ly/utmastrivia)

Throughout the Fall semester we held a number of destressor events. The first one was for Halloween. We held a movie night with society execs, where we watched “*Monster House*” and “*Scooby-Doo*”. Was spook-tacular! Thanks to all for joining us.

Next we challenged students to an epic anthropology themed trivia night. We played 5 rounds of kahoot trivia to help set the tone for the upcoming exam season. Students had fun, met new friends and won some awesome prizes.

For more information on our events check out our instagram or our revamped [UTMAS Website](#)



## Winter 2021 Event Programming:

If you missed our events in Fall 2020, or would like to participate in more this winter, we have a variety of exciting opportunities for you to join us in destressor events, informational workshops, and more in the coming months! Stay tuned for updates on our social media.

Month	Highlight
January	<p><b>Instagram Takeovers: A Day in Life w/ Anthropology Profs, and Students .</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow a day in the life of Anthropology students and professors at UTM.</li> <li>- Our First Guest is Dr. Madeleine Mant</li> </ul>
February	<p><b>Anthropology and Careers in Medicine and Law (February 11th: 6-7pm)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In collaboration w/ alumni relations learn about careers in medicine and law.</li> </ul> <p><b>UTMAS Games Night: Escape Room Edition (February, 15th: 12-1pm)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work through a fun escape room with fellow colleagues as a destressor! Prizes to be won</li> </ul> <p><b>Scavenger Hunt at the ROM (February 18th)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Join our fun anthropological scavenger hunt, worksheets will be available for a quick stress-buster! Show skills and win some prizes!</li> </ul> <p><b>Academic Writing Workshop: Improving Your Writing!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Want to write more effectively? More anthropologically? Join UTMAS and Prof. Andrew Gilbert.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>How to Present Research Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn some tips on how to create powerpoints, present, and organize your research in the most effective way possible. FYI, just in-time for our Anthropology Conference!</li> </ul>
March	<p><b>Finding Opportunities: Field Schools/ROP/Experiential Learning/Work-Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are you interested in experiential learning opportunities, field schools or ROP opportunities? Then, this event is for you!</li> </ul> <p><b>C.V. Writing Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Want to learn the dos and don'ts of CVs? Then this event is for you! Get some tips on how to format a quality CV. .</li> </ul> <p><b>Grad Applications Workshop: Mastering the Statement of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thinking about grad school next year? Get a head start on learning how to write a statement of intent, from utm anthropology professors!</li> </ul> <p><b>ELECTIONS: Stay tuned for more information regarding executive elections for next year!</b></p>
April	<p><b>Anthropological Minds in Turbulent Times: Virtual Anthropology Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are you looking for experience for your CV and a chance to present your work to those within your field?</li> <li>- This is an excellent opportunity to develop presentation skills and receive constructive feedback before your official presentations at the end of the term!</li> <li>- More information on <a href="#">page 8!</a></li> </ul>

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## Facilitated Study Groups (FSGs)

The Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC) offers FSGs that are peer-led study groups to help students develop study strategies for effective learning of their course material. All students enrolled in ANT101 are eligible to participate. FSGs are led to help students with:

- Comparing and reviewing study notes
- Discussing and clarifying concepts with peers
- Developing and evaluating study strategies
- Preparing for tests and exams

For more information about the Academic Skills Centre and FSGs that will be offered and how to enroll in Winter 2021, please visit their [website](#).

## Research Activities of the University of Toronto Mississauga Anthropology Department Faculty

A major part of the UTMAS is the Anthropology Department and the faculty! If you have ever been curious about your professor's research the Anthropology Department has summarized it for you! Some recent research activities include Dr. David Samson and their colleague's paper titled "[A functional linear modeling approach to sleep-wake cycles in dogs](#)", Professor Liye Xie being awarded the UTM Annual Research Prize, and Professor Stephen B. Schrafer participating in an online dialogue about our [climate change emergency](#). For more information on the research of the Anthropology Department's Professors check out the [website](#).

## UTMAS Presents the Peer Mentorship Program!

Are you an upper year student looking to build your CV and gain leadership experience? Want to give back to the UTM community? Join our 6 week CCR-approved peer mentorship program for the winter 2021 semester and get paired with a first/second year student. Fill out the following application if you're interested: [Mentor Registration Link!](#)

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## Annual Undergraduate Anthropology Conference Call for Submissions!

**DATE: April 1st-2nd 2021**

**Time: @ 1:00-3:00pm**

Are you looking for experience to add to your CV and a chance to present your work to those within your field? The annual Anthropology Conference hosted by UTMAS will give you an opportunity to present and participate within workshops geared towards your subject of interest!

Whether it's a paper you have already written and would like to share or a traditional presentation/poster board you can display within the conference workshop, this is an excellent opportunity to develop presentation skills and receive constructive feedback before your official presentations at the end of the term!

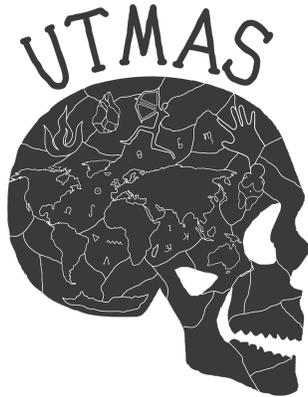
Presentations will be held virtually via Zoom and will each run for 5 - 15 minutes. We will be providing more information as the date draws nearer. Please register for the event at: [bit.ly/anthropologyconference](https://bit.ly/anthropologyconference) . This year we are giving out prizes for the best presentations.

### Merchandise

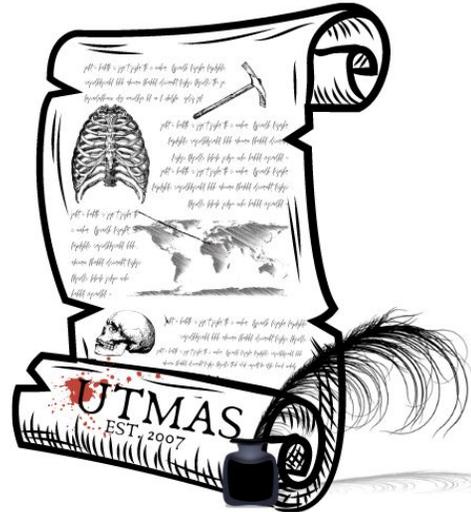
If you're interested in purchasing some UTMAS merchandise contact us by email at [anthropology@utmsu.ca](mailto:anthropology@utmsu.ca) or purchase through [our website](#)! Grey crewneck **\$30**, Black hoodie **\$35**!



## Logo Submissions



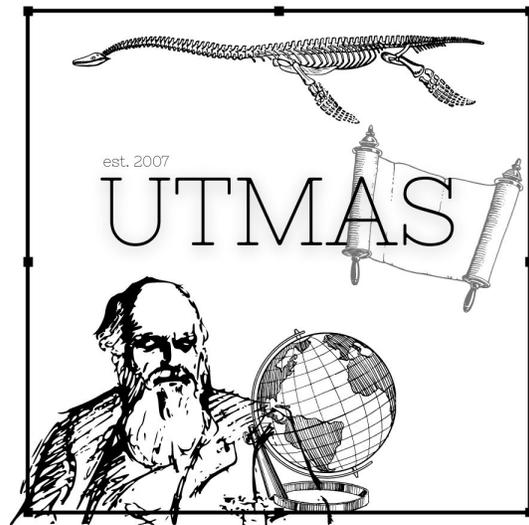
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Credits: Samantha Ribey



Credits: Myia Rose



Credits: Lidiia Tulenkova

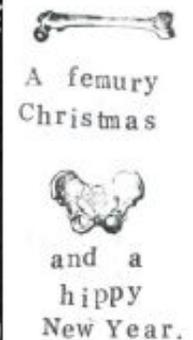
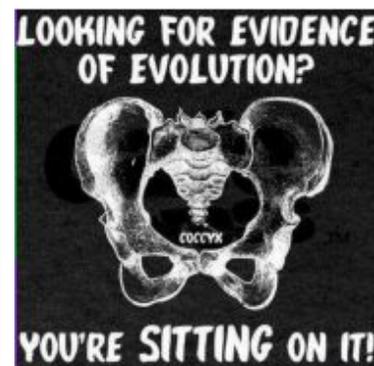
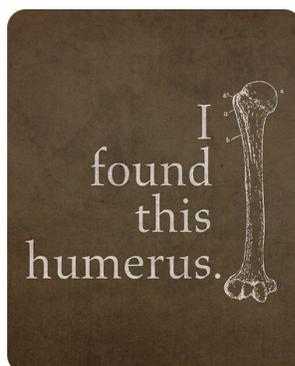
## Fun Stuff!

### UTMAS Word Search



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 FEATURE  
 FUNCTIONALISM  
 KINSHIP  
 MAGIC  
 NEOLITHIC  
 PALEOLITHIC  
 PRIMATES  
 RECIPROCITY  
 STRIATION  
 STRUCTURALISM  
 SYMBOL  
 SYNTAX  
 THEORY

### ENJOY THIS COLLECTION OF MEMES



First person to send us a copy of their completed word search will win a \$20.00 Amazon Gift Card!

May the best word-search enthusiast win!

## Executive Members of 2020-2021

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**Vice President:** Brynn



**Secretary/Treasurer:** Vinnah



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**Communication Officer:**  
Hailey



**Communication Officer:** Sai



**Fourth Year Representative:**  
Yasmine



**Third Year Representative:**  
Caroline



**Second Year Representative:**  
Lilly



**First Year Representative:**  
Hunar





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## Contact us!

Feel free to ask us questions regarding courses, resources, or just to say hi!

If you need help in a specific area, find the anthropologist in our society suited towards your interests:

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