

# Eastern New Mexico University

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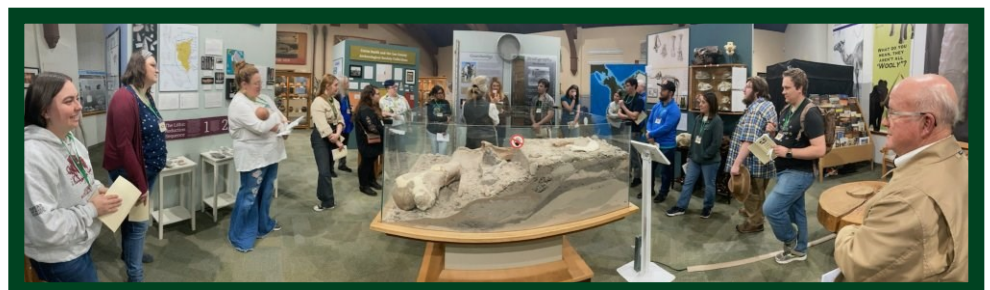
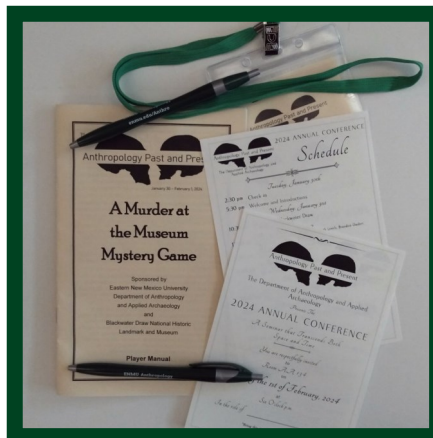
### Faculty and Staff

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Dr. Kathy Roler Durand, Emerita  
Dr. Everett Frost, Emeritus  
Dr. Janet Frost, Emerita  
Dr. Elizabeth Lynch  
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### Murder at the Museum Mystery Party

The Anthropology Department and Blackwater Draw Museum sponsored their first ever murder mystery party in February. More than 20 of our students, faculty, and staff members attended a research conference featuring famous anthropologists from the past, with one attendee ending up dead. Clues were discovered, theories were discussed, the mystery was solved, and pizza was eaten.



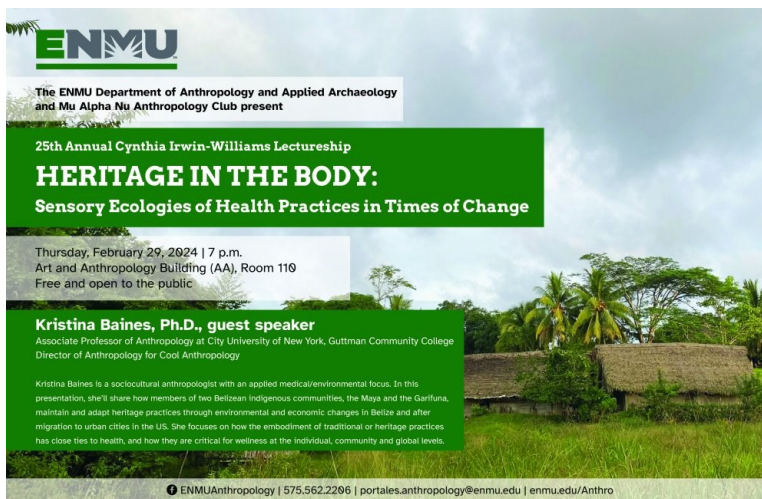
# Anthropology Student Awards and Scholarships

The Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology is proud to announce their student award and scholarship recipients.

- **Collin Charette:** Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology
- **Emily Cole:** Stephen R. Durand Anthropology Graduate Student Scholarship
- **Emily Crook:** Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology
- **Jazlynn Casas:** Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Forensic Anthropology
- **Jose Ruiz Rivero:** Outstanding Graduate Student in Anthropology
- **Karina Ford:** Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Forensic Anthropology
- **Yubitzu Truong:** Anthropology Faculty Scholarship
- **Yubitzu Truong:** Peggy Tozer Memorial Endowment in Anthropology Scholarship

## Cynthia Irwin-Williams Lectureship

The 25th annual [Cynthia Irwin-Williams Lectureship](#) at ENMU was held on February 25. Our guest speaker was Dr. Kristina Baines, Associate Professor of Anthropology at CUNY Guttman Community College and Director of Anthropology for Cool Anthropology. Her presentation was titled “Heritage in the Body: Sensory Ecologies of Health Practice in Times of Change”. She shared how members of two Belizean indigenous communities, the Maya and the Garifuna, maintain and adapt heritage practices through changes in Belize and after migration to urban cities in the US. The lectureship honors Dr. Cynthia Irwin-Williams (1936-1990) a renowned archaeologist who taught at ENMU from 1964 to 1982.



Kristina Baines and  
Erik Stanley



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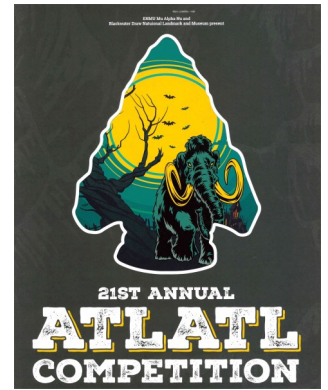


## Atlatl Competition

Our 21st annual atlatl competition was held October 28, 2023 at the Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark site.

Competition winners were:

- Austin (Youth)
- George (Adult, Distance, and Overall)
- Abram (Child)
- Gunnar (Costume, not pictured)



## Arbor Day Tree Planting

In honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day, we planted a hackberry tree in front of the Visitors' Center at the Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark site. It replaces a cottonwood tree that had to be removed after being struck by lightning last year. Cori Snobble baked mammoth and tree cookies for the occasion. Thank you to the friends who donated the new tree!





## Hands-On History Day

Blackwater Draw held their annual Hands-On History Day (previously known as Prehistory Day) on April 20 at the Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark site. In spite of cool weather, we had a great turnout.

Special thanks to the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture's Center for New Mexico Archaeology for their presentation and to Mu Alpha Nu members for all of their help.



## Newsletter News

This is the fourth issue of our Anthropology Department newsletter. We encourage faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the department to send us photos, news, announcements, and questions to be included in future issues. We'll post a link to the newsletter on [Facebook](#) and on our ENMU [website page](#). To receive a copy via email, contact us at [enmu.anthropology@enmu.edu](mailto:enmu.anthropology@enmu.edu).

## Student Research and Creativity Conference

Twelve of our undergraduate and graduate anthropology students presented their work at the 2024 Eastern New Mexico University Student Research and Creativity Conference in April. Caitlyn Streseman and Lance Anderson received awards for their presentations.

- Caitlyn Streseman
- Jacob Spurlin
- JoAnna Schultz
- Jose Ruiz Rivero
- Kelly Cresci Fulmer
- Lance Anderson
- Lauren Griego
- Samantha Wilkening
- Scott Jones
- Tara Larson
- Tim VanZeben
- Yubitzzy Truong



Poster presenters Samantha, Caitlyn, Lance, JoAnna, Yubitzzy, and Tara

## ENMU 90th Anniversary Celebration

For Eastern New Mexico University's 90th anniversary celebration in April, the Anthropology Department set up a booth with a coloring poster. Community members of all ages enjoyed adding their creative touches to the 2' x 4' poster with a variety of archaeology-related designs. Our Mu Alpha Nu Anthropology Club also set up a booth with displays and an anthropology quiz game.



## Anthropology Programs at ENMU

The ENMU Department of Anthropology and Applied Archaeology offers a number of different programs for students interested in Anthropology.

- [B.A. or B.S. in Anthropology](#)
- [B.S. in Forensic Science with an emphasis in Forensic Anthropology](#)
- [M.A. in Anthropology](#)

Students can take advantage of a new accelerated program which enables them to start working on their master's degree while completing their bachelor's degree in anthropology at ENMU. Students can now also take advantage of a new online option for our graduate program in anthropology.



## Wild Wild Eastern

The Mu Alpha Nu Anthropology Club and the History Guild collaborated on a float for the 2023 ENMU Homecoming Parade, with the theme of “Wild Wild Eastern”. Their float featured famous outlaws of the Wild West, including the lesser-known Mammoth the Kid, and won the “Most Outstanding” award. The students thank Drs. Jan and Everett Frost for their donation toward float construction.

The Forensic Science Society and Culture Club also collaborated on a homecoming parade float which won the “Most Clever” award.



## Courting Disaster: Experiences as an Expert Witness

As the parent department for ENMU's interdisciplinary Forensic Science program, we sponsored a guest speaker presentation in April. Cordelia Willis, who has been a criminalist with the Santa Clara County (CA) Crime Lab for 25 years, shared her experiences as an expert witness in court. This presentation was given in collaboration with the Jack Williamson Lectureship.

**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE**

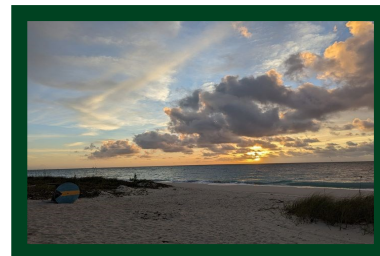
## Faculty and Student Research

Dr. Elizabeth Lynch, along with Dr. Marcel Kornfeld of the University of Wyoming, presented a poster at the 2023 Society for American Archaeology annual meeting in New Orleans. The poster was titled “Undiscovered Country: The Ground Stone Tools Assemblage from the Hell Gap National Historical Landmark”.

Dr. Elizabeth Lynch spent the 2023-2024 winter break on Grand Bahama as part of a Fulbright Grant. Her project is “Citizen Science Forest Recovery and Community Perspectives on Post-Hurricane Dorian Grand Bahama”. She worked with faculty from the University of the Bahamas North to teach ethnographic methods related to citizen science and community outreach.

She returned to Grand Bahama in May to complete the Fulbright research and work on a U.S. National Science Foundation project: “Collaborative Research: IRES Track I: Post-hurricane recovery of island freshwater lenses:

Understanding the impact of social and hydrological dynamics “. The NSF-IRES project will have student opportunities available for the summers of 2025 and 2026. Students who might be interested can get more information online: <https://www.csus.edu/college/engineering-computer-science/civil-engineering/nsf-ires-grand-bahama/>



Christmas Eve Morning, Taino



Elizabeth Lynch and colleagues in Grand Bahama



Heading out to the field to check plant density and collect soil samples.

Dr. Elizabeth Lynch and two graduate students had posters at the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference in Laramie, Wyoming in May. Her poster, with Dr. Marcel Kornfeld of the University of Wyoming, was titled “Integrating the Hell Gap Ground Stone Assemblage into the Folsom Technology at Locality I”. Student Lauren Griego’s poster was titled “Ritual or Everyday Use: Application of Digital Photogrammetry for Use-Wear Analysis of Hell Gap Ground Stone”. Student Lance R. Anderson’s poster was titled “Utilizing Digital Elevation Models to Analyze Use-wear on Folsom Ground Stone”. Their posters will be on file with the University of Wyoming Paleoindian Research Lab.

## Alumni Updates

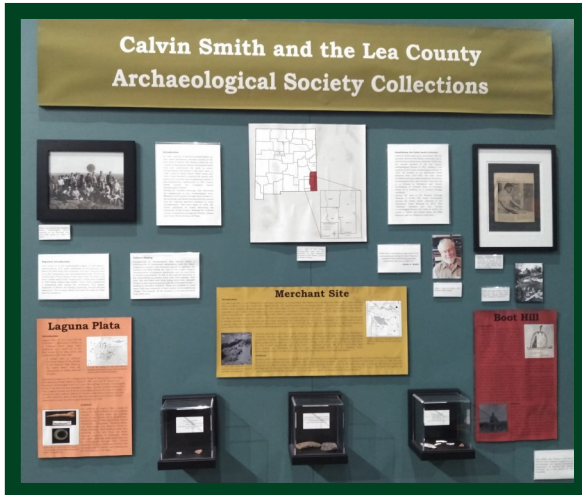
It’s been suggested that we include a regular “Alumni Updates” section in this newsletter. Alumni could submit updates about new jobs, publications, awards, retirement, or whatever other life events they’d like to share. We’d also do a longer “Alumni Spotlight” feature about one or two of our former students.

If you’d like to share news with us in our next newsletter or have questions about this new feature, send contact [portales.anthropology@enmu.edu](mailto:portales.anthropology@enmu.edu). Photos are always welcome, but not required.



# Blackwater Draw Museum

If you haven't been to the Blackwater Draw Museum lately, you're missing some new exhibits. The museum is located on the ENMU campus in Portales, in room 163 of Lea Hall. It's open 9-12 and 1-5 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 12-5 on Sunday. If you're traveling to get to the museum, check their Facebook page ahead of time for announcements about occasional unexpected closures ([www.facebook.com/BlackwaterDrawSite](https://www.facebook.com/BlackwaterDrawSite)).



This exhibit on Calvin Smith and the Lea County Archaeological Society Collections was created in the fall of 2023 by undergraduate student intern Meghan Ensign.



Souvenirs, t-shirts, books, and gifts!



This Day in the Life of an Archaeologist exhibit created by Taylor McCoy is designed for younger visitors and includes a hands-on activity.

More information about the Blackwater Draw Museum and the Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark site can be found online at [www.bwdarchaeology.com](http://www.bwdarchaeology.com).

