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ANTHROPOLOGY AND ITS CONTENTS

Anthropology, which derives from the Greek anthropos (human) and logos (study), is the study of humankind and human cultures from our beginnings millions of years ago up to the present day. As a discipline, anthropology provides the knowledge, skills, and tools to work with people, study the past, and shape the future.

Today human populations around the world are linked in a dynamic web of technological, social and economic relationships as powerful and compelling as at any time in human history. Anthropologists, as social scientists, life scientists, and humanists, bring a unique perspective to this dynamic connectivity. Today’s anthropologists study a rich brew of communication and information advances; economic arrangements and disparities; complex medical technologies; challenging food, resource and demographic problems; and a vast array of ethnic and political struggles both at home and abroad in the past and in the present.

While these phenomena present fertile ground for scientific inquiry, anthropologists find themselves under increasing pressure to make their theories and insights both more accessible to the public and of greater application to the problems that face the world today. This exhibition offers a window into the diversity of topics and themes that anthropologists engage.

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