Anthropology

Supervisor: Julia Gamble

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Research Interests:
Dr. Gamble studies interactions between early life stress and later life health in past populations by looking at growth lines in teeth combined with further evidence from the skeleton. Broadly, she is interested in patterns of stress and in how to read these from the skeleton. Her current work focuses on medieval Denmark in the period surrounding the Black Death and periodic episodes of famine through to the Reformation.

Anthropology

Supervisor: Haskel Greenfield

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Research Interests:
1. Bronze Age archaeology of the Near East
2. ArcGIS analysis of archaeological excavation from Europe, Near East or Africa
3. Making an archaeological film on European and/or Near Eastern archaeological excavations
4. Art, theatre and social protest in Greenwich Village – a biography
5. Origins of metallurgy
6. Zooarchaeology – animal bones in archaeology
Anthropology

**Supervisor:** Derek Johnson

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**Research Interests:**
Professor Johnson is Project Director on a seven year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council funded Partnership Grant project entitled Dried Fish Matters: Mapping the Social Economy of Dried fish for Enhanced Wellbeing and Nutrition. In summer 2019, the project will be engaged in scoping research in six countries in South and Southeast Asia to establish a baseline understanding of the operation of the economy of dried fish in the project focus region. URA projects might support this project work through analysis of secondary data sets, literature reviews, assisting with the development of GIS-based data visualization methods, helping to develop innovative online platforms for sharing project data, or specific targeted projects designed by students on areas of their particular interest within the broad project mandate. Students would be gain experience working within a large and diverse interdisciplinary research team. They would also contribute to the project’s emerging understanding of the socially, nutritionally, and economically important, but understudied, dried fish sector in Asia.

Classics

**Supervisor:** Mike Sampson

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**Research Interests:**
My principal areas of research interest are ancient Greek poetry and papyrology. Research in the former takes the form of analyzing Greek tragedy and lyric poetry from a number of perspectives: e.g., its historical, cultural, intellectual, religious, political, and mythological context(s), sometimes with the assistance of modern theoretical frameworks. The latter involves reading, transcribing, and analyzing original Greek documents on papyrus, which have been preserved since antiquity by the desert sands of Egypt and of which there are tens of thousands—still unstudied—in institutional and private collections around that globe. This material provides a rare, first-hand witness to daily life, religious practices, and government bureaucracy in the ancient world.
Economics

Supervisor: Janelle Mann

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Research Interests:
Research interests: Interested in any application of quantitative techniques to economics but most excited about research involving time series data, commodities (crude oil, soybeans, gold, etc.), price risk management, and environmental and resource economics.

English, Film, Theatre and Media

Supervisor: Erin Keating

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Research Interests:
My current research project is a monograph, Secret History and its London Audiences, 1660-1720: Affective Communities, which investigates the relationships between the English Restoration theatre and secret histories about the post-Restoration royal courts. Focusing on the reception practices associated with these genres, the project is organized around two key "affective ideologemes" (Ngai) and seeks to demonstrate the importance of affective reception for defining genre and for revealing the formative constraints of power within aesthetic pleasure. Over the summer, I will be involved in finishing the full draft of the monograph. Thus, researchers working with me will have the opportunity to work with reproductions of 17th and 18th century manuscript documents, books, and marginalia; to conduct secondary research— theoretical, critical, and historical—on the topics covered (including the theatre, gossip, secret histories, coffeehouses, and early celebrity culture); and to assist in editing sections of the manuscript.
**German and Slavic**

**Supervisor:** Stephan Jaeger  
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**Research Interests:**  
Dr. Jaeger’s research analyzes the representation of war and genocide, particularly the two world wars and the Holocaust in German, European, and North-American public memory in literature, historiography, film, and the museum. His current research is particularly interested in the narration and representation of violence in European and North-American museums and memorial sites about the Second World War. Areas of research: German and European Studies, War and Holocaust Studies, Museum and Memory Studies.

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**History**

**Supervisor:** Esyllt Jones  
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**Research Interests:**  
My main areas of research are the history of infectious disease, public health, and health care policy in 20th century Canada, in an international context. Recent research projects include a history of socialized medicine in Canada; the history of medicare; and grassroots health activism from the 1930s-1950s in Canada, the US, and Britain. I also work on the history of the 1918-1919 global influenza pandemic. Current research in this area focuses on questions of grief, public and private memory and meaning as expressed through oral histories and traditions, spiritual practices, literature, and familial responses to the impact of the disease.
History

**Supervisor:** Greg Smith

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**Research Interests:**

I have two current research projects underway. One is a history of the first dedicated responses to the problem of youth and crime or juvenile delinquency in Britain in the period 1788-1998. I have compiled a sizeable digital archive and seek research assistance from students with some historical interest and knowledge of British, Canadian or European history from the period 1750 to 1900. Reading, transcribing, digitally tagging and analyzing archival sources will be the main tasks. My second project looks at the history of the criminal justice system in early modern England and particularly the period of time in which suspected offenders await a bail hearing. The project seeks to uncover the attitudes in both the legal community and in society more broadly toward the rights of the accused. Students will be trained in historical research methods, data analysis and the use of software such as Zotero and Tropy.

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History

**Supervisor:** Erik Thomson, Erik

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**Research Interests:**

Finance and banking during the Thirty Years War

This research would examine networks of bankers and merchants from one of the central institutions of finance in the first half of the Seventeenth Century, the Wisselbank of Amsterdam. Students would use the surviving ledgers of the bank, which have been scanned in high quality online, to create relational databases of prominent financiers. The ledgers of the banks have never been scrutinized closely for relationships, so the students would have the ability to contribute to economic and financial history. Information from these ledgers can then be analyzed in a variety of ways, including ways devised by the students.
**Linguistics**

**Supervisor:** Nicole Rosen, Nicole

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**Research Interests:**

My overarching research objective is to examine interactions between first and second languages on the Prairies. I do this with three different cases of local language interactions in the Canadian Prairies: i. immigrant/heritage language influence on Prairies English, ii. French-English bilinguals in the Prairies, and iii. Michif language. I have created several large corpora of Prairies languages to study these effects, from groups chosen due to their local relevance in terms of numbers and impact on local community: Mennonites in both the Steinbach and Winkler areas, Filipinos in Winnipeg, French-English bilinguals in Saint Boniface, as well as Michif language speakers from across the province, and Michif-French speakers from St Laurent. I am interested in sociolinguistic questions across Prairie English and French, as well as language documentation and resource-building for Michif, an endangered Métis language of Manitoba. Students looking to learn more about language interactions or the situation of their own local heritage language are encouraged to contact me for research projects.

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**Political Studies**

**Supervisor:** Andrea Charron

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**Research Interests:**

1) Canada is an enthusiastic supporter of economic sanctions. Sanctions are a tool of foreign policy used by “senders”, like Canada, to signal the need for a change in behaviour or policy by a target using measures short of force, such as banning the sale of weapons to a target (for example, against North Korea). Canada currently applies sanctions to respond to
international crisis, violations of peace and security, gross violations of human rights or acts of significant corruption around the world. With 20 regimes currently in place, the government has adopted new legislation (including the Sergei Magnitsky Law) to complement the many other related pieces of Canadian legislation to enable an even greater pace of sanctioning activity. And yet, it remains one of the least studied foreign policy tools to date. A student working with me would collect and analyse key documents and legislation related to the decisions made to apply sanctions in one or more case studies.

2) NORAD in the early days
I have all of the declassified letters and exchanges between the Governments of the US and Canada between 1955 - 1972 which need annotating.

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**Psychology**

**Supervisor:** Debbie Kelly

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**Research Interests:**
The ability to navigate to familiar and unfamiliar places is of fundamental importance to many animals, including humans. Yet, with age navigational abilities remarkably decline. Despite the impact of such age-related changes, the underlying biological and cognitive processes associated with spatial memory decline are not fully understood. The general objective of our proposed research is to determine whether the decline in spatial memory, commonly reported in normal aging, is influenced by how individuals use specific spatial cues within real-world and virtual reality environments. Our proposed research will examine how spatial cue use changes across the lifespan and whether the changes we see differ across species. The projected impact of this research is to better develop cognitive therapies to help people use spatial cues differently as they age, and to build important synergies with community planners to translate our research knowledge directly into changes in how living spaces are constructed.
Psychology

Supervisor: Jonathan Marotta

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Research Interests:
If we are to successfully interact with the world around us, our visual system must do two important things: recognize objects and assist in the programming and control of actions directed at those objects.

Dr. Marotta's research goals are directed at offering a better understanding of the functional architecture of visual perception and the visual control of action. By utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach that includes advanced 3D visuomotor paradigms, neuropsychological patient investigations, traditional cognitive and psychophysical methodologies and fMRI, Dr Marotta's research has helped address one of the fundamental questions in Cognitive Neuroscience - how sensory information is transformed into perceptions of the world and useful motor acts.

Psychology

Supervisor: Leslie Roos

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Research Interests:
Dr. Roos studies how early life stress puts children at-risk for altered biobehavioural development which can influence mental health and achievement inequities. In her intervention research, she investigates how programs promoting parent mental health and positive parenting practices can encourage healthy child development and disrupt the intergenerational transmission of chronic stress. This work is approached from a prevention science framework; supporting families of young children during sensitive periods of rapid development may be particularly helpful for preventing the onset future challenges.
Psychology

Supervisor: Melanie Soderstrom

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Research Interests:
My research examines the role of the auditory environment in infants and toddlers' early language development. My most recent focus has been on the special way we talk to infants, called "infant-directed speech". My laboratory employs both experimental approaches and analytic approaches. In my experimental work, infants are tested in a behavioural procedure in the laboratory to examine how characteristics of different kinds of speech influence their interest in, and recognition of, what they are hearing. In my analytic work, we record, annotate and transcribe infants' and toddlers' real-world every-day language experiences and examine similarities and differences in those experiences both within and across cultures. I work collaboratively with several other laboratories around the world, and with researchers developing speech technology tools.
Religion

**Supervisor:** Justin Lewis

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**Research Interests:**
I am working on a project in comparative religion, looking at how two very different religious cultures have imagined the divine as feminine, powerful, and fierce. Specifically, I am looking at scholarship on fierce Goddesses in Hinduism as a help in understanding passages in Jewish mystical literature about the monstrous yet attractive divine feminine. I would like to work with students with an interest in any of: Hinduism, Judaism, and Goddesses. Ability to read Malayalam would be an asset but is not required.

Sociology

**Supervisor:** Annette Desmarais

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**Research Interests:**
My research explores how food sovereignty helps build ecologically sustainable, socially-just, and healthy food systems. There are three dimensions to this research: 1) To investigate the role of land tenure dynamics in enhancing and/or hindering the implementation of food sovereignty in Canada and beyond; 2) To conduct a gender analysis of member organizations of La Vía Campesina and its international strategies and structures; and 3) To analyze the experiences and challenges of youth entering agriculture and engaging in food system transformation.
Sociology  
**Supervisor:** Fries  
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**Research Interests:**  
Christopher J. Fries is a social and behavioural health scientist who is interested in understanding relationship amongst social location, culture, health beliefs, health behaviour, and personal and structural health determinants and outcomes. Right now, he is working on several research projects which employ the salutogenic model of health in an effort to make society, health care, and people healthier. Research assistance is sought from students who have an interest in health care, healing, and the social determinants of health. In particular, help is sought for a project that involves interviewing newcomer refugees to Canada about their settlement experiences.

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Sociology  
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**Research Interests:**  
environmental sociology; consumption, consumerism, environmental politics, climate change; political economy of fossil fuels in Canada and Australia

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Sociology  
**Supervisor:** Lori Wilkinon  
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**Research Interests:**
Canada is known for its innovation in settlement services, integration policy and academic expertise in the study of refugee resettlement. With over 65 million internally displaced persons and refugees, there is no shortage of oppressed persons trying to find a safe haven. This summer, professor is working with an interdisciplinary team of researchers and students on a number of different qualitative and quantitative projects related to the successful resettlement and integration of refugees arriving to Canada. The students working for her will be expected to assist on these projects including the analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, preparation of government reports, articles and presentations. The summer’s research agenda is meant to give students an opportunity to learn more about refugee studies in Canada and to provide a learning environment where they can learn how qualitative and quantitative data can be applied to real-world problems. They will also learn about policy analysis and knowledge mobilization while working with government and NGO-sector audiences. Some of the projects are national in scope, so the student will hone their skills in working with interdisciplinary and group work. Previous summer students have published academic articles with the professor and the expectation is that the 2019 summer student will do the same.

Sociology

**Supervisor:** Andrew Woolford

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**Research Interests:**

The primary project I will work on next summer is titled "Symbiotic Destruction: Genocide, Human Groups, and the Natural World". The notion of "symbiotic destruction" is used here to describe the threat faced by human groups when relations to the natural world are targeted for destruction. While recent scholarship has given greater attention to cultural destruction as a component of genocide, less work has been done on the symbiosis between cultural and natural destruction and how symbiotic relations contribute to the persistence of groups. The goals of this project are to: 1) More fully integrate the natural world into discussions of genocidal group destruction so that flora, fauna, territory, and water are understood as deeply connected to group culture and not just as means for a group's physical subsistence.
2) Obtain a clearer understanding of how specific human groups constitute themselves in relation to a natural world counterpart, as well as to show how genocide is often accompanied by the interdiction of relationships between humans and their nature(s). In addition to helping gather research materials to help launch this project, research assistants may also be asked to assist with my continuing projects related to the commemoration of the Assiniboia Residential School and public outreach for the Embodying Empathy virtual Indian Residential School I have co-created with a group of technology experts, scholars and residential school Survivors.

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**Women's and Gender Studies**

**Supervisor:** Shawna Ferris  
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**Research Interests:**  
Shawna Ferris researches and teaches in sex work/prostitution studies, critical race studies, decolonization, and feminist perspectives on violence against women. She also works with local and national activists and artists in these areas. She is currently at work on projects to develop, build, and examine further possibilities for community activist digital archives, archival decolonization, and the recording of marginalized histories.