Welcome to
Evolutionary Anthropology!

It is great to have you join us as we investigate the biological origins of the human species, exploring the behavior, ecology (including disease ecology), functional anatomy, fossil history, genetics, and cognition of primates and other species (among other things!). If you ever have any questions about classes or advising, feel free to e-mail, call or stop by our Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) office:

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To get you started, we want to make sure that you have a major advisor. Typically, we gather names of new advisees and we will send out e-mails asking for your advisor preference toward the end of the month. If you don’t want to wait, you’re welcome to contact the DUS directly and let us know your top 2-3 choices. We try to match you with faculty who share an interest in a given sub-field with you, so note which advisors focus on particular topics. Note that all second majors are assigned to the DUS for their advisor.

Here is a list of our current advisors and their research/teaching interests:

- Susan Alberts (chair) - animal behavior and ecology
- Doug Boyer – Paleontology, early primate evolution
- Steven Churchill – Paleontology, functional morphology, hominins
- Leslie Digby – Primate behavior and ecology, lemurs
- Christine Drea – Behavioral endocrinology, social complexity
- Brian Hare – Evolution of cognition, primates, canines
- Amy Goldberg – population genetics, human dispersal patterns
- Rich Kay – Paleontology, primate evolution, functional anatomy
- Charlie Nunn – Disease ecology, global health
- Herman Pontzer – Human and ape physiology, energetics
- Daniel Schmitt – Biomechanics, evolution of locomotion
- Jenny Tung – Primate evolutionary genetics and genomics
- Blythe Williams – Paleontology, primate adaptation and evolution

Once assigned to an advisor, you will meet with your advisor at least once per semester to discuss courses for the next semester, your major requirements as well as your long-term goals. As before, you will need to be cleared for registration by your major advisor prior to registering for classes. Second majors are expected to meet with their advisor in their first major for registration clearance, but are welcome to meet with the DUS if they have any questions about their EvAnth requirements. Indeed – everyone is welcome to stop by the DUS office whenever you have any questions and to pick up one of our Handbooks for EvAnth Majors.