

## Supporting postgraduate students in the Social Sciences

### School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography at the University of Oxford

Home to over 40 academic staff, 100+ doctoral students, eight Master's programmes, and two undergraduate degrees, the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography (SAME) is one of the world's largest and most vibrant centres for teaching and research in the disciplines of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography. It is renowned for its contributions to anthropological theory, its commitment to long-term ethnographic fieldwork, its strengths in the anthropology of visual and material culture, and its association with the Pitt Rivers Museum, which houses one of the world's great ethnographic collections. SAME has also become known as a centre for medical and ecological anthropology, migration studies, evolutionary anthropology, cognition and culture, and science and technology studies. SAME brings together a number of institutes including:

- The Institute of Human Sciences
- The Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology
- The Centre on Migration, Policy and Society
- The Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology
- The Institute for Science, Innovation and Society
- The Centre for the Study of Social Cohesion

#### Degrees

- MSc Social Anthropology (1 year)
- MPhil Social Anthropology (2 years)
- MSc in Visual, Material and Museum Ethnography (1 year)
- MPhil in Visual, Material and Museum Ethnography (2 year)
- MSc in Medical Anthropology (1 year)
- MPhil in Medical Anthropology (2 years)
- MSc in Migration Studies (9 months)
- MSc in Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology (1 year)
- DPhil in Anthropology (2 or 3 years)
- DPhil in Migration Studies (2 or 3 years)

#### Departmental Highlights




- SAME came top of the Power (research excellence + volume) rankings for anthropology in the UK both in RAE 2008 and in the 2014 REF. In the last assessment SAME submitted the largest in the country, with the highest number of top-rated publications, an excellent research environment, and very strong research

#### Student application and admissions

Data year	Degree course	Subject/Dept	Applications	Offers	Admitted
2017-2018	MSc & MPhil	Anthropology and Museum Ethnography	249	132	84
2017-2018	DPhil	Anthropology and Museum Ethnography	90	50	19

#### Investing in tomorrow's leaders

We are looking for supporters who share Oxford University's mission, and wish to play their part in addressing the problems of the 21st century through investing in the next generation of thinkers and doers. Single and multi-year scholarships would profoundly change the opportunities and futures of many talented people. Endowed scholarships will secure that impact in perpetuity.

Degree	2020-2021 per degree cost	Example multi-year scholarship	Endowment per student
MSc	£34,365 (Home) / £43,950 (Overseas)	£131,849 (3 MSc students) 	£1,098,739
MPhil	£70,791 (Home) / £90,536 (Overseas)	£181,072 (2 MPhil students) 	£2,263,401
DPhil	£104,994 (Home) / £129,953 (Overseas)	£259,906 (2 DPhil students) 	£3,248,827

## Alumni profiles

### Christopher Sisca, MSc Social Anthropology

Christopher is now an Anthropologist based in Toronto. His final graduate dissertation entitled *Cooking Up Reconnection* examined the food consumption habits and food production practices of Cosenza, Calabria.



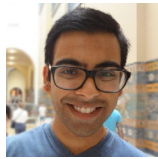
"My time at Oxford was one of the best in my life both within and outside my academic program. The School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography became my home away from home, and

I always felt welcomed and supported. From the wealth of library facilities and great teaching staff, to the termly seminar series and events, I was constantly intellectually stimulated and inspired. One of the best and most rewarding experiences from my master's program was planning and conducting 5 weeks of fieldwork in Calabria interviewing food producers, retailers, activists, and anthropologists from that region for my dissertation."

### Rajiv Narayan, MSc Medical Anthropology

Since graduating Rajiv is Special Assistant to the Commissioner of Health at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

"The coursework, tutorial system, opportunities to contribute to Unit for Biocultural Variation and Obesity (UBVO) and social life of the Oxford Anthropology community made for a rich year. I could not have asked for more vibrant classmates and rigorous professors. A key conversation that ran through the texts, lectures, papers, and debates of the course concerned the relationship between biomedicine and cultural meaning - concepts too quickly divided. With a cohort of students that included current and aspiring physicians, former NGO workers, scientists, policymakers, and critical theory nerds, we all developed a more sophisticated lens."

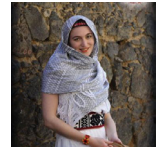


### Catherine Whittaker, MSc Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology

Following on from her MSc Catherine is now continuing her studies in anthropology as a PhD Student.

"I have continued pursuing my passion for the anthropology of religion and am currently pursuing my PhD studies in social anthropology. My research on local understandings of violence and "warrior women"

in Central Mexico has recently been recognised with the NASA Emerging Leader in Anthropology Award of the American Anthropological Association. I am certain that my studies at Oxford have opened doors for me career-wise, but most of all, I cherish the personal connections I made, including making friends for life. It was, quite certainly, the best time of my life"



### Sandra Pandey Modh, DPhil Social Anthropology

Sandra started her academic journey at Oxford studying a BA in Archaeology & Anthropology. She decided she wanted to dedicate her life to exploring the alternative realities of experienced life that different cultures and societies present and continued her studies with a DPhil.

"Through undergraduate tutorials I realized that the issues I felt most strongly about had to do with social structure and how we legitimize power/social influence and social change. Kinship turned out to be an integral part of this, and since I had strong support from my tutors to pursue my interests I planted myself at the Institute of Social & Cultural Anthropology in Oxford for the next four years to do a DPhil with a focus on kinship. Oxford offered excellent opportunities to do

literature research, and being polyglot meant I could also access less frequently consulted material. Every Monday for three months I additionally took evening classes in yet another language, so that within a year from commencing my research I would finally find myself waking up to the sound of roosters in a draughty bamboo hut at the outskirts of a small mountain village in eastern Indonesia."

### Rebecca Wage, MSc Migration Studies

Rebecca is a Digital Government Advisor for Socrata (a cloud-based software as a service company), she partners with governments to democratize their data to improve society.

"My time with the Migration Studies Program at Oxford was transformational for all the reasons I had hoped it would be. Diversity is at the core of this program, from the faculty disciplines, to the student body, the curriculum and the research methods. The advantage of Migration Studies is that it draws upon all kinds of knowledge to tease out some of society's most timely questions. The colleagues in my cohort were collaborative, supportive, and willing to share our variety of strengths. Exposure to the diversity of disciplines prepared me for my current role, now that I am partnering with traditionally siloed governmental organizations such as Police, Public Health, and Transportation to use data to solve problems."



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