

# *University of Vermont*



*Department of Anthropology  
2020 Honors and Awards*

*Welcome to Your 2020 Honors and  
Awards Celebration*



## *Anthropology Traditional Named Awards and Honors*



***George Henry Perkins Award for the Outstanding Senior:*** This award is named for George Henry Perkins, a UVM faculty member in Geology and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Perkins is credited with teaching one of the first formal courses in Anthropology at an American university. The Perkins Award is presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated superior intellectual commitment to Anthropology during the completion of their degree.

***W.A. Haviland for Outstanding Achievement in Anthropology:*** A Mayanist archaeologist by training, William “Bill” Haviland served UVM for more than 30 years as a Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology. Bill’s career was characterized by his desire to apply anthropological perspectives to modern social problems. The Haviland Award is presented to the graduating senior who best exemplifies Bill’s commitment to finding solutions for real-world crises through the use of anthropological perspectives.

***James B. Petersen Archaeology Award:*** The James B. Petersen Award is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Jim Petersen (1954-2005). Jim received a BA in Anthropology and Environmental Studies from UVM in 1979, and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1983. Jim returned to UVM in 1997 where he was an Associate Professor and the Chair of Anthropology. He was promoted to Professor posthumously. Jim’s areas of interest were vast, and his research centered on the archaeology of eastern North America, the Caribbean, and the Brazilian Amazon. Jim will be remembered for his generosity and absolute love of archaeology; he lived and breathed it. In this spirit, this award goes to graduating seniors who share in this respect and passion for the field of archaeology.

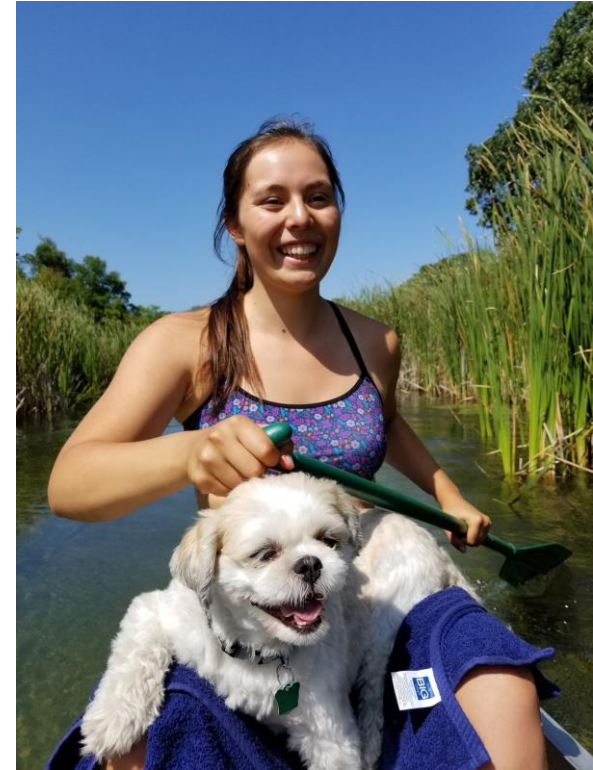
***Departmental Honors:*** Departmental honors are awarded to top students; the criteria include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.55 and an anthropology-specific GPA of 3.75. Students graduating with honors receive our distinctive maroon and silver cords.

## GEORGE HENRY PERKINS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY

### **Emi Morison - University of Vermont 2020**

Emi is graduating with a B.S. in Anthropology. She grew up in the Upper Valley area of New Hampshire, and before coming to UVM, attended Macalester College in Minnesota. It was during her time at Macalester College that Emi declared an Anthropology major. Her interest in the field grew out of her intentions to pursue medicine. She hoped her experiences and knowledge from the field would allow her to be an open and understanding professional in the healthcare field. One of the things Emi appreciates most about anthropology is its applicability and scope both within and outside of academics. While she has not been a student at UVM for long, her favorite experience as an Anthropology major here has been forming relationships with professors. After graduation, Emi hopes to move out west to explore various opportunities. She has been offered a job and is also considering the possibility of attending graduate school in a year or so. Outside of school, Emi likes to run, cross country ski, and spend time with her dogs and husband.

*-by Sarah Stevens*



**GEORGE HENRY PERKINS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Genevieve Winn – University of Vermont 2020**

Genevieve is graduating from the Honors College with a B.A. in Anthropology with a Global Health Concentration. She grew up just outside Boston in Natick, Massachusetts before coming to attend UVM. During her time at UVM she embedded herself in many avenues through working as a Writing Center Tutor and a Writing in the Disciplines Mentor for Anthropology, to working as a Teaching Assistant in Anthropology, and serving as an Alternative Spring Break Site Leader. In her last year here, she had been working on a service-learning thesis with the non-profit SASH (Support and Services at Home) which has involved qualitative research with older adults in Vermont with mentor Dr. Jeanne Shea. As an anthropology student, some of her favorite experiences were participating in service-learning projects, which gave her the opportunity to work with the Burlington community and apply her anthropological insight. She is eager to use the critical thinking skills she's learned as an anthropology student in her work after college. After graduation she is hoping to continue to do research related to human/health interaction or work in community development before attending grad school in the near future. Genevieve would like to thank the anthropology department staff for all of their support.

*-by Aubrey Brimmer*



**GEORGE HENRY PERKINS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Erin Varnum – University of Vermont 2020**

Erin is graduating with a B.A. in Anthropology with a Global Health Concentration, a minor in Behavioral Change Health Studies, and an Integrative Health Care certificate. While at UVM, she has pursued many extracurricular activities through her positions as Teaching Assistant in Anthropology, Coordinator of Partners In Health Engage Club, Study Abroad Peer Advisor for OIE, Anthropology of Global Health Communications Intern, and COMU Research Assistant. She began her undergraduate studies undeclared but with an established interest in social sciences. After exploring anthropology through taking an introductory cultural anthropology course with Professor Luis Vivanco and even interviewing Professor Jeanne Shea (whom she later found to be a wonderful mentor), she declared the major and concentration as a perfect fit for her interests. Her favorite aspects of anthropology are the tools that the major supplied her with to provoke self-reflection and perspective as well as the support and mentorship provided by the department faculty and staff. After graduation, Erin intends to pursue a career in public health and experiment where she can best apply her expertise to push anthropology forward. Eventually, she wishes to receive her Master of Public Health degree and potentially a PhD in Medical Anthropology.

*-by Gabriella Rivas*



## W. A. HAVILAND MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY

### **Rose Lillpopp – University of Vermont 2020**

Rose is graduating from the Honors College with a B.A. in Anthropology and a double minor in English and History. Rose demonstrated her commitment to anthropology and modern social problems through her thesis work on food trucks and identity creation, completion of the Mompeo Italy Roman Villa archeological internship, and as co-president of the Anthropology Club. While conducting ethnographic research for her thesis, Rose learned the challenging realities of fieldwork, while discovering her passion for forming connections with, and learning from, participants. Through the Mompeo internship, she learned archaeological skills and techniques, practiced cultural studies, and environmental anthropology. As co-president of the Anthropology Club, she focused on offering anthropology students opportunities to connect with each other, as well as, faculty and staff. Rose will pursue her anthropological research interests in food, culture, and food systems through an AmeriCorps position at the Feeding Tampa Bay food bank in Florida. She anticipates this position will allow engagement with communities where she would like to conduct research in graduate studies. Rose plans to seek avenues where anthropology is a useful tool for unearthing disconnects, and areas of potential growth in communities and the food bank system.

*-by Erin Varnum*



## W. A. HAVILAND MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY

### **Tali A. Gelenian - University of Vermont 2020**

Tali is graduating with a BA in Anthropology and a double minor in Environmental Studies and Reporting & Documentary Storytelling. She is passionate about sharing and amplifying people's stories and culture through creative visual formats. Her honors college thesis does just that and combines methods of collaborative and visual ethnography in a multimedia video documenting the practice of the Armenian *Madagh* tradition. Her undergraduate experience has been enhanced by opportunities including a summer Bartis fellowship with the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. She adored studying abroad at the University of Ghana, where she interned with the country's National Folklore Board and the nonprofit, Play and Learn. She has also enjoyed interning at the Vermont Folklife Center since 2018, as well as working with the UVM Center for Research on Vermont. Tali's plans after graduation include traveling to Armenia with the Birthright Program and continuing to explore her own culture with an anthropological lens. She intends to keep pursuing work that inspires cross-cultural empathy and understanding. Tali thanks the incredible faculty in the anthropology department for their support and guidance throughout her time at UVM.

*-by Aubrey Brimmer*





## JAMES B. PETERSEN ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD

### **Kailey Loughran – University of Vermont 2020**

Kailey is graduating with a BA in Anthropology and a minor in Environmental Studies. Growing up in New York, many museum field trips led her to develop a passion for history and anthropology, but she didn't discover her interest in archaeology until her second year at UVM when she took ANTH 024 *Prehistoric Archaeology* with Dr. Robinson. She spent her years at UVM as a Resident Adviser as well as a member of the school's Irish Dance team, *UVM Celtic Cats*. She is also a TA for Dr. Robinson's ANTH 160 *North American Indians*. This month, Kailey successfully defended her undergraduate honors thesis based on a GIS analysis of archaeological sites in Arizona. Her research will be presented at the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting in 2021. After graduation, Kailey will begin a PhD program in Anthropology at SUNY Albany. Here she is pictured wearing bone awls she carved out of cow bones during her summer field school in New Mexico in 2019.

*-by Addie Luke-Currier*



## 2020 Anthropology Departmental Honors



*Olivia Skye Avery*

*Talar Antonia Gelenian*

*Emily Lim Morison*

*Carter Bradshaw*

*Analise Hausmann*

*Georgia G. Nelson*

*Bronwyn S. Caswell-Riday*

*Cora Mary Honigford*

*Lauren Kupfer Rigney*

*Jillian Marie Eller*

*Jenna Nicole Ingersoll*

*Adelaide A. Szczesiul*

*Olivier Everts*

*Rose Lillpopp*

*Claire Tylke*

*Marissa Flynn*

*Kailey Rose Loughran*

*Erin Elizabeth Varnum*

*Meaghan Audrey Frank*

*Marisa G. Loury*

*Genevieve Monique Winn*

## 2020 Anthropology Majors' Honors Theses



<b>Nora Canellakis</b>	<i>A Narrative Window into Çatalhöyük [Film and Television Studies]</i>
<b>Olivier Everts</b>	<i>Vegetarians and Vegans in Vermont</i>
<b>Adrianna Grinder</b>	<i>Including Emergency Food in Our Vision of Community Food Security: The Values of Feeding Chittenden and the Community Kitchen Academy on the Burlington Community</i>
<b>Tali Gelenian:</b>	<i>Ethnographic Storytelling: Sharing an Armenian Tradition Through Ethnographic Storytelling</i>
<b>Kailey Loughran</b>	<i>Getting Defensive in the Upper Salt River: A Spatial Reconstruction of Ancient Visibility in Arizona</i>
<b>Rose Lillpopp</b>	<i>Urban Food Trucks, Contested Locations, and Identity Creation in Burlington: An Ethnographic Study of Changing Urban Space and Foodscapes</i>
<b>Marisa Loury</b>	<i>The Cows Don't Milk Themselves: Using Worker-Driven Social Responsibility to Fight Labor and Housing Injustice on Vermont's Dairy Farms</i>
<b>Georgia Nelson:</b>	<i>Back to School: A Qualitative Assessment of Federal Child Nutrition Programs, Public School Food Policies, and The Purpose of Cultivating Healthy Eating Habits</i>
<b>Delaney Reynolds</b>	<i>Music, Ritual, and the Politics of Girlhood at an American Resident Summer Camp</i>
<b>Rain Storer</b>	<i>Coordination of Syntactically Unlike Categories [Linguistics]</i>
<b>Adelaide Szczesiul</b>	<i>An Ethnography of Trumpism in Vermont</i>
<b>Claire Tylke</b>	<i>Growing Relations: The Intersection of Food and Farm Security in Chittenden County, Vermont</i>
<b>Genevieve Winn</b>	<i>Goal-Setting Among Older Adults in Vermont: A Mixed-Methods Approach</i>

*The Anthropology Faculty, and Staff are grateful for your resilience, dedication, and fortitude during this most unique and unexpected time in all our lives. Your efforts toward success are greatly rewarding to us, and every one of you, the Anthropology Class of 2020 award and honors recipients, should be very proud of yourselves!*

*Thank you, and Very Best Wishes for Every Happiness in Life*

