Hello Everyone,

The Anthropology Student Organization had a tremendously busy year. Here’s a rundown of everything we accomplished during the Fall 2014 – Spring 2015 school year.

**September 2014 Events**

11: The ASO held its traditional pizza party during the first meeting of the school year. Current and prospective members and new majors had the opportunity to meet all of our wonderful professors and get to know each other. The 2014 – 2015 officers were introduced:

- **President:** Lisa Nicole Modigliani-Estraella
- **Vice President:** Jenna Leigh Raleigh
- **Secretary:** Laura Kathleen Redman
- **Treasurer:** Tijuan Brown

**October 2014 Events**

02: The ASO created the position of Historian for the Executive Committee, and Carolyn Walence was elected as our newest officer. Congratulations, Carolyn!

06 – 09: We held our annual Fall Bake Sale fundraiser, which raised over $650 thanks to the efforts and support of all the students, faculty and staff who participated. Thank you for your support!
07: The ASO collaborated with Project Tumara to host an Ebola Awareness event in Wright Plaza. Also, on this day, Project Tumara held its own bake sale alongside the ASO table and together we raised over $100 for their organization. This event received coverage in The East Carolinian.

09: We held our second social meeting, which was designated as a movie night to unwind after a busy week of bake sales. Activities included building a blanket fort, enjoying snacks and drinks with good friends, and watching a super-educational Disney movie. Much fun was had!

16: The ASO collaborated with Project Tumara for the first of two educational Ebola Awareness Q&A panels, which received local news coverage. Dr. Mathews represented the Department of Anthropology at this session. Thank you, Dr. Mathews!

19: Members of the ASO attended the dinner and potlatch hosted at Dr. Daniel’s home. Thank you, Dr. Daniel!
23: ASO held an informational meeting to discuss upcoming trips, including a prospective future weekend trip to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and the Duke Lemur Center. We also provided additional information for ASO members interested in attending the AAA conference in Washington D.C. in December.

30: ASO hosted its third social meeting - a Halloween costume party. Pizza and snacks were provided by the ASO and members and a costume contest/character performance was held. Our winners were as follows:

Best Costume: Megan Sirak, as Sven the Reindeer (from Frozen)
Best Performance: Anna Claire Estorge, as Link (from Zelda)
Most Original: Sara Heath, as a broken fairy doll.

Congratulations to our winners, who received gift cards to Subway! Everyone had a great time.

November 2014 Events

05: The ASO hosted an educational presentation by Dr. Mathews, “Everything You Need to Know About Applying to Graduate School,” which had a great turnout. Thank you, Dr. Mathews!

15: The ASO sponsored a member’s trip to the Queen Anne’s Revenge Conservation lab Open House at ECU’s West Research Campus.
17: The ASO collaborated with Project Tumara for the second Ebola Awareness Q&A panel at 6 PM in Howell Room 103.

18: The ASO hosted an educational film, titled “Primates Like Us,” by Dr. Loudon about his field school experiences in Bali. This event was held in Flanagan 265 at 6 PM. Thank you, Dr. Loudon!

The ASO co-sponsored an event with Global Academic Initiatives and Global Pirates Student Organization, Globe Trotting 2014: Discussions of Popular Culture from Greenville to Latin America to Asia, with Dr. Luchsinger. Attendees had the opportunity to connect with students in Mexico, China, and Malaysia. This event was held in SciTech Room 144 (the Global Classroom) from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. Thank you, Dr. Luchsinger!

20: The ASO hosted its last informational meeting for members, including an informational session on the anthropological field school which will be held during Summer Session II 2015 in Peru, under the direction of Dr. Brooks and Dr. Grieve. Thank you, Dr. Brooks and Dr. Grieve!

December 2014 Events

03: The ASO hosted its final social meeting, the “Tacky Sweater Winter Social.” This event was held from 6 PM to 8 PM, and was catered by Subway. Members decorated gingerbread people, constructed a gingerbread house (more or less – things got a little weird), made ornaments, and competed for Tacky Sweater ribbons. Winners were as follows:

Ugliest Sweater: Marina Clough
Still Pretty Ugly: Megan Sirak
Just Too Pretty: Anne-Marie Veirheller
**January 2015 Events**

13: The Anthropology Student Organization officially changed its acronym from ASO to ANSO to eliminate confusion with ECU’s African Student Organization. There were some changes in the officers for Spring 2015:

- **President:** Lisa Nicole Modigliani-Estraella
- **Vice President:** Jenna Leigh Raleigh
- **Secretary:** Sara Heath
- **Treasurer:** Jarrod Smith
- **Historian:** Carolyn Walence

23: The Anthropology Student Organization hosted a booth at the student involvement fair, Get-A-Clue, which is designed to promote awareness of student organization groups on our campus.

**February 2015 Events**

19: The Anthropology Student Organization braved the cold in order to set up a booth in Wright Plaza in honor of National Anthropology Day. They offered free coffee, hot chocolate, and hugs to all who stopped by. ANSO also co-sponsored the Anthropology After Dark event, which functioned as an Open House for the department. The public was invited to tour the labs in Flanagan, meet the members of the Department of Anthropology and the Anthropology Student Organization, and attend lectures by our faculty.
March 2015 Events

24: The Anthropology Student Organization hosted an event called Irish in America. This event functioned as a St. Patrick’s Day social and as an educational film screening. Members enjoyed the movie Long Journey Home: The Great Hunger.

31: ANSO member Megan Sirak competed in ECU’s talent show, Pirates Got Talent, in Hendrix Theater at Mendenhall. Members came out to cheer her on. Megan sang “I Don’t Want To Be Here” from the musical “Ordinary Days.” Fantastic job, Megan!

April 2015 Events

9: The Anthropology Student Organization sponsored a guest speaker, Lauren Locke, who spoke on behalf of the African Conservation Experience. Ms. Locke’s presentation emphasized the importance of the conservation and sought to recruit conservation volunteers.

14: The Anthropology Student Organization held its elections for the Fall 2015 – Spring 2016 school year. New positions were created and existing positions were modified to meet the needs of our rapidly growing organization. The following officers were elected:

Co-Presidents: Carolyn Walence & Laura Redman
Vice President: John Francis Turmelle
Secretary: Sara Heath
Treasurer: Anne-Marie Veirheller
Historian/Photographer: Ian Lynch
Marketing Goddess: Marina Clough
The Anthropology Student Organization sponsored the first of a new lecture series, called Mystery Lectures With Loudon, in which Dr. Loudon lectures on a topic of his choosing (unbeknownst to the attendees ahead of time). His first fascinating lecture focused on primate parasite ecology and his research at the Beza Mahafaly Preserve in Madagascar. Thank you, Dr. Loudon!

Members of the Anthropology Student Organization attended a field trip to the movies to see DisneyNature’s newest film, Monkey Kingdom.

ANSO members participated in an Earth Day cleanup around our beloved Flanagan. Great job, everyone!

The Anthropology Student Organization hosted a bake sale intended to benefit the victims of Cyclone Pam on the island of Vanuatu. We also debuted our brand new t-shirts, designed by members Kelsey Mills and Ian Lynch, which sold out within days. Member raised over $250 for the relief effort in Vanuatu; however, the campaign to which we intended to make our donation was closed before the bake sale concluded. It was decided that these funds would go to a future relief effort.
The Anthropology Student Organization hosted a table at ECU’s annual spring event, Barefoot on the Mall, where students enjoyed an afternoon of warm weather, fun activities, and live music. Prospective members of ANSO and the general public were invited to our table to receive more information about the organization, its goals, and its plans for the upcoming school year. Thank you to Dr. Daniel for allowing us to use the Bone Clones skulls at our display – they attracted quite a bit of attention!

May 2015 Events

04 – 06: The Anthropology Student Organization came together during finals to host a three-day bake sale to benefit the victims of the recent earthquakes which have devastated Nepal. This bake sale was held inside Flanagan on its first day and outside of Joyner Library on its second and third days.

During this time, ANSO managed to raise over $750 in sales and donations. This money was combined with the $250 initially raised for Vanuatu to make a total donation of $1000 to Nepal via Direct Relief International, an organization devoted to providing medical resources and emergency aid. This is equal to a
staggering 102,148 Nepalese rupees. We would not have been able to accomplish this without the donation of time and baked goods from our members and from the Department of Anthropology’s faculty. Thank you to everyone who helped by baking, working at the table, and stopping by to purchase our tasty treats!

13 – 14: The Anthropology Student Organization came together for one last social event after the school year ended, called Anthropotterwogs (referring to our self-adopted Anthropolywogs nickname). Many of our members attended a 30-hour slumber party and film screening of all the Harry Potter films (and discussed the anthropology of J.K. Rowling’s magical world, of course). This party was our chance to take a well-deserved break at the end of the semester and to enjoy each other’s company one last time before summer break.

Thanks to everyone’s support and participation, the ECU Anthropology Student Organization was able to celebrate one of its most active years yet! It is important for us, as students, to form close bonds with our peers and with our professors. It is an honor to represent our department and we are grateful for your support of our endeavors as our organization grows. On behalf of the Anthropology Student Organization, thank you.