

## Fall 2020 Academic Support Options

Museums can be transformative teaching spaces.

As the campus community prepares for a hybrid virtual/in-person academic year, the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology welcomes instructors and students to engage with the following options for teaching and learning with the Museum.

### Take Advantage of Virtual Resources

Integrate the Museum's virtual resources into your curriculum. All of the following materials are free to access and readily available online.

- View the current exhibition, *Transient Matter*, [online](#). Use the accompanying [discussion guide](#) to deepen class conversations and prompt reflection.
- Explore the Haffenreffer Museum collection via the [Online Catalogue](#).
- View [past talks](#) with scholars, artists, and other noted guests.
- Read Museum [publications](#), including past exhibition catalogues.

### Request a Virtual CultureLab Session

Museum curators can facilitate virtual CultureLab sessions for your students using images of objects featured in the [Online Catalogue](#). Though the CultureLab in Manning Hall is unavailable and staff access to collections is limited, curators will work with University instructors to support coursework with dynamic, object-based learning opportunities for classes via Zoom.

[Submit a virtual CultureLab session request](#) at least two weeks in advance of your desired date. Instructors can select from a list of topics or propose specific objects from the Online Catalogue.

### Chat with Museum Staff

Have you ever wondered what a curator does at a museum? A registrar? An archivist? Do you have questions about pursuing a career in the museum field? Or maybe you just want to casually chat about various museum-related topics?

Museum staff can answer these questions and more during Fall 2020 office hours. Students, faculty, and other members of the University community should reach out via email to schedule a Zoom chat at least two weeks in advance of your desired date with the following Museum staff.

- Leah Burgin | Manager of Museum Education and Programs | [leah\\_burgin@brown.edu](mailto:leah_burgin@brown.edu)  
*Talk to me about:* how to find museum jobs, museum education and interpretation, decolonization and DEI in museums, preK-12 outreach, public archaeology, underwater

archaeology

*Availability:* Mondays, 11 am-12 pm

- Emily Jackson | Museum Operations and Communications Coordinator | [emily\\_jackson@brown.edu](mailto:emily_jackson@brown.edu)  
*Talk to me about:* social media marketing & engagement, public relations at museums, fandom communities & fan activism, memes, sci-fi and fantasy, and roleplaying games.  
*Availability:* By appointment during usual business hours (M-F, 9-5)
- Collection Team (Registrar and Collection Assistants) | [dawn\\_kimbrel@brown.edu](mailto:dawn_kimbrel@brown.edu)  
*Talk to us about:* collection management topics or preventive conservation; the acquisition, accessioning, and deaccessioning process; records management; rehousing projects and choosing materials; monitoring programs such as integrative pest management, dust, and environmental controls; incorporating sustainable practices into everyday decisions.  
*Availability:* By appointment only
- Annalisa Heppner | Project Manager, Circumpolar Laboratory Inventory Project | [annalisa\\_heppner@brown.edu](mailto:annalisa_heppner@brown.edu)  
*Talk to me about:* Archaeology; Arctic Archaeology; Indigenous Archaeology and Indigenizing the Museum; Life as a Latina in the museum/archaeology field; Archaeology Jobs  
*Availability:* Tuesdays from 1-2pm
- Leah Hopkins | Community Engagement Specialist | [leah\\_hopkins@brown.edu](mailto:leah_hopkins@brown.edu)  
*Talk to me about:* Working with tribal communities, meaningful tribal consultation, decolonizing initiatives, Indigenous representations in museums, museum education, Woodlands art traditions, Indigenous and Colonial New England history, New England/Yankee whaling  
*Availability:* By appointment only
- Kevin Smith | Deputy Director and Chief Curator | [kevin\\_p\\_smith@brown.edu](mailto:kevin_p_smith@brown.edu)  
*Talk to me about:* Archaeology; Arctic archaeology; North Atlantic archaeology, Vikings; Museum anthropology, Museum archaeology, Exhibitions, Research in museums, Museum careers  
*Availability:* Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-2 pm, or by appointment
- Rip Gerry | Exhibition Coordinator/Image Archives | [Rip\\_Gerry@brown.edu](mailto:Rip_Gerry@brown.edu)  
*Talk to me about:* The many details surrounding exhibition installations, or managing photographic collections.  
*Availability:* By appointment only
- Thierry Gentis | Curator and NAGPRA Coordinator | [thierry\\_gentis@brown.edu](mailto:thierry_gentis@brown.edu)

*Talk to me about:* General inquiries on the collections of the Haffenreffer Museum, information on the Museum's repatriation efforts and achievements, general focus on ethnographic non-western collections from Africa, Asia/South East Asia, the Americas and Oceania

*Availability:* Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays by appointment only.

### Pursue a Research Project

The Museum welcomes students to consider term papers, independent studies, UTRA opportunities, and other research projects inspired by the Haffenreffer Museum. Topics of particular interest include artist/maker research, general contextual research on collections and/or objects, digital engagement projects, and virtual exhibitions.

Please email [haffenreffermuseum@brown.edu](mailto:haffenreffermuseum@brown.edu) to express interest.

### Didn't Find What You Were Looking For?

The Museum is committed to working individually with Brown University instructors to develop teaching and learning opportunities. To propose or request a consultation meeting, please email [haffenreffermuseum@brown.edu](mailto:haffenreffermuseum@brown.edu) with a copy of your syllabus.