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Department of Sociology and Anthropology hosts Anthropology Week

February 14, 2018

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences is hosting a series of events for Anthropology Week Feb. 12-15 in the Carroll Building on the Statesboro Campus.

Inspired by the American Anthropological Association's Anthropology Day, Georgia Southern's Department of Sociology and Anthropology expanded its programming to include a celebration in honor of Charles Darwin's birthday on Feb. 12, an anthropological twist on Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 and a day-long celebration of anthropology on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Highlights of the week's events include:

- **Feb. 14-15:** Have a happy Valentine's Day, with an anthropological twist. To raise funds for their organization, students in the Lambda Alpha Honors Society will be selling handmade chocolates and baked goods in the shape of hearts, brains, finches and turtles. Goods will be sold in the Carroll Building atrium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Feb. 14:** Assistant Professor of Anthropology Ryan McNutt, Ph.D., will present "Conflicted Pasts: An Introduction to Conflict Archaeology" during a Brown Bag Lecture at 1 p.m. in Carroll 2255.
- **Feb. 15:** Archaeologist Hannah Morris, one of the key team members and "underground astronauts" on the famous Rising Star Expedition, will offer a free public lecture describing her firsthand account of helping to recover the remains of a new species, *Homo naledi*, at 3:30 p.m. in Carroll 2227.
- **Feb. 15:** Enjoy a free showing of "Dawn of Humanity," a film featuring world-renowned paleoanthropologist and University alumnus Lee Berger at 6 p.m. in Carroll 2227. Georgia Southern social sciences graduate student Mpume Hlophe, who was part of the Rising Star Expedition, will be on hand to answer questions about the film. Refreshments will be available, and attendance verification will be available upon request. The film is open to the public.
- Throughout the week, anyone can take a photo in the Darwin Photo Booth or at the special "selfie station," located in the Carroll Building atrium.

"We see this as an opportunity for students to share in the exciting and diverse things that the Department of Sociology and Anthropology is doing," said Jennifer Sweeney Tookes, Ph.D., assistant professor of anthropology.

Anthropology Day, celebrated on Feb. 16, is a day for anthropologists around the world to share their excitement about their discipline with the public around them.

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