

CARTTA



Center for Academic Research and Training in Anthropogeny

"to explore and explain the origins of the human phenomenon"

WHAT DOES CARTA DO?



Public Symposia & Lectures

CARTA's extraordinary human origins symposia series attracts preeminent scientists from around the globe to present their latest discoveries to both researchers and the public. CARTA also partners with other San Diego institutions, such as the Museum of Man, in sponsoring public lectures on human origins and related topics.

Anthropogeny Graduate Specialization

Through a unique graduate specialization available to students in participating PhD programs at UC San Diego, CARTA is training a new generation of transdisciplinary thinkers who can advance the study of anthropogeny.

Field Course

CARTA's field course provides anthropogeny graduate students with the opportunity to see where hominid fossils and ancient artifacts are found in Africa, to experience the life of Hadza hunter-gatherers, and to encounter chimpanzees in their natural habitat. At each site, students interact with people involved in ongoing field research.

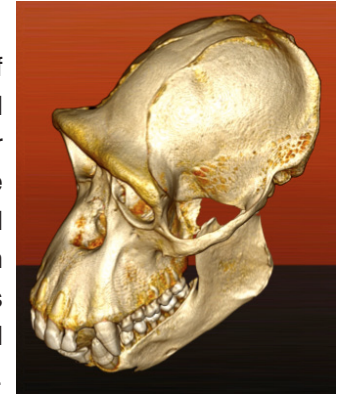


Visiting Professorships

Corresponding CARTA members are occasionally invited to spend short periods at UC San Diego in pursuit of specific transdisciplinary questions in anthropogeny, during which time they can also interact with anthropogeny specialization students.

Museum of Primatology

CARTA houses a remarkable collection of complete skeletons of chimpanzees who died of natural causes. The collection, donated for preservation and research in 2008 by the Primate Foundation of Arizona, includes detailed medical and behavioral records, as well as blood serum and samples. 3D digitization of the skeletons is currently underway and promises to be a powerful resource for researchers, teachers, and students.



J. Moreland



Library of Anthropogeny

CARTA maintains an extensive collection of important books that are relevant to understanding human origins. Spanning over two centuries, this collection is a great resource for our students. Pending copyright approval, we will develop a digitized and searchable version of this collection.

Museum of Comparative Anthropogeny (MOCA)

MOCA is an online comparative database that highlights the differences between humans and the "great apes," with an emphasis on uniquely human features. Having such information in one location promises new insights and transdisciplinary interactions, which help explain these differences and determine what is uniquely human.



W. Calvin



C. Willis

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Attend a CARTA Symposium

CARTA's symposia are free and open to the public. See schedule at <http://carta.anthropogeny.org/>

Watch a Video of a CARTA Symposium

Past symposia are viewable online at the CARTA, UCSD-TV, iTunes, and YouTube websites

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