



## NAPA CAREER RESOURCES

### SITES WITH CAREER INFORMATION

#### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF ANTHROPOLOGY (NAPA)

NAPA is devoted to representing the interests and serving the needs of professional, practicing, and applied (PPA) anthropologists. NAPA's website has many resources including information about the mentoring program, career development tips, a comprehensive set of links to career listings (<https://bit.ly/3gtOfEB>), and the NAPA Toolkit of Professional Anthropologists.

<https://practicinganthropology.org/>

#### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL, PRACTICING, AND APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGISTS

The **National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA)** promotes human-centered work applied to practical problems by linking a network of professional anthropologists working across employment sectors. We support all anthropologists in bringing real solutions to communities, organizations, and policymakers, by offering advocacy, information, networks, mentoring, and continuing education.

<https://www.practicinganthropology.org>

The **Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)**, the other main North American organization founded in 1941, reaches toward a multi-disciplinary and global membership. The SfAA is a professional organization that represents the interests of anthropologists working in a wide range of settings, who have a commitment to improving quality of life around the

#### CAREERS READINESS COMMISSION

The CRC is an initiative made up of volunteers concerned about increasing the readiness of anthropologists to enter professional and practicing careers. It includes leaders from major US-based organizations, like AAA, NAPA, SfAA, COPAA, and EPIC. Their mission is to help prepare the next generation of anthropologists to meet world challenges and opportunities. Their website has a growing list of resources, blog, and information about their workstreams. <https://anthrocareerready.net/>

world. Their website includes resources such as job listings (mostly academic) and links to other organizations. <https://www.appliedanthro.org/>

**EPIC** is a membership organization that supports professional development, learning, and leadership in the growth and promotion of ethnography. The EPIC Conference promotes the use of ethnographic investigations and principles in the study of human behavior as they are applied in business settings. While EPIC started life as a conference and continues at locations around the world, the EPIC website also represents a large, virtual community with a range of resources and information. They have an open access job board (mostly non-academic positions), and a members-only/some free access library of articles and videos, webinars, and courses.

<https://www.epicpeople.org/>

### LOCAL PRACTITIONER ORGANIZATIONS (LPOS)

*Over the years a variety of Local Practitioner Organizations have existed. The following list contains organizations that may or may not be currently active. Some do not have active websites but may have a local contact person or a listserv.*

[EthnoBreakfast](#)

[High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology \(HPSfAA\)](#)

[Southern California Applied Anthropology Network \(SCAAN\)](#)

[Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists \(WAPA\)](#)

[Alaska Anthropological Association \(AAA\)](#)

[Chicago Association for the Practice of Anthropology \(CAPA\)](#)

[High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology \(HPSAA\)](#) (Eastern Rocky Mountains and western Great Plains, USA)

[Mid-South Association of Practicing Anthropologists \(MSAPA\)](#) (Mid-South, USA)



[Southern California Applied Anthropology Network \(SCAAN\)](#)

[Canadian Anthropology Society](#) (CASCA)

## BLOGS AND PODCASTS

- [Anthrodendum Blog](#) - a collective web blog devoted to both bringing anthropology to a wider audience as well as providing an online forum for discussing the latest developments in the field. Formerly known as the [Savage Minds Blog](#) where archived articles and information can still be found.
- [Ethnography Matters Blog](#) – a space to talk about the blurring boundaries of our craft, where we can gain insight, advice and inspiration from those who are defining what high quality, accessible and innovative research might look like in a future that is increasingly mediated by technology.
- [Workplace Anthropology Matters](#) – A video series profiling workplace anthropologists whose work directly influences their own professional processes. Part of a workshop in the Business Anthropology Matters Initiative.
- [SfAA Podcasts](#) – In conjunction with the University of North Texas, the Society for Applied

Anthropology has produced annual meeting podcasts for several years.

- [Anthropologizing Blog](#) – A blog series on Anthropologists in practice.
- [Antropología 2.0 Blog](#) – Antropología 2.0 blog aims to be a reference space for the practical, ethical, and methodological development of Business Anthropology worldwide. The aim is to make corporate anthropology a fundamental part of people-centered innovation.
- [On the Brink](#) – A blog and podcast by corporate anthropologist Andi Simon designed to help you see, feel, and think in new ways, so you can soar. If your business is On the Brink, it's time to stop and take a listen.
- [This Anthro Life Podcast](#) – An experimental narrative podcast that takes a unique cross cultural and time spanning perspective on what makes us human, from the designed world, future hopes, and myths of how things came to be.

## RESOURCE AND COMMUNITY HUBS

- [Businessanthro.com](#) – Visit the Business Anthropology Community website to learn about the community, upcoming events, and resources — including downloadable workshops and syllabi, reading and video lists, and links to blogs, listservs, slack communities, and podcasts.
- [Anthrodesign](#) – An online community and listserv focused on anthropology and design. Members are interested in the role of applied anthropology in the corporate, public sector, and medical contexts.
- [Ethnography Hangout](#) – The Ethnography Matters, Anthrodesign, and EPIC teams have created a Slack community for conversations about applied ethnographic methods. To join the discussion on Slack, please fill out [this form](#) where we ask for some information about you and your work. Read their [Slack guidelines](#).
- [Veteran Affairs Qualitative Methods Learning Collaborative](#) – An archive of qualitative methods webinar series offered by the VA.

## MENTORING PROGRAMS

- The NAPA Mentor Program links students with professional and practicing anthropologists. Through this program, students and new professionals receive tailored guidance in defining careers goals, developing resumes, and establishing a valuable professional network. The Mentor Program is designed to foster an ongoing relationship between the mentor and the mentee. <https://practicinganthropology.org/mentoring-career/>
- The WAPA Mentoring Program is designed for those who need career advice, who may be baffled by the complicated Washington DC job market, or who just need to discuss the opportunities provided by a career path in professional anthropology. <https://wapadc.org/mentoring>