

A Story of Us Podcast

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AW: Hello everyone! Welcome to “A Story of Us: Our humanity, history, and department.” My name is Alex Wilkins

MO: And I’m Mackie O’Hara. We’re your hosts for “A Story of Us,”

This podcast is hosted entirely by the graduate students of The Ohio State University's Anthropology Department.

So Alex and I are both graduate students here at OSU studying Physical Anthropology.

AW: Throughout all of these podcast episodes, we will introduce you to the field of Anthropology and some of its basic topics and issues in, hopefully, a fun and engaging way.

MO: Not everyone knows how broad and exciting anthropology really is.

So one of our main goals with this podcast is to increase public awareness for our field. We're gonna start with sort of a baseline description of Anthropology to get us going and we'll add onto it throughout our series.

Anthropology investigates the culture, biology, and society of humans –

AW: And our primate relatives

MO: – to answer questions about what makes us human and how groups of people function across both space and time.

AW: Anthropologists study everything from our earliest ancestors from over 7 million years ago to the way your neighborhood deals with new big-box supermarkets and local politics. So trust us, everything you do, from what you eat to the type of funeral you have, is studied by us, your friendly anthropologists.

MO: It's a huge field and I think sometimes it be difficult to grasp, even for trained anthropologists like ourselves!

So we're going to tackle Anthropology one major broad topic at a time and approach that topic from as many different angles as we can. We're going to start with MIGRATION because it's so relevant to the world we're living in right now.

AW: And I think that's why it's such a great place to start so I'm actually really excited about this migration series.

But before we go too far, to give you some context, each series is going to last one semester (so it'll be either August through December or January through May). Each month, we'll release two episodes. The first episode will be a content episode that will introduce us to some issue related to this overall series. For example, the first episode in this migration series will be called "Pushes and Pulls, Bridges and Barriers."

Mackie and I give you all the details about what migration and immigration actually are, why people move, what stops them, what motivates them, and even how we can study it in the past and present.

MO: But it doesn't stop there! A couple weeks after that episode comes out we're going to upload another episode and this one will be a conversation with two people from our department going into some the details about migration and the topic of the month. It'll be more details about the specific research people in our department are doing related to migration, so definitely tune in to those episodes because it's going to be an insider look at how we actually study Anthropology.

AW: If you want to join us on this journey – and you definitely should! – you can visit our website at anthropology.osu.edu for transcripts, photos or reference material.

MO: You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @AStoryOfUsOSU.

AW: So you know the drill. You can subscribe to our little podcast to get notifications and stay up to date. You can also look out for bonus episodes because we've got a couple good ones planned, but we'll keep them a secret for now.

MO: We hope you enjoy exploring “A Story of Us” with the OSU Anthropology Graduate Students!

We're really excited to give you a sneak peak into our lives and the wonderful world of Anthropology. We'd also like to thank our department and faculty for their support as we try out running a podcast.

AW: And as a little side note, it's important to remember that Anthropology is a really diverse field. There are always so many debates and

conversations going on and we will give you all sides of those conversations.

MO: So stay tuned! Subscribe to us on iTunes or wherever you get your podcasts and we'll see you in August! Thanks!

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