



**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND
ANTHROPOLOGY**

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Spring 2026

**8 May 2026 | 2:00 PM
Talley Student Union**

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

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Ceremony

Prelude

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39, Sir Edward Elgar

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Andrea Leverentz, Department Head and Professor

Student Speaker

Kayla Jade Ortiz

Presentation of Graduate Degrees in Anthropology

- Master of Arts

Presented by Dr. John Millhauser, Director of Graduate Program in Anthropology

Presentation of Graduate Degrees in Sociology

- Master of Science
- Doctor of Philosophy

Presented by Dr. Michaela DeSoucey, Director of Graduate Program in Sociology

Recognition of Undergraduate Student Honors

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology
- Bachelor of Arts in Criminology
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
- Bachelor of Science in Sociology

Presented by Dr. Nora Haenn, Interim Director of Undergraduate Programs

Closing Remarks

Dr. Andrea Leverentz

Recessional

North Carolina State Alma Mater Fountain '22 & Norris '23

M.A. in Anthropology

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Leah Harrell

Phenotypic Variation of the Individuals Buried at San Ignacio Church: Exploring Relatedness in Colonial and Republican Period Bogotá, Colombia.

Committee: Dr. Julie Wesp (chair), Dr. Katherine Kinkopf, Dr. John Millhauser

Gabrielle Lopez

Congregational Movement: An Analysis of Degenerative Joint Disease in Colonial Bogotá, Colombia

Committee: Dr. Julie Wesp (chair), Dr. Katherine Kinkopf, Dr. John Millhauser

Linnea Murthy

The Volatile Body: Autonomic Instability and the Reconfiguration of Perception and Embodied Experience in Dysautonomia.

Committee: Dr. Nora Haenn (chair), Dr. Katherine Kinkopf, Dr. Julie Wesp

Emma Wagner

A Zooarchaeological Analysis of a Domestic Structure on Petra's North Ridge.

Committee: Dr. Kate Grossman (chair), Dr. John Millhauser

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M.S. in Sociology

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Rae'a Tyson

Food Waste in Elementary Schools: A Qualitative Study of Lunchroom Practices

Committee: Dr. Michaela DeSoucey (chair), Dr. Andrea Leverentz, Dr. Thomas Shriver

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Student Ambassadors

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology's Student Ambassador Program is a select team of undergraduate volunteers dedicated to supporting student life and strengthening the department community. Ambassadors play an active role in organizing student activities, assisting with recruitment efforts, enhancing departmental communications, and fostering student involvement and mentorship. Chosen for their excellence and leadership, Student Ambassadors serve as outstanding representatives of the department, and their commitment is both meaningful and highly valued.

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Department Honors

Successful completion of the departmental Honors Program requires 12 hours of honors coursework which includes completion of a senior honors thesis or project for Sociology and Criminology students. In addition, honors students must maintain both cumulative and major GPAs of at least 3.25.

Jack David Stein
Malaika Saada Kichawele
Jacquelyn Christina Timberlake

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About the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

The mission of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology is to conduct research, teaching, and outreach to help individuals, groups, and organizations in North Carolina, the region, the nation, and other countries better understand society and culture.

Our students study and practice in disciplines that critically analyze human society, culture and behavior. Undergraduates pursue studies in sociology, criminology and anthropology, either as a major or minor. At the graduate level, we offer a Ph.D. in Sociology and an M.A. in Anthropology, both of which prepare graduates for successful careers in teaching and research. With about 25 full-time faculty, in addition to lecturers and instructors, we teach more than 9,000 students each academic year.

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