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Malea Van Kampen

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Sheridan Wheeler

Abby Willcox

Meghan Wysocki

Hope Zainea

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Homayra Adiba

Submajor: Culture & Media

Other programs: Honors

Hometown: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Post-grad plans: PhD in Anthropology
at the University of Michigan

Special thanks to Debashish Chakrabarty



Homayra Adiba



Jacqueline Aguiar

Iftikhaar Alli-Balogun

Other programs: Honors

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Post-grad plans: I will be working as a Mental Health Worker while taking a gap year before applying to graduate school.

Special thanks: Thank you so much to my family for being so supportive of me all these years. I am immensely grateful.



Iftikhaar Alli-Balogun



Elias Atkinson

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Other programs: Honors

Hometown: Brighton, Michigan

Special thanks: I would like to thank my parents and my sister for being there for me and pushing me into this opportunity in the first place.



Jared Berry



Talia Briske

Other programs: Honors, LGBTQ and Sexuality Studies minor, UM Club Gymnastics, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI

Post-grad plans: Attending EMU to pursue an MA in Women's and Gender Studies

Special thanks: Thank you to my friends and family, especially my parents, for shaping me into the person I am today. It is because of your love and support that I get to walk across the stage!



Talia Briske



Crystal Briskey

Ginger Brogan

Other programs: Psychology

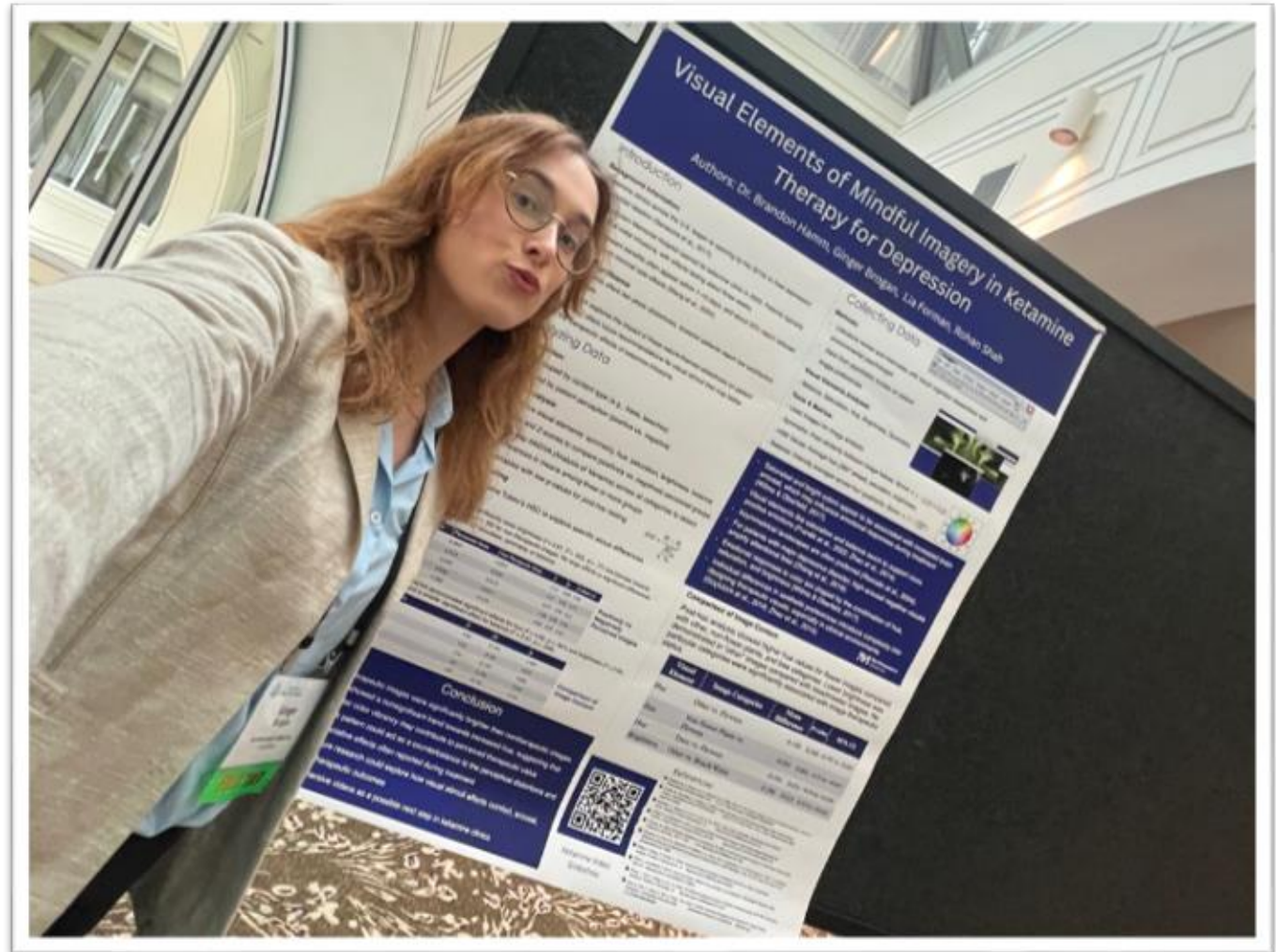
Hometown: Berkeley, California

Post-grad plans: Master of Nursing with the goal of becoming a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Special thanks: I want to thank my sister, Dad, Ken, Aunt Kim, and Uncle John for your unconditional love and endless support through my education, my tennis, my polo, and every cold Michigan winter in between.



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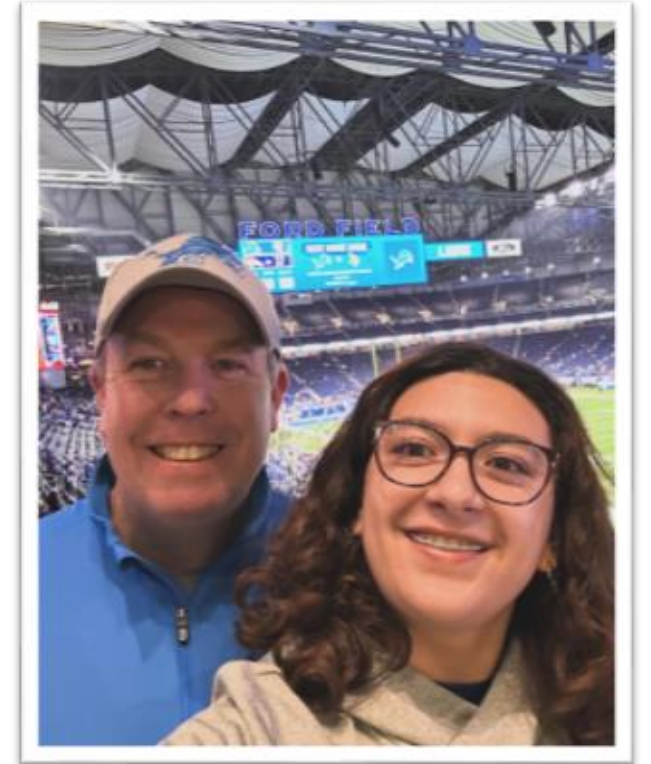
Other programs: Honors, Minor in Writing, SOAR (Student Opportunities for AIDS and HIV Research) Scholar

Hometown: Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico and Howell, MI

Post-grad plans: Obtain my master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning

Special thanks: Thank you to my parents, grandparents, and sister, Giana, for your constant support and guidance. To my mentors during my time here, Dr. Gary Harper, Dr. Payne-Sturges, and Dr. Evans-Polce, thank you for your patience and trust. Finally, thank you to all my friends and peers who have filled these past four years with endless memories and laughter.

Jocelyn Fradette



Ari Harvey

Submajor: Archaeology

Other programs: Honors

Nadia Hjortsberg

Submajor: Archaeology

Gloria Kawai

Submajor: Environment & Conservation

Sophia Kersh

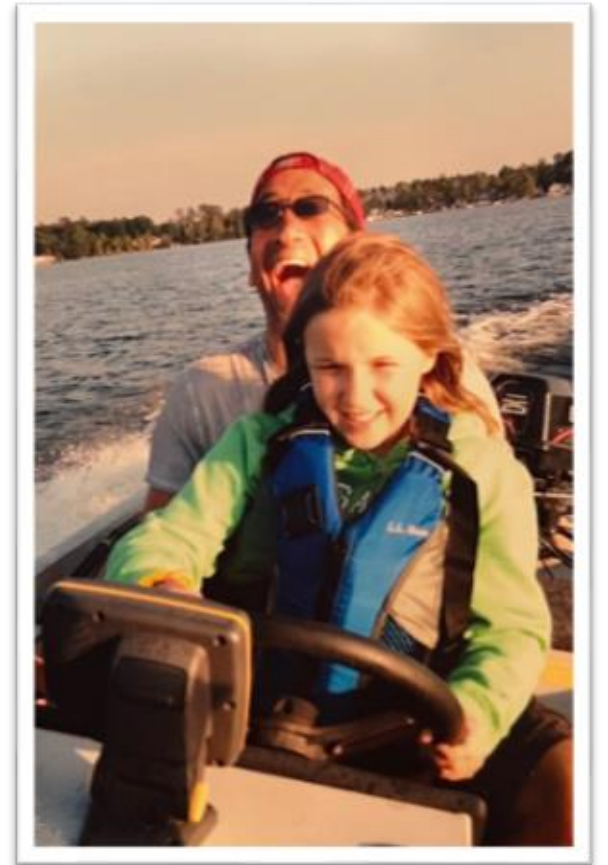
Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

Post-grad plans: Pursue space ergonomics and obtain a masters degree

Special thanks: Thank you to everyone who has believed in me throughout my academic career, and my parents for making this possible.



Sophia Kersh



Aamna Khatib

Submajor: Archaeology

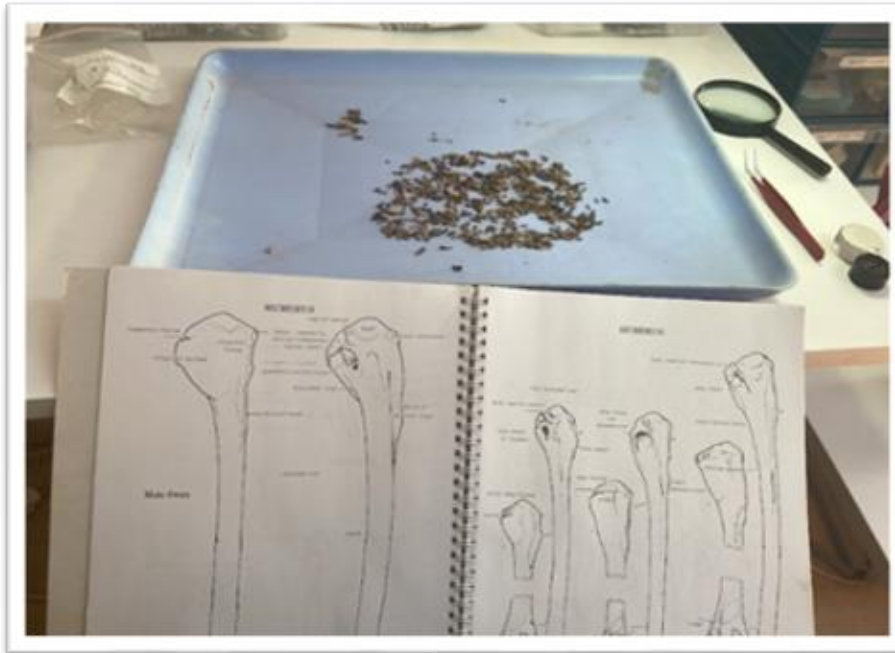
Other programs: double major with Psychology, minor in Asian Languages and Cultures. I am also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society!

Hometown: Mississauga, Ontario

Post-grad plans: Apply to be a field technician or Cultural Resource Manager



Aamna Khatib



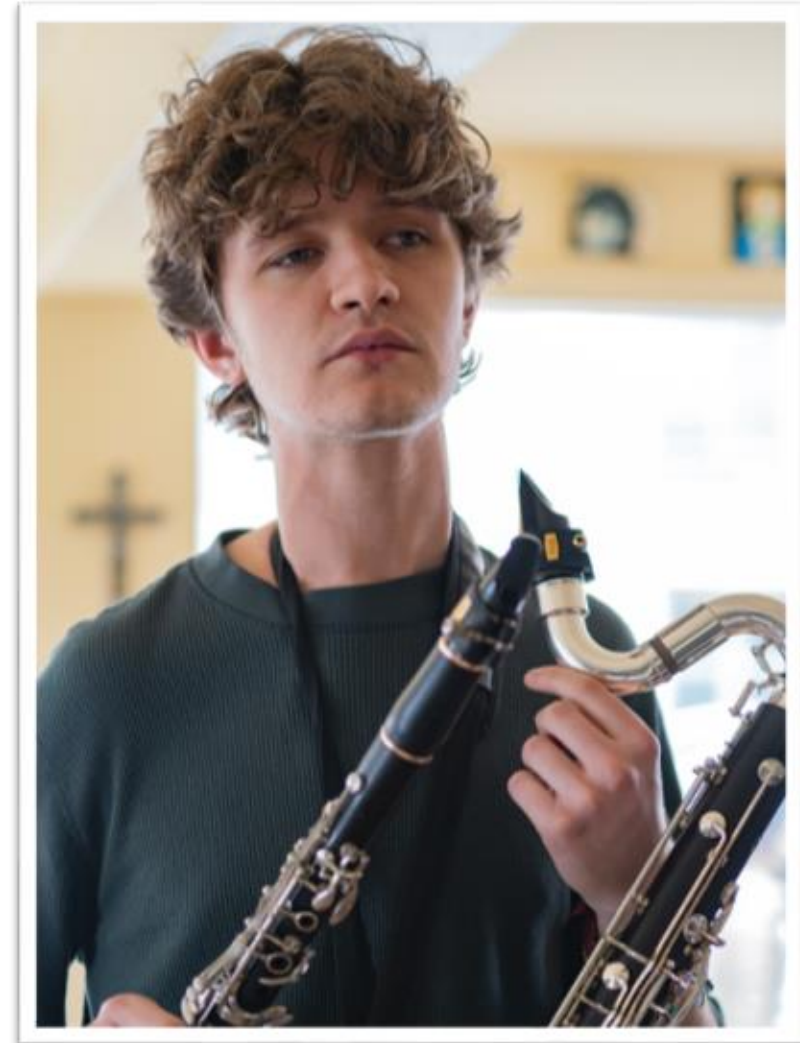
Jennifer Kowal

Timothy Kulawiak

Other programs: B.M.A. Clarinet Performance, Sweetland Center Minor in Writing

Hometown: Santa Rosa, California

Post-grad plans: Travel!



Mitchell Kyger

Fiona Magyar

Teagan Messing

Submajor: Archaeology

Other programs: Honors

Samantha Molino

Catherine Morell

Submajor: Archaeology

Jasmine Parlett

Submajor: Archaeology

Patrick Phang Del Pozo

Submajor: Archaeology

Other programs: Honors

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Submajor: Medical Anthropology

Valeria Rivera

Amy Rodriguez

Aiswarya Saravanan

Submajor: Medical Anthropology

Other programs: Honors, Neuroscience

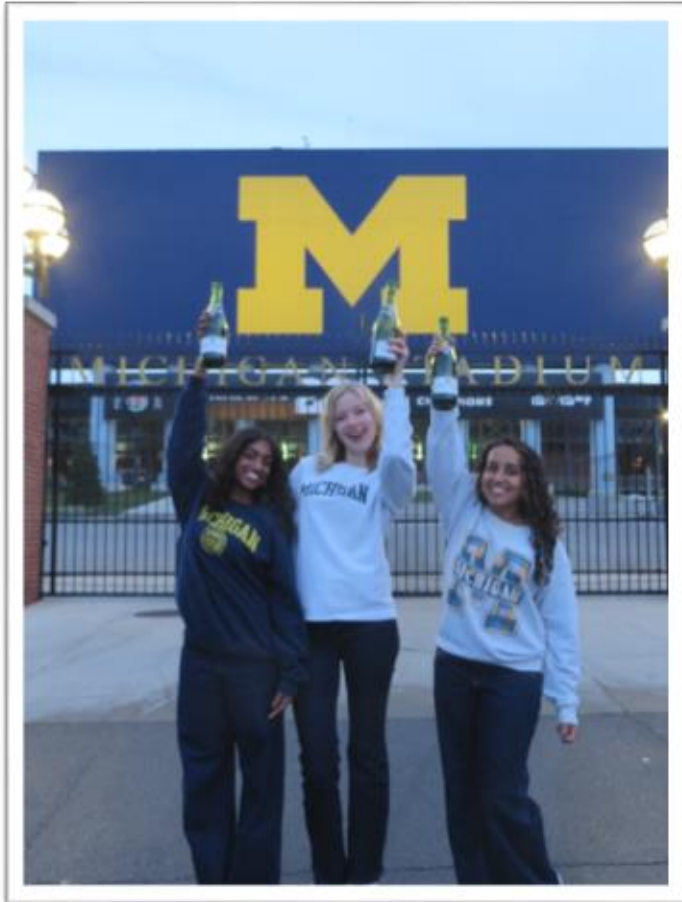
Hometown: Canton, MI

Post-grad plans: Clinical Research
Coordinator in Boston

Special thanks: Thank you so much to all of my family and friends for supporting me throughout my four years in college—I couldn't have done it without you all!



Aiswarya Saravanan



Alexander Sepulveda

Emma Sital

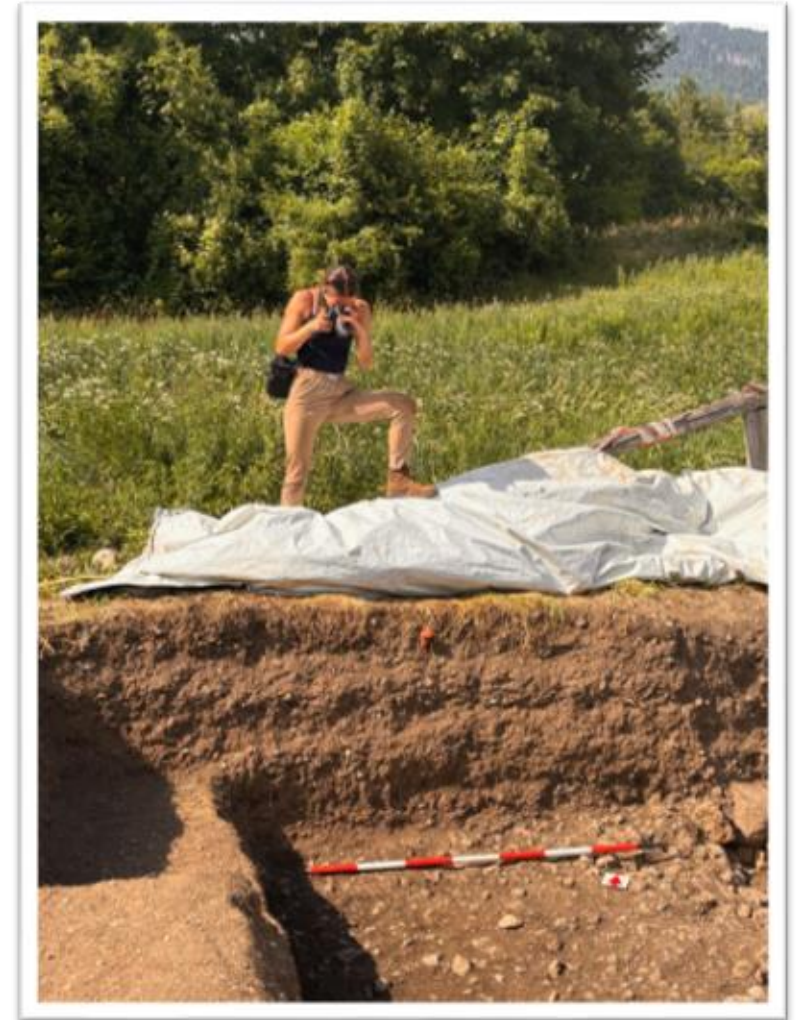
Rylee Tolson

Other programs: Honors, Human Anatomy and Physiology minor

Hometown: Munith, Michigan

Post-grad plans: Transcultural Studies M.A here at Michigan!

Special thanks: Thank you to my parents, brothers, sister-in-law, nephew, and niece for their constant and endless support. Thank you also to my advisor, Dr. Mike Galaty, and mentor, Irene Hochgraf-Cameron, for encouraging curiosity and growth.



Rylee Tolson



Solomon Trice

Submajor: Politics, Law, and Economy

Malea Van Kampen

Submajor: Politics, Law, and Economy

Runyi Wang

Submajor: Culture and Media

Other programs: Honors

Sheridan Wheeler

Submajor: Archaeology

Abby Willcox

Other programs: Honors

Meghan Wysocki

Submajor: Medical Anthropology

Other programs: Honors, Bachelor of Arts in Music, Carillon

Hometown: Grosse Pointe, Michigan



Hope Zainea

Submajor: Archaeology

Other programs: Psychology major, Museum Studies minor

Other affiliations: SAPAC Survivor Empowerment and Ally Support Volunteer, Film and Video Student Association Marketing Chair, Archaeology Club Board Member, MiND Lab Research Assistant

Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI

Post-grad plans: Attending Law School

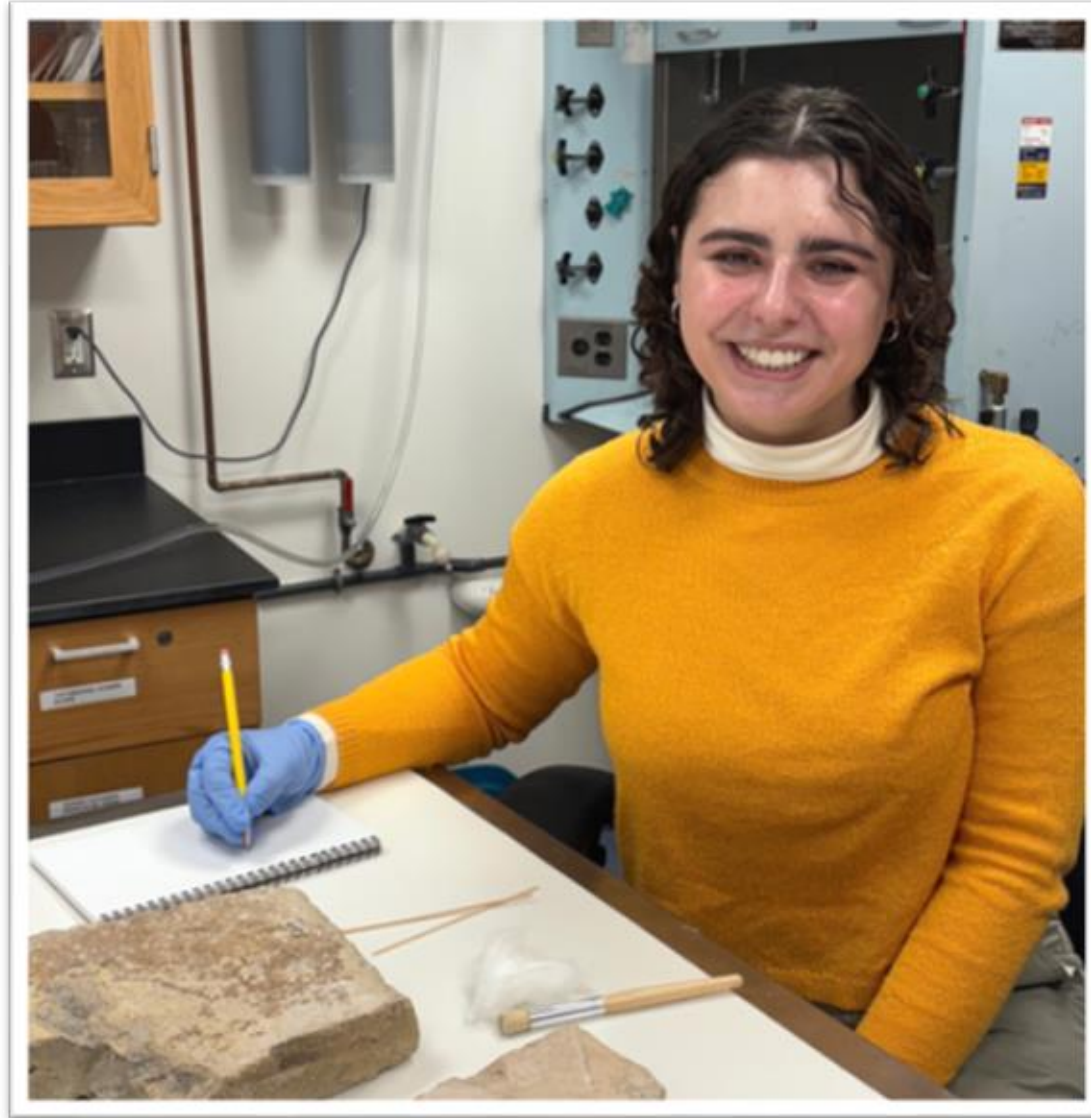
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Hope Zainea



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MAJORS

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Ava Farquhar

Lily Heald

Brittany Mollette

Mikayla Peterson

Bree Small

Elaina Volk

Kira Davis

Other programs: Minor in Paleontology

Hometown: Napoleon, MI

Post-grad plans: I will be staying at the University of Michigan to do a M.S. in Psychology.

Special thanks: Thank you to my parents and my little sister for supporting me over the last 8 years while I worked towards this degree.



Maxwell Iseler

Other programs: Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)

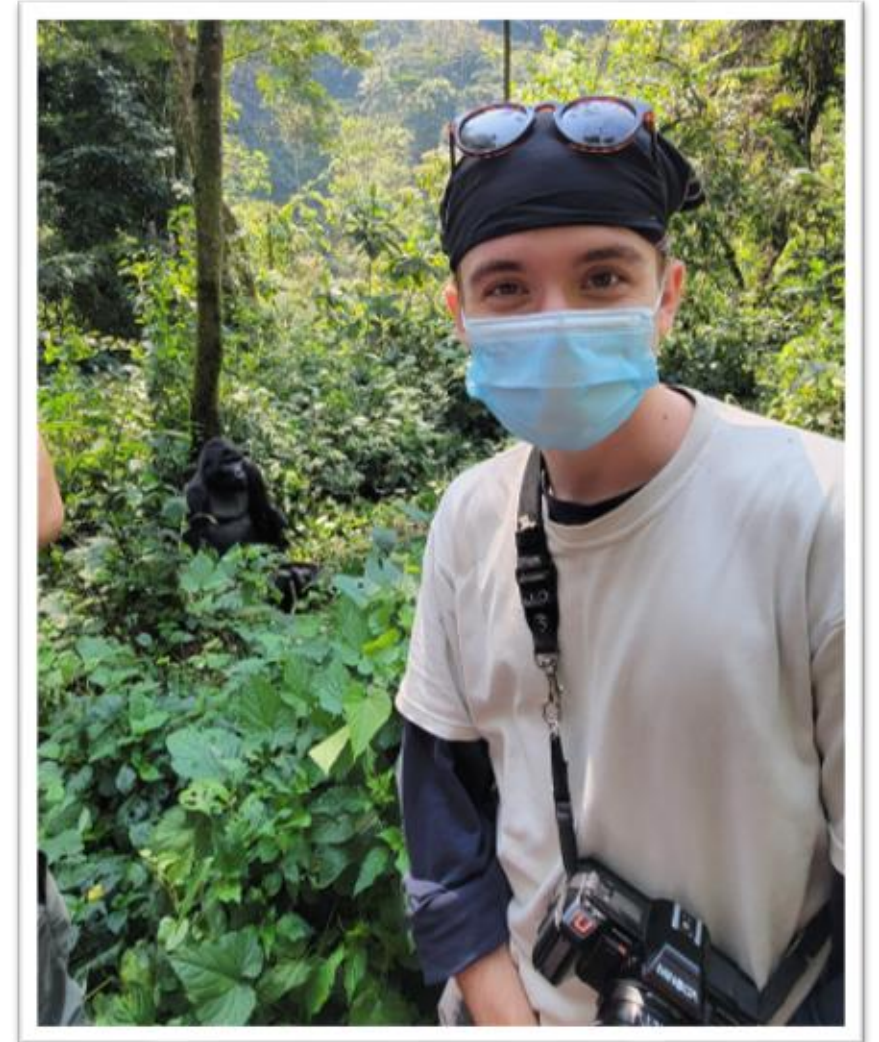
Hometown: Port Hope, Michigan

Post-grad plans: Focus on how people engage with the physical environment through a career in Landscape Architecture, Ecosystem management, or Urban Planning

Special thanks: I am grateful for the opportunity and privilege of getting a college education, it has been the greatest gift I have received.



Maxwell Iseler



Pearl Evans

Hometown: Springfield, MO

Post-grad plans: Work as a clinical research associate

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Ava Farquhar

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Other programs: Honors

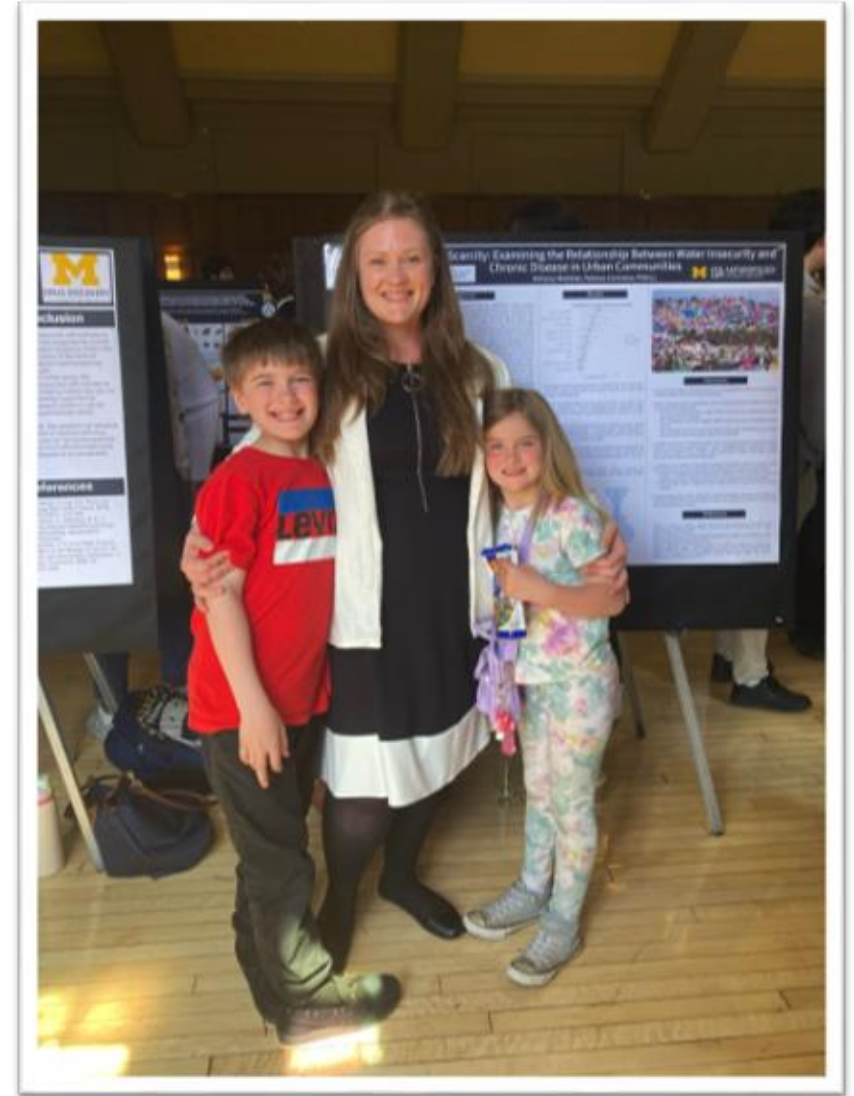
Brittany Mollette

Other programs: The Maurer Lab

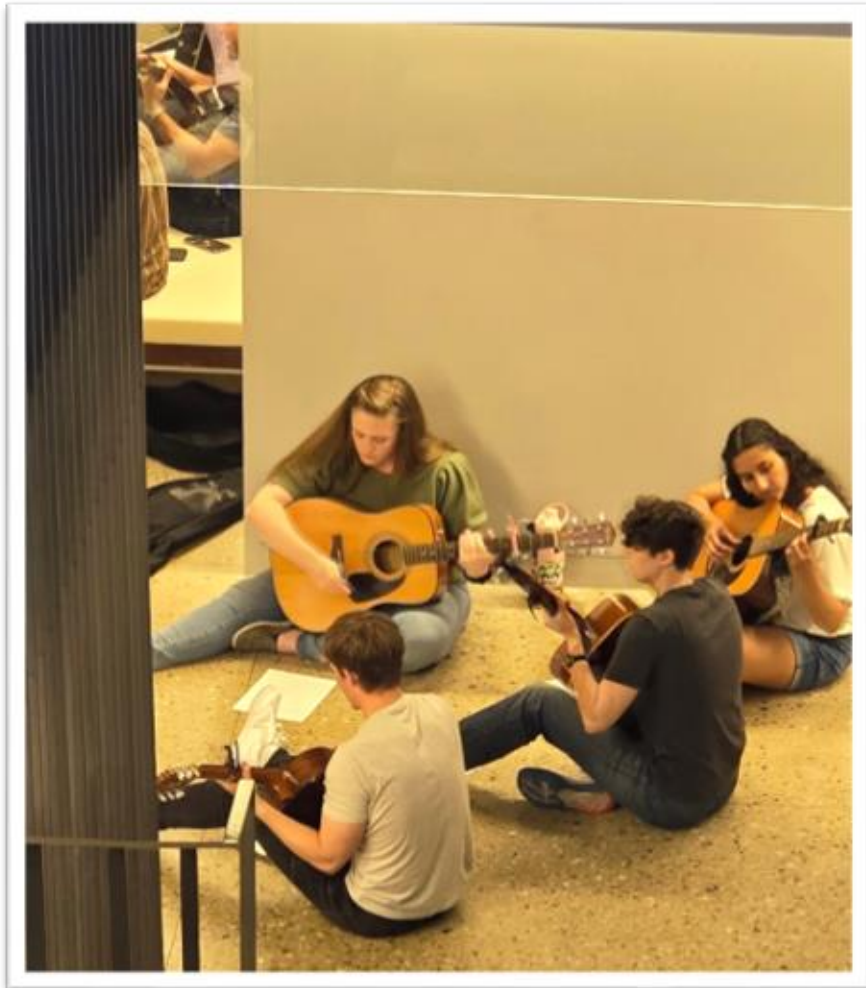
Hometown: Ypsilanti, MI

Post-grad plans: Spend more time with my family

Special thanks: Thank you to Tony, Johnathan, and Lillian for being flexible, encouraging, and supportive throughout this journey. Thank you to Deanna and Rick for always being there for the kids when I couldn't be. I couldn't have done it with you! Thank you to my Mom and Dad for instilling the importance of hard work and all your encouragement.



Brittany Mollette



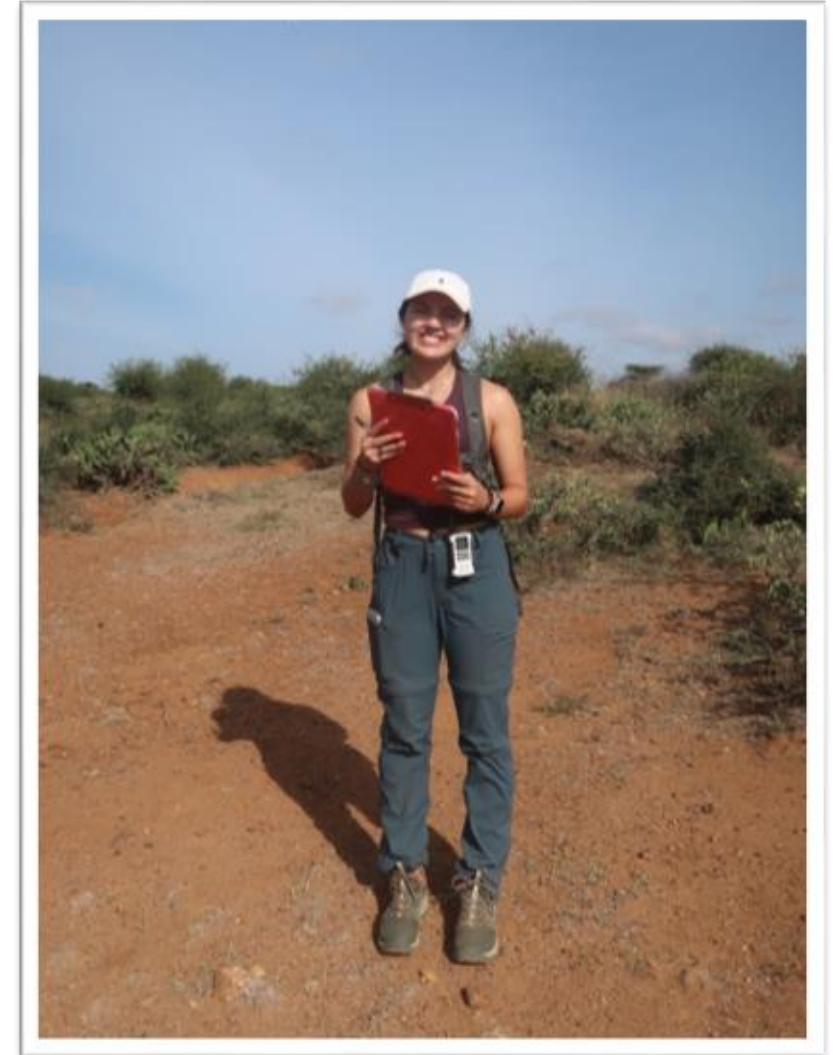
Mikayla Peterson

Other programs: Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Hometown: Minnetonka, Minnesota

Post-grad plans: Taking a gap year working at a hometown hospital and food co-op while applying to medical school.

Special thanks: To my parents and sisters, my heart is filled with gratitude that I get to experience the joy of life with each of you. I cannot thank you enough for your unwavering love and support over these past four years. I love you so dearly.



Mikayla Peterson



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Anthropology PhD

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Anthropology & History PhD

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Anthropology & Social Work PhD

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Dissertation title: *Alliance, Coalescence, and Ethnogenesis:
Indigenous History-Making in 13th Century Myaamionki*

James Munene

Dissertation title: *Middle Stone Age Technological Organization and Change Lake Naivasha Basin, Central Rift Valley, Kenya*

Brendan Nash

Dissertation title: *Convergent Adaptive Strategies during the Transitional Holocene: A Case Study from the Alpena-Amberley Ridge in the Great Lakes Region*

Györgyi Parditka

Dissertation title: *Resilience and Social Transformation in Middle-Range Societies: Bronze Age Societies in Transition in the Eastern Carpathian Basin*

Jordan Lucore

Dissertation title: *Implications of Ambient Heat for Immunity and the Gut Microbiome of a Wild Primate*

Hometown: Springfield, IL

Post-grad plans: Postdoctoral position at Duke University with Melissa Emery Thompson



Anne Marie Creighton

Dissertation title: *Language, Water, Place: Multilingualism and Its Afterlives in Colca, Peru*

Special thanks: Thank you to my professors; to the people of the town of Tuti, Peru; and to my parents, family, and friends.



Carrie Ann Morgan

Dissertation title: *Language, Water, Place: Multilingualism and Its Afterlives in Colca, Peru*

Jennifer Sierra

Dissertation title: *Bateria Keyotai Kaman ('Til the Battery Dies):
The (Im)Possible Digital Life of Shipibo-Konibos in the Peruvian
Amazon*

Amanda Kaminsky

Dissertation title: *Kilimani Chinatown: The Racial and Ecological Politics of Chinese Foodways in Kenya*

Adrienne Lagman

Dissertation title: *The Law Has Feelings: Employing Affect, Creating Law with Shanghai's Corporate Consulting Attorneys*

Special thanks: Many thanks to my husband, David, my mom Marion, William, Kadeshia, Mitchell, and Linda for all your love and support.



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Dissertation title: *Thickening Discipline: An Essentialist's Guide to Strength Training in the United States*

Janaki Phillips

Dissertation title: *Divining Uncertain Futures: A Study of Contemporary Tarot Practice in Los Angeles and Mumbai*

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Dissertation title: *Misrecognition and Multispecies
Entanglements in the American West*

Matthew Schissler

Dissertation title: *Twisted Paths: An Anthropological History of the Rohingya Genocide in Myanmar*

Salman Hussain

Dissertation title: *Migrants at Home: Gulf Migrations, Masculinities, and the Politics of Return in Pakistan*

Yun Chen

Dissertation title: *Governing through Social Work: Making Persons and the Public in China's Anti-Drug Work*

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