

**ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM  
5<sup>th</sup> YEAR ACTION PLAN**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please address the questions below with bullet points. We believe that the process of answering these questions can also help you to think strategically about the year ahead.

1. Academic Year goals.  
What goals do you have for the academic year? What would you like to accomplish? Why is this important to your professional development?
2. Dissertation writing.  
Please briefly outline your plans for writing your dissertation this year (You can do this as a month by month, or listing your goals for each portion of your dissertation, or any other way you want to strategically tackle the writing). What format will your dissertation have (monograph or series of articles)? How can the DGS help you achieve these goals? How can your committee help you?
3. Conference participation.  
Will you be attending conferences during the academic year? If so, which ones? How can you get the most out of them? How might you fund your participation from internal ND or external grants? (Remember that the department offers the \$300 matching funds to all grads, plus an additional \$200 to all 5<sup>th</sup> years. Take advantage of this conference funding).
4. Post-Doc and Job Search.  
Are you planning on doing the 5+1 post-doc? What plans do you have for it (projects, publications, teaching, who will be your mentor, etc.)? Thinking ahead to the next few years, where do you see yourself? To get to this point what areas will require further development? How can we help you to achieve these goals? Are you on the job market? How can the department / DGS / your committee help you to prepare for the academic and non-academic job markets?
5. Other.  
Please add anything else you feel is pertinent to your academic year trajectory (goals not stated above, additional plans, or even questions and concerns).

Please set up a meeting (in person or online) with your Graduate Committee to discuss these questions. While we are aware that your time is currently consumed by writing, please take a brief moment to work on these questions, especially where you feel the gaps exist and how we can help you to complete your PhD. Please have your committee members electronically or physically sign the form. Provide Michelle Thornton a hard copy by the last Friday in September. Email a copy to the DGS and your committee as well.

**Committee Signatures:**

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