



Hello anthropologists!

The [ASCCC OER Initiative](#) is working to increase faculty awareness and use of Open Educational Resources (OER). OER are teaching and learning materials that are openly licensed, digitally available, and FREE for instructors and students, thereby offering a useful corrective to the rising costs of textbooks. Students welcome these cost savings, especially amid the current economic stressors of the pandemic and recession. In addition, OER often allow for customization: instructors can reorganize, modify, and supplement the resources to better fit their courses and pedagogy.

If you have not considered OER recently, I encourage you to do so, especially in light of several new anthropology projects that were supported by the ASCCC OERI:

- The second edition of [Perspectives: An Open Invitation to Cultural Anthropology](#) (edited by Nina Brown, Thomas McIlwraith, and Laura Tubelle de González) is out now, along with ASCCC-OERI supported [ancillaries](#): lecture slides and a testbank.
- The first edition of [Explorations: An Open Invitation to Biological Anthropology](#) (edited by Beth Shook, Katie Nelson, Kelsie Aguilera, and Lara Braff) is now available and includes ASCCC-OERI supported [ancillaries](#): lecture slides and a testbank.
- [Digging into Archaeology: A Brief OER Introduction to Archaeology with Activities](#) (edited by Amanda Wolcott Paskey and AnnMarie Beasley Cisneros) has just been published, with assistance from an ASCCC-OERI grant.

These textbooks and ancillary materials offer multi-authored, peer-reviewed, comprehensive introductions to three of our four sub-disciplines. To further facilitate your review of existing OER, we developed an annotated list of [Anthropology OER](#) used by colleagues in California. If you are using any OER (for lower division courses) that are not included on this list, please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me with questions about anthropology OER or the ASCCC-OER Initiative.

Best,
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