Dr. Kimberly Kirner, PhD, is a cultural anthropologist at CSU Northridge specializing in environmental anthropology, applied cognitive anthropology, and medical anthropology. She is interested in using collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches to understand interrelationships between cognition, emotion, and decision-making and the way informal knowledge systems interact with policy to impact human behavior. Currently, Kim is focused on two main research programs: one investigates the perceptions of and responses to climate change in the Eastern Sierra and Los Angeles. The other explores the relationship between spirituality and sustainable behavior in contemporary nature-centered movements. Kim also maintains a consulting business in program design, evaluation, and organizational development for the non-profit and local government organizations. When not working, she can often be found wandering in wild places.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Health & Sciences Building—Lecture Hall HS-201
12:30 pm | WELCOME | WHAT IS ANTHROPOLOGY?
Dr. Darcy L. Wiewall, Professor of Anthropology
1 pm | WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN ANTHROPOLOGY?
Professional Anthropologist Guest Speakers:
Peggy Ronning, Curator, Antelope Valley Indian Museum, CA State Parks
Barbara Tejada, Archaeologist, CA State Parks
Dr. Bruce Love, Independent Researcher, Cultural Anthropologist
2 pm | ANTHROPOLOGY: REAL PEOPLE, REAL CAREER—video
3 pm | ALUMNI STUDENT PANEL Q&A

Health & Sciences Building—Anthropology Laboratory HS-223
6 pm | Open House Reception Meet & Greet (beer, wine, appetizers)

Health & Sciences Building—Lecture Hall HS-201
7 pm | WELCOME | CURRENT NEWS
Dr. Darcy L. Wiewall, Professor of Anthropology
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7:30 pm | KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Kimberly Kirner, Professor of Anthropology, CSU Northridge
“Holistically Solving Problems: Engaging Anthropology in Facing Environmental Change”

*I’ve always wanted to solve problems and improve the quality of life for human and non-human beings. Almost 20 years ago, I switched gears from biomedical science to cultural anthropology in order to be able to better pursue this goal in ways that best use my skills and fulfill my interests. In this conversational, open discussion about being an anthropologist, I’ll reach into multiple research projects—past and present—to present why anthropology is necessary for solving social and environmental problems. Drawing from examples in my career as both an academic anthropologist at California State University, Northridge and a practicing anthropologist (with a career spanning corporate, non-profit, and consulting sectors), I’ll offer stories about why I love what I do and how it contributes to the advancement of students, scholarship, and society. I’ll conclude with frank advice on pursuing anthropology as a major and a career, including preparing adequately for a career in anthropology, identifying potential future careers, and tackling the job market.”

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Admission is free to this event, which is sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, the Anthropology Student Association and the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division. Eligible for 3 hours of Faculty Professional Development.

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