CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS STUDY HUMAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DESCRIBING, ANALYZING, INTERPRETING, AND EXPLAINING SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES. TAKING THE INTERACTIONS OF CULTURE, POWER, AND HISTORY AS A CENTRAL APPROACH, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS ARE INTERESTED IN THE COMPLEXITIES AND MULTIPLICITIES OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. SPECIFIC TOPICS INCLUDE GENDER AND SEXUALITY; POSTCOLONIALISM AND GLOBALIZATION; CULTURE AND ECONOMY; THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF ‘RACE’; THE SOCIOCULTURAL CONTEXT OF DISEASE AND ILLNESS; RELIGION; AND INTERACTIONS BETWEEN HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN WORLDS.

LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGISTS STUDY COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE IN THEIR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN LANGUAGE USE, STRUCTURE, AND CHANGE, AND THE RELATIONS AMONG LANGUAGE, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE. TOPICS INCLUDE HOW LANGUAGE IS USED IN SOCIAL CONTEXTS; HOW PEOPLE COMMUNICATE NONVERBALLY; & HOW CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGES DIFFER, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION.
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