

Dr. Kathryn Olszowy

Candidate Bio:

Dr. Kathryn Olszowy is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at New Mexico State University. She has been a member (student and subsequently a fellow) of the HBA since 2008. Her research focuses on obesity and chronic disease risk in transitioning environments and vulnerable populations, with a focus on understanding evolutionary, behavioral, and physiological factors that affect obesity disparities between men and women. Her current field sites are in the Republic of Vanuatu and in metropolitan Cleveland, Ohio.

Platform statement:

I am honored to be considered for a position on the Nominations and Elections Committee of the Human Biology Association. I am an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at New Mexico State University. I joined the HBA as a student member in 2008, and appreciate the opportunities for professional development that the HBA has offered over my past 10 years as a member. As a graduate student and now as an HBA fellow, I regularly present my research at the annual meetings, and have published multiple articles in the American Journal of Human Biology. I am committed to furthering the mission of the HBA with future generations of anthropologists; last year, for example, three of my undergraduate students presented posters at the meeting in Cleveland. Serving the Association via the Nominations and Elections Committee would further my development as an early career academic, and would also allow me to contribute to the important work that HBA does regarding anthropological research and education.