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CARTA is a transdisciplinary collaboration of global experts whose mission is “to explore and explain the origins of the human phenomenon.” Comprised of UC San Diego and Salk Institute for Biological Studies faculty, along with an international panel of prominent researchers, our efforts and discourse span an array of academic disciplines to form our unique approach to the fundamental questions of anthropogeny:

Where did we come from?

How did we get here?

Answering these questions and exploring human origins requires a wide variety of approaches involving multiple disciplines:

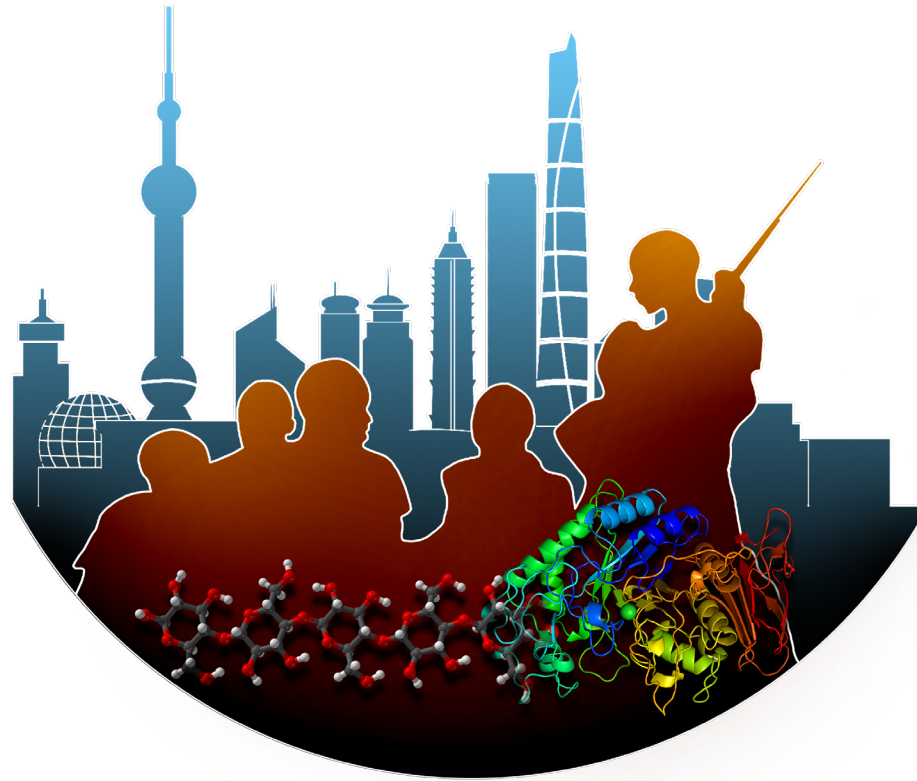
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Anthropogeny is the scientific investigation of the origins of our species. Anthropogeny utilizes fossil, archaeological, and genomic evidence. It includes the comparison of genomes, development, life histories, and behavior across humans and our closest relatives (and other species). Anthropogeny explores the impact of genetic changes in model systems and studies the role of biological and cultural environments.



Practical aspects include novel human brain features, biology-culture interactions, our ability for altruistic and selfish behavior, uniquely human diseases, and the effect of modernity on well-being. This perspective provides urgent insights for the future as our species radically alters the environmental and ecological processes of the planet we share with all life.

PROGRAMS

Public Symposia

CARTA produces free, public symposia to share and stimulate research on what makes us human. All symposia are recorded and livestreamed. View the entire library of CARTA symposia online at carta.anthropogeny.org, YouTube, or UCTV.

Anthropogeny Graduate Specialization

CARTA supports a unique Anthropogeny Graduate Specialization available to Ph.D. students in participating programs at UC San Diego. The program’s curriculum trains a new generation of transdisciplinary thinkers who can advance the study of anthropogeny while gaining valuable training in multiple knowledge bases.

Anthropogeny Field Course

The capstone to the Anthropogeny Graduate Specialization transports students to the “field” in East Africa where they are immersed in the major approaches to studying the origins of our species. They examine fossil evidence, experience archaeological methods at active sites, study non-human primates in the wild, and engage in ethnography of diverse modes of human subsistence.

Comparative Anthropogeny (CompAnth)

CARTA’s free, online resource and upcoming e-book entitled, *Comparative Anthropogeny (CompAnth)*, gathers all available evidence regarding distinctly human traits through comparisons with our closest evolutionary cousins (chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas, and orangutans).

Museum of Primatology (MOP)

CARTA curates digital materials related to the study of non-human primates. Researchers may inquire regarding use of collections, access, and benefit sharing.