



School of Human Evolution and Social Change

Social Science and Health

The Social Science and Health faculty are experienced in a wide range of theories, methods, and work in all regions of the world. They collectively have strength in a number of key areas.

The links between culture, society, and health (a large number of faculty are working in the areas of medical anthropology and medical sociology);

Social justice and the relationships between health disparities and social inequality;

Health in the Americas, especially the Southwest US and borderlands, Central America, and South America, where many of our faculty do fieldwork;

Community-based research that values the movement from theory to practice;

Indigenous and minority health and health disparities;

Nutritional health and nutritional anthropology;

Sustainability and environmental health;

Urban health, particularly using Phoenix as the focus;

Social science methodologies for culturally and socially-oriented health research including ethnography, survey, spatial analysis, participatory action research, demography, epidemiology, social networks, and computer-based modeling;

Biocultural and life history approaches to health;

Social complexity and social network aspects of health and wellbeing;

Health in the past, through the lens of both history and bioarchaeology.