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Anthropology Research Highlights

#1 Molecular Anthropology at the University of Florida



- Molecular anthropology at UF labs has officially moved into Africa! Research on African topics has been funded by two grants from the National Science Foundation. Both projects will be carried out in the two molecular anthropology laboratories established in Turlington Hall by **Prof. Connie Mulligan**.
- A project in the **Molecular Genetics Laboratory** focuses on the emergence of humans from Africa and subsequent contacts across the Red Sea. Blood samples for genetic analysis will be collected from both Eritrea and Oman.
- A project in the **Ancient DNA Laboratory** is a collaboration with Professor Fiona Marshall (University of Missouri-St. Louis). Ancient DNA techniques will be applied to museum specimens of donkey and wild ass to determine where and when the donkey was domesticated.
- The African projects are in addition to ongoing molecular research into the evolutionary history of Arctic populations and the genetics of alcohol dependence.

