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“Anthropology makes it possible to image and respect other ways of existing in the world. It allows to realize that we do not have to accept the current state of reality simply because this is how "things work," says Reyes-Foster, “but rather invites us to think about *how* and *why* things work the way they do. I love anthropology because it teaches us to always remember we are not the center of the universe and new solutions in unexpected places are always on the horizon, if only we can keep an open mind.”