

# The Informant

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## KUDOS

### **Elizabeth Sutton**

2006 Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Award winner!

Presented by the Society for California Archaeology and the James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Committee.

Proposed research project:

Temporal and Spatial Variability of Digging Stick Weights from the Santa Barbara Channel Region.

## Events:

**Dr. William (Bill) Fash, Director  
Harvard Peabody Museum  
Dynastic History at Copan, Honduras**

Monday, March 20, 2006

6:00 p.m. Fleishmann Auditorium, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Cost \$20 for Museum and SBCAS members. For more information contact Brian Schaffield at 893-3870 or [brian.shaffield@cox.net](mailto:brian.shaffield@cox.net).

### ***The Pomona: Historic Underwater Archaeology in Northern California***

**Illustrated Lecture by**

**Andrew Kinkella**

Dept. of Anthropology, Moorpark College

Monday, April 3

7:30 p.m., Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Andrew Kinkella will discuss the history of the passenger steamer SS *Pomona*, which sank off of Fort Ross Cove in 1908. Mr. Kinkella will talk about the history of the ship, the sinking event, and the underwater archaeological methods used to construct a map of the remains. Public interaction with the ship (divers, interpretive center, etc.) will also be discussed. Admission is free. Presented by Santa Barbara County Archaeological Society.

**Luis Corteguera,**

Associate Professor of History,  
University of Kansas,

"Desperately Seeking the King: Pardon  
Tales from Early Modern Spain."

Tuesday, March 21

3 p.m.  
HSSB 4020

In the worldwide Spanish empire of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, written communication became increasingly important for subjects to reach their Spanish rulers. Ordinary men and women with little or no opportunity of ever speaking before their monarchs nonetheless wrote to them seeking everything from pardons to gifts. Their dramatic and mundane pleas shed light on common men and women's understanding of their relationship to their rulers.

Co-sponsored by the Renaissance Studies Program and the IHC  
Mediterranean Studies REsearch Focus Group

Thursday, April 6th, 2006, 12:00 PM

MultiCultural Center Theater

Mica Pollock

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Education and Race in the Post Civil Rights Era

How can scholars and educators overcome the uncertainty that ordinary people experience regarding racism and racial inequality? How can we address people's confusion about how to talk about racial inequality, how to think about it, and how to overcome it?

One of our leading experts on racism and education, Mica Pollock studies everyday race dilemmas and disputes in U.S. public schools. Antiracist work in education, she argues, must clarify the ordinary moves that help produce racial inequality on a daily basis, and pinpoint those that might help dismantle it instead.

Mica Pollock is Associate Professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. *COLORMUTE* (2004) was her first book. She is also author of *TOWARD EVERYDAY JUSTICE: DISPUTING EDUCATIONAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE NEW CIVIL RIGHTS ERA* (forthcoming). Pollock is currently editing a collection of essays titled *EVERYDAY ANTIRACISM: CONCRETE WAYS TO SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATE THE RELEVANCE OF RACE IN SCHOOL*.

Sponsors: New Racial Studies Project, Multicultural Center, Citizenship and Democracy RFG, IHC

- Graduate students and faculty: the Winter 2006 issue of *Grad News* is now posted on the Graduate Division home page: <https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/gradnews/>

**Job Opportunities (details are posted under “Academic Positions” in the Departmental Reading Room):**

- The Dept of Anthropology at California State University Northridge is inviting applications for part-time faculty positions for 2006-07. There are several courses listed. Deadline is 4/21/06. Please see flyer for information.
- The Dept of Anthropology at University of Iowa is seeking a half-time visiting assistant professor in archaeology for 2006-07. Please see flyer for information.

**Conferences and Call for Papers(details are posted under “Conference Papers and Symposia” in the Departmental Reading Room):**

FACULTY: ANNOUNCEMENT of FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR COMPETITION:

The competition for the 2007-2008 round of Fulbright Scholar grants has opened. The application deadline for the traditional Fulbright Scholar program is August 1, 2006. You can find details on the new awards, check eligibility guidelines, and download materials at [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org).

**Lancaster Dissertation Competitions**

The Graduate Division sponsors two awards for dissertations of outstanding quality. This year's eligible fields include Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering and Social Sciences. Winners of the award will be nominated for the Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International national competition.

### **Requirements**

For the award in **Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering**, the student must be a doctoral degree recipient or a candidate in the fields of Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Chemical, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering, and Material Science. For the award in **Social Sciences**, the student must be a doctoral degree recipient or candidate in the fields of Anthropology, Communications, Economics, Education, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology (these are the fields as determined by CGS/UMI).

For the award in **Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering**, the dissertation has been completed since July 1, 2004, or will be completed by June 30, 2006 (no exceptions)

Nomination by a faculty member

A minimum of two letters of recommendation (these are in addition to the faculty nomination), including one from the chair of the student's doctoral committee (Note: Three letters of recommendation are required for the national competition)

A dissertation abstract not to exceed 10 double-spaced pages; this abstract may differ from the one submitted as part of the Ph.D. filing process

A current student *curriculum vitae*

### **Selection Process and Criteria**

A subcommittee of the Graduate Council will review entries

The winner will be selected based on content of dissertation abstract and letters of recommendation

Criteria for selection: Impact on field in terms of methodological and substantive contributions

### **Prize**

Receives check for \$1,000 and plaque upon completion of entry for national competition

Becomes UCSB's nominee for national competition

Is recognized at the Graduate Division Commencement Ceremony

### **Nominations**

Only faculty may nominate a student; email the student's name to [Lynn Wilcoxon](mailto:Lynn.Wilcoxon@graddiv.ucsb.edu) (mailto: wilcoxon@graddiv.ucsb.edu).

Materials should be delivered to the Graduate Division by, Friday, March 17.

**NSF Math and Science Partnership (MSP)** seeks to support two types of MSP Projects:

Institute Partnerships-Teacher Institutes for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Research, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (RETA)

Preproposals due March 20, 2006 to Carla Whitacre, Director, Research Development.

See flyer for UCSB details. Guidelines are at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06539/nsf06539/nsf06539.pdf>

### **CONFERENCE: 8th Annual Middle East Studies Conference**

*The Resurgence of Shi'i Islam: Religion, Politics, and Society in Times of War*

**Saturday March 25 / 8:00 AM-6:00 PM**

**McCune Conference Room, 6020 HSSB**

The 8th Annual Middle East Studies Conference will begin with a workshop on Teaching Shi'ite Islam, followed by a presentation by Mary Elaine Hegland from Santa Clara University on Secularization and Reformation Trends in Shi'i Iran: Changing Beliefs in an Iranian Village. Panels on Shi'ism and Politics, Shi'ism and Politics in Practice, Shi'ism and Religious Practices, and Shi'ism and History will follow. The Plenary Address by Professor Juan Cole (University of Michigan) will end the conference at 4:00 PM.

For more information and to register for the conference, please contact the Center for Middle East Studies (805) 893-4245 or [www.cmes.ucsb.edu](http://www.cmes.ucsb.edu)

Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center; the UCSB Center for Middle East Studies; the Walter E. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life; the Departments of History, Law and Society, and Religious Studies