

# The Informant

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## Kudos:

Hillary Haldane, a Ph. D. candidate in our department, has been awarded the American Association of University Women American Fellowship for Dissertation writing for 2006-2007. Her project title is *A comparative analysis of front-line workers' perspectives on activism, advocacy, and the treatment regimes for victims of violence in the United States of America and New Zealand*. Go Girl!!!

## Events:

- **Writing your Resume/Vita**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2006**

**4:00 5:30 p.m.**

**Counseling & Career Services, Room 1109**

In the current job market, many graduate students will explore post-graduate employment both in education and the private sector. Each setting requires different job search strategies and paperwork. This workshop will give graduate students an overview of how to conduct a job search in each setting, as well as information on how to write a resume and vita.

- **Interview Skills for Graduate Students**

**Wed. May 3, 2006**

**4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**Counseling & Career Services, Room 1109**

In this workshop we will review the interview process for graduate students seeking employment outside of the academy. Students will learn what to expect in interviews conducted for the business industry, social service and/or government positions. Strategies for answering typical questions as well as behavioral interview scenarios will be reviewed.

**Molly Steen**

**Career Services, UC Santa Barbara**

**805-893-4411**

- **History Department Faculty Colloquium**

**Monday, April 24, Noon**

**HSSB 4020**

**Sarah Cline, Professor of History**

**"Painting Race and Hierarchy in Eighteenth-Century Mexico"**

In the late eighteenth century, a new genre of art called "casta paintings" was created in Mexico that explicitly depicted constructions of racial hierarchy. By the eighteenth century, increasing race mixture amongst the three initial groups (Europeans, Africans, and Indigenous) created a highly complex, hierarchically arranged social system. Casta paintings as a genre showed family groupings with a man of one racial category, woman of another, and their child a third category. The socioeconomic circumstances of the family, gendered social roles,

and other markers of status in colonial Spanish America are evident in the paintings. The presentation is designed for a general audience and will discuss examples of the paintings.

- XII Annual Mexican Conference  
University of California, Irvine

"Poetic Discourses at Play"

April 27-29th, 2006

Humanities Instructional Building 135

University of California Irvine

<http://www.humanities.uci.edu/spanishandportuguese/mexconf/>

The UCI Department of Spanish & Portuguese and UC Mexicanistas are sponsoring the Twelfth Annual Mexican Conference. This year's conference will be dedicated to the critical discussion of Mexican poetry in dialogue with a variety of other literary and artistic discourses. This conference will bring together renowned Mexican poets and members of the younger generation of Mexican poets, as well as academics from the U.S. and Mexico who are conducting research on themes related to poetic discourse.

In addition to academic papers, the conference will feature:

- \* Contemporary Mexican poets
- \* Bilingual poetry readings
- \* Roundtable discussions on translation and bilingual anthologies
- \* Book presentations

For further information visit our website for a detailed schedule of events: <http://www.humanities.uci.edu/spanishandportuguese/mexconf/>

- On Monday the 24th there are two talks on Environmental Justice 3-5 pm in the MultiCultural Center Theater at UCSB. Please come. If you want to meet with Dr. Paul Mohai Monday, please stop by Bren Hall 1520 (ground floor) 10-11:30 am. You can come for any part of that time.

The talks (3-5 pm, MCC Theater):

Robert Bullard: "The Quest for Environmental Justice: Human Rights and the Politics of Pollution."

Paul Mohai: "Which Came First, People or Pollution? How Race and Socioeconomic Status Affect Environmental Justice."

Robert D. Bullard, the Ware Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University, has sometimes been described as the nation's leading authority on race and the environment. He is the author of a dozen books, including the award-winning *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality* (Westview Press, 2000), which has become a standard text in the environmental justice field.

Paul Mohai is Professor of Natural Resources and Environment and founder of the Environmental Justice Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He helped to create the field of Environmental Justice, and his recent research on racial and income disparities in the distribution of hazardous waste sites in the U.S., funded by the National Science Foundation, is seen by many as the most sophisticated scientific research ever done on the topic.

The talks are sponsored by the Critical Issues in America Grant through the UCSB College of Letters and Science, the Environmental Studies Program, the MultiCultural Center, and the Departments of Black Studies, Geography and Sociology.

**SAVE THE DATE:** October 21, 2006 A symposium entitled Mysteries of Ancient Maya Murals will be held at the Beckman Center, University of California, Irvine. Presentations by Heather Hurst, Stephen Houston, Simon Martin, William Ringle, William Saturno and Karl Taube with featured speaker Michael D. Coe. For details and to get on the mailing list : newworld archaeology@yahoo.com.

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

- **Part-time Faculty Openings, Los Angeles Valley College**

The Anthropology Dept. at Los Angeles valley College is seeking applicants interested in part-time teaching for the academic year 2006-2007.

**Please address inquires and applications to:**

Sue Engler, Dept. of Earth science & Anthropology  
Los Angeles Valley College  
5800 Fulton Ave, Valley Glen, CA 91401  
(818) 947-2984 englers@lavc.edu

- **The Department of Anthropology at UC Berkeley** seeks a visiting Assistant Professor in archaeology for a temporary, one year appointment. See flyer.

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS NEEDED, Fall Qtr 2006**

**LAW AND SOCIETY PROGRAM**

The Law and Society Program is now accepting applications for its Fall Qtr 2006 Teaching Assistant positions. Return the completed application by **May 4, 2006**, Ellison Hall, room 1832. For more information, contact the Law and Society Program, Ellison 1832 email Anne Elwell, aelwell@lawso.ucsb.edu

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

**Field Schools & Training Initiatives (details are posted under Grad and Field Schools in the Departmental Reading Room):**

- The **UCSB Social Science Survey Research Center** is currently accepting applications from graduate students who wish to receive financial support to attend the ICPSR Summer Methods Program. Interested students can receive up to \$650.00 to attend the various research methods workshops offered. If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding the summer program, you can also access the ICPSR Summer Program directly simply by going to the ICPSR website:  
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/training/summer/index.html>  
Applicants should send a brief letter indicating which workshop(s) they plan to take and explaining how the workshop(s) would further their own research or professional development to Paolo Gardinali, Associate Director, SSSC. Letters should be sent to the Center located in North Hall, 2219 **by April 28, 2006**. Questions: datamanager@survey.ucsb.edu