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KUDOS: To Amy Gusick who has just been awarded a grant from the National Geographic Society/Waitt Grants Program in the amount of \$10,288 for her project titled: Mal de Mer no Mas: Searching for Early Underwater Sites in the Sea of Cortez

This grant is for the underwater survey portion of a project she started in Baja California Sur in the summer of 2006. In the earlier phase of the project she created a paleolandscape model of a portion of a drowned landscape off of Isla Espiritu Santo in the Sea of Cortez (BCS) in an effort to identify areas that can be considered "attractive" for mobile hunter-gatherers. She will now conduct an underwater survey to locate evidence of habitation from the groups that utilized the island 12-15,000 years ago.

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

Departmental Luncheon in Honor of our New Faculty

Friday, February 1, 2008

Department Conference Room

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Faculty, Staff, Grads and Visitors are all invited.

EVENTS:

Intellectual Property Strategy and Execution in a Global Technology Economy

A lunchtime brown bag seminar

Featuring

Cynthia Cannady

Former Director, Intellectual Property Policies and New Technologies,

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

3001 Elings Hall (CNSI)

Tuesday, January 29

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the NSF Center for Nanotechnology in Society.

All are welcome to attend to this free event.

Dr. Cannady is a graduate of Harvard Law School (J.D. 1975) and Stanford University (B.A. 1972). Prior to joining WIPO, she practiced law in the private sector concentrating in the fields of intellectual property and commercial litigation and technology licensing. Her professional experience has included: Principal, Tech Law Group; Vice President of Law for Manufacturing and Development, Apple Computer; Partner, Litigation, Fenwick & West; and Litigation associate, Williams & Connolly.

It is just about time to start with the first Latin American and Iberian Studies Colloquium of the year, with an invited speaker from Brazil two weeks from today (lectures are usually on Weds at 12, but this one will be on Monday 4th at 11). Please mark your calendars! For students that want to enroll, attendance at these lectures will provide one unit per quarter as SPAN 594. As usual, light refreshments are kindly provided by the Department.

Feb. 4 - Invited speaker: Professor Philippe Willemart

From the University of São Paulo, Brazil.

"Beyond Literary Criticism. Genetic Criticism?"

Monday at 11:00 ? Venue to be announced.

Feb. 20 - Prof. Harvey Sharrer, UCSB

"Manuscript studies and interdisciplinary approaches to a set of letters from Italy to King Afonso V of Portugal"

Wednesday at 12:00 - Spanish and Portuguese Library

Mar. 05 - Juan Castro, UCSB

Title: TBA

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The Office of Equal Opportunity and Sexual Harassment/Title IX Office invite you to our Open House Thursday, January 31st, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m, in our new adjacent offices in 3217 and 3213 Phelps Hall.

Many thanks and we hope to see you there.

Ricardo Alcaino, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and
Paula Rudolph, Sexual Harassment/Title IX Complaint Officer

JOB OPPORTUNITIES (details are posted under "Academic Positions" in the Departmental Reading Room):

- **The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Department of Anthropology** is searching for a Curator of Archaeology. They are looking for a specialist in Southeast US archeology with general knowledge of curation procedures. See posting.

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS (details posted under “Fellowships/Grants” in Dept. Reading Room):

- **Re: Call for FLAS East Asian Graduate Fellowship Nominations (Academic Year 2008-09) and Applications (Summer 2008)**

The campus has federal funding available for graduate fellowships for the study of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Tibetan, under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) program of the US Department of Education. The academic year fellowships are awarded through departmental nomination. Graduate students apply directly for the summer fellowships. The two types of awards and selection criteria are described below:

1. Academic year FLAS fellowships: Departmental nominations are requested for graduate fellowships for the 2008-09 academic year in the area of East Asian Studies. Our campus has 6 Academic Year fellowships to award. Each award provides for full coverage for tuition and fees plus a subsistence stipend of \$15,000. Awardees may be in-state or out-of-state students, but must be USA citizens or permanent residents. Departments may nominate either continuing or newly admitted students.

For this East Asian area award, students must be enrolled in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Tibetan language courses, or, if already competent in the language, be using it in their research to further enhance their foreign language and area studies skills. Students may be pursuing graduate studies at either the M.A. or Ph.D. level in any department or school at UCSB. In the past, most recipients have been in Social Sciences or Humanities and Fine Arts in the College of Letters and Science.

The award will normally be used for study at UCSB, but may be used for study abroad or dissertation research abroad, subject to approval by the US Dept. of Education, which funds the grant. In making the awards, the selection committee gives preference to incoming students, but awards may also be given to continuing students. Also, the FLAS program mandates lower priorities for students taking the first year of language instruction, those who already possess native fluency equivalent, and those engaged in dissertation research.

Awards are made through nomination by the student's home department. Students do not apply directly for the academic year fellowships. The deadline for receipt of departmental nominations is Friday, February 15, 2008. Departments may nominate more than one student, and in that case should rank their nominees for the selection committee's consideration.

Nomination packets should include the following items for each student:

- *student transcript
- *GRE scores

- *departmental nomination letter (by Chair or by relevant faculty member)
- *student's statement of purpose/plan of study

The last two items should address the role of the East Asian language in the student's academic goals.

Nomination packets should be sent to Sally Foxen, FLAS Coordinator, Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies.

2. Summer Fellowships: Applications are invited for summer fellowships for intensive language study of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Tibetan. Each award covers up to \$4000 for tuition and institution costs and a living stipend of \$2500. The amount of funding available varies from year to year. Last summer, 6 fellowships were funded. Summer fellowships are for intensive language study only; area studies courses, non-intensive language courses, and dissertation research do not qualify for summer awards. Students who are nominated for academic year fellowships may also apply for summer awards.

Summer fellowships may be used for either domestic (including UCSB) or foreign intensive language programs. Foreign programs must be recognized ones that are approved by the US Department of Education. Transportation subsidies of up to \$1000 may be available in addition to the funding described above.

Current UCSB graduate students as well as newly admitted students (for Fall 2008) are eligible to apply for summer fellowships. Departments should inform their newly admitted students of this funding source. The application deadline is Friday, March 7, 2008.

Students apply directly for the summer fellowships; no departmental nomination is required. However, the application should be accompanied by a letter of support from a faculty member. Application packets should include the following items:

- *student transcript
- *GRE scores
- *a simple budget of expected expenses
- *student's statement of purpose/plan of study, identifying the program to be enrolled in, inclusive dates, and the course(s) that will be taken
- *one letter of recommendation from a faculty member

The last two items should address the role of the East Asian language in the student's academic goals.

Nomination packets should be sent to Sally Foxen, FLAS Coordinator, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies, UC Santa Barbara, CA 93106-7075.

CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR PAPERS (details are posted under “Conference Papers and Symposia” in the Departmental Reading Room):

- **2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern California Academy of Sciences, May 2-3, CSU Dominguez Hills.** Details of the meeting, announcements and general instructions for pre-registration, abstract preparation and submittal available at <http://scas.jsd.claremont.edu/> Poster is in the Departmental Reading Room.
- **79th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Anthropological Association, Borders, Boundaries and Transitions: Framing the Past, Imagining the Future,** will be held April 10-13 at the Titan Conference Center, Cal State University, Fullerton. Deadline for abstracts is February 20, 2008. For questions contact Kathleen Zaretsky: zaretsky@email.sjsu.edu.

FIELD SCHOOLS & TRAINING INITIATIVES (details are posted under Grad and Field Schools in the Departmental Reading Room):

- With this note we would like to bring to your attention four training initiatives in research design and methods for 2008. **The Cultural Anthropology Program at NSF** funds these initiatives, which are for Ph.D. students and holders of the Ph.D. in cultural anthropology.

Field methods in Bolivia (for Ph.D. students). Now in its fifth year, this training program takes place among the Tsimane; , a native Amazonian society of farmers and foragers in Bolivia and is directed by R. Godoy (Brandeis). Training focuses on methods to collect ecological, demographic, economic, cognitive, anthropometric, and health data. The training builds on and is informed by a panel study in progress since 1999, and lasts five weeks. Instructors include W. Leonard and T. McDade (Northwestern), L. Gravlee and J.R. Stepp (Florida), S. Tanner (Georgia), and V. Reyes-García (Brandeis and Barcelona). Dates: June 8-July 13.

Research design (for Ph.D. students). Now in its 13th year, the Summer Institute for Research Design in Cultural Anthropology (SIRD) is for Ph.D. students who are writing their research proposals. The three-week course focuses on research design and the writing of a scientifically well-conceived research proposal, and also provides an introduction to methods for collecting and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data. Instructors include: J.C. Johnson (East Carolina), S. Weller (Texas), H.R. Bernard (Florida), A. Wutich (Arizona State). Dates: July 13-August 1.

Short courses on research methods (for holders of the Ph.D.). Now in its fourth year, the SCRM program, offers intensive, five-day courses on research methods in cultural anthropology. The following courses are offered in 2008.

Text Analysis. Instructors: L. Gravlee (Florida) and A. Wutich (Arizona State). July 14-18.

Social Network Analysis. Instructors: J. Johnson (East Carolina) and C. McCarty. July 21-25.

Collecting and Analyzing Video Data. Instructors: E. Cartwright (Idaho State) and J. Crowder (Houston). July 28-August 1.

Workshops in Research Methods in Anthropology (for all cultural anthropologists). These one-day workshops are offered in conjunction with the meetings of the AAA and the SfAA. See the Methods Mall (below) for current offerings.

More information and application forms are available on the Methods Mall, www.qualquant.net/training/

- **College of DuPage has a field school in the Czech Republic** from May 21 to June 26, 2008. For details see poster in hallway or visit www.cod.edu/people/faculty/staek. Professor John P Staek of DuPage University is one of the principal investigators.