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WELCOME TO WINTER QUARTER

ANTHROPOLOGY TALK:

Gary Urton

**Dumburton Oaks Professor of Pre-Columbian Studies, Harvard University
HSSB 2001A**

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

5:00pm lecture followed by Reception in HSSB 2024

"Recent Advances in the Study of the Inka Khipu"

The talk will provide a background on previous work carried out on the Inka khipu, the knotted-string device used for record-keeping in the Inka empire of Andean South America. The talk will then move on to an overview of recent advances made in khipu studies, particularly those that have resulted from the development of a khipu database at Harvard University. The central question concerning the khipu that remains to be answered is: Did the khipu represent a form of writing? If the khipu was not a writing system, then how did the khipu-keepers record information onto, and later retrieve it from, these devices?

Reminder: U. S. Postal Rates increase on January 8, 2006: first class rate 39 cents and post card rate 24 cents!

FROM HUMAN RESOURCES:

Winter Quarter Elder Care Workshops

"What You Should Know About Long Term Care Insurance"

Diane Doiron, Long Term Care Insurance Consultant

Monday, 1/9/06 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Human Resources Learning Center (3101DD SAASB)

"Legal Aspects of Aging and Incapacity"

Dallas Atkins, Elder Law Attorney

Monday, 1/30/06 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Human Resources Learning Center (3101DD SAASB)

RSVP the Work/Life Office, extension 7323 or via e-mail at Wendy.Nishikawa@hr.ucsb.edu.

Coastal Housing Partnership

Home Buying Seminars

January, February, and March, 2006

The Coastal Housing Partnership (CHP) continues to offer Home Buying Education Seminars at no cost for employees of member companies. UCSB is a member company. At these seminars CHP staff will outline the discount programs that are available to you and explain the home buying process, with emphasis on encouraging you to take the first step toward home buying, which is to meet with a lender. Following is a list of the CHP seminars scheduled for January, February, and March of 2006. For reservations and the location of the

seminar please call the Coastal Housing Partnership office at 969-1025 or visit their website http://www.coastalhousing.org/employees_education.htm

January 18	Wednesday	5:30	Ventura
January 19	Thursday	noon	Santa Barbara
January 31	Tuesday	5:30	Goleta
February 8	Wednesday	5:30	Santa Barbara
March 1	Wednesday	noon	Goleta
March 7	Tuesday	5:30	Ventura
March 15	Wednesday	noon	Santa Maria

NOMINATIONS:

- Graduate Students: Call for submissions, Spring 2006

The UCSB Department of Anthropology invites submissions by graduate students in the department for its Anthropology of Technology Prize for 2005-2006. The prize fund was established in 2000 (\$5,000 donated by Professor Emerita Francesca Bray, \$5,000 by the Dean of Graduate Affairs) and the Department will make awards every two years until the funds run out. In each round one or two awards of \$500 to \$1,000 will be made for the best papers published, or accepted for publication, addressing one of the following themes:

1) The role of technology in the production of scientific or other forms of authoritative knowledge. This category would include papers that discuss the impact of research technologies on our own discipline, as well as papers on the role of technology in knowledge production more generally. Examples of the first might be how GIS has affected archaeological research, or the ethics of photography in ethnography; a good example of the second is Rabinow's study of how the polymerase chain reaction was conceptualized and of its revolutionary effects on research.)

2) The role of technology (in general or in the case of a specific technology) in the production of material culture. This very broad category would cover analyses ranging from prehistory to the age of globalization, or--to give examples of different ends of the technical spectrum in just one domain of human activity--from how traditional farming methods affected diet, to the impact of biotechnology on modern food systems.

Papers should be submitted to the Chair of Anthropology by Friday April 14, 2006. Please provide four copies of the paper, and if it has not yet been published, please also provide a copy of the letter of acceptance for publication. The awards will be announced by Friday, May 26, 2006. The committee reserves the right to make fewer than two awards depending on the quality of submissions.

- **2006 FELLOWSHIPS FOR THREATENED SCHOLARS.** The Council for International Exchange of Scholars has announced two fellowships for foreign scholars: 1) Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships; and 2) Women in Technology - Yemen. More information is provided below. If there is a candidate for either of these programs, please contact Bryant Wieneke at bwieneke@ltsc.ucsb.edu or x3627 to discuss an institutional application.

The Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund provides fellowships for scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit scholars to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work and to continue to share their knowledge with students, colleagues, and the community at large. When conditions improve, these scholars will return home to help rebuild universities and societies ravaged by fear, conflict and repression. Applications are accepted at any time. Emergency applications receive urgent consideration. Non-emergency applications will be considered according to the following schedule:

Spring 2006: Application received by April 1; decision by June 1.

Fall 2006: Applications received by September 1; decision by November 1.

To apply, please download the information and application materials from: www.iie.org/srf/home

- The Fiona Goodchild Award for Excellence as a Graduate Student Mentor of Undergraduate Research
The purpose of the award is to provide recognition to graduate students who have distinguished themselves through their excellence in, and contribution to, undergraduate research supervision, and to encourage others to become involved in these research efforts. The award also serves as recognition of the university's initiatives to improve the educational experience of undergraduates and graduate students by integrating research into undergraduate education at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Campus Application Deadline: April 7, 2006

Award and application details found at:

www.ltsc.ucsb.edu/urca/scholarships_and_awards.php

Fellowships/Grants (details posted under "Fellowships/Grants" in Dept. Reading Room):

- **Center for Chicano studies: Graduate Research Awards Program 2005-06**

UCSB's Committee on Chicana/o and Latina/o Research at the Center for Chicano Studies is pleased to issue a call for proposals from graduate students engaged in research on topics pertaining to the Chicana/o or Latina/o working poor in the United States. Projects grounded in all academic fields are welcome with priority given to interdisciplinary research projects. Committee will be awarding grants of up to \$1500 each for 2005-06. Completed applications must be received by the Center for Chicano Studies (South Hall 4518) by 4:00 pm on Monday, **January 30, 2006**. Awards will be announced on February 13, 2006. Please see the Graduate Program Assistant or Fellowships/Grants section in the reading room for more information.

- **RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM: UP TO \$2,000 EACH AWARD**

Early American Industries Association announce a \$6,000 Research Grant to individuals or institutions engaged in research projects that relate to the study and better understanding of early American industries in the home, shop, farm, or on the sea. For applications and further information contact Ms. Justine Mataleno (302) 652-7297. Deadline for 2006 is **March 15**.

- The Clinton School of Public Service of the University of Arkansas has just started a program of Distinguished University Fellowships. As the campus liaison with the Clinton School, I would like to encourage all tenured faculty to consider applying for one of these fellowships. UCSB can nominate two candidates. The program will provide a stipend equal to one-half the fellow's academic year salary, plus funds to assist with travel expenses, and office and staff support. They envision that fellows will typically be scholars on sabbatical leave from their home institutions, who are interested in working with the staff of the Clinton School and former President Clinton, on such social / political challenges as:

Development of leadership in public service

- Advocacy and policy change to address social problems
- Empowerment of the poor for economic, social, and political advantage
- Reconciliation of racial, ethnic, and religious differences
- Pursuit of sustainable development

The deadline is in late January. The application procedure is straightforward, including a research or work plan, a brief application and a short c.v. UCSB's nomination also requires a letter of endorsement from the Chancellor. To accommodate the deadline, completed applications will need to reach me by January 15th. If you are interested in applying, please get in touch with me and I can supply further information about the program and the application procedure. Stephen Weatherford, weatherford@polsci.ucsb.edu, 893-5811

EVENTS:

"Genetics and Politics"

by John Hibbing Thursday, January 12 at

4:00 p.m. in Ellison Hall 3834.

Political Science Department colloquium.

"Though many social scientists remain skeptical, mounting evidence indicates that social behaviors and attitudes are influenced by both environmental and genetic variables. In my talk, I will review this evidence and attempt to demonstrate the biological mechanics by which genes influence behaviors and even political orientations."

John Hibbing is Foundation Regents University Professor of Political Science at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

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

- University of Wyoming Department of Anthropology seeks to fill a one-year possibly two-year position in cultural anthropology beginning fall 2006. We seek an individual whose interests are compatible with a four-fields department and who will have a PhD in cultural anthropology by beginning of classes, August 28, 2006. The department seeks to complement existing faculty strengths with someone who has research experience in Asia, Africa, or Latin America. Candidate should have ability to teach introductory cultural anthropology, and upper division courses including either social organization or anthropology of religion. Teaching load: 2-3/2.
- The University of Massachusetts Amherst seeks a biological anthropologist with a specialization in disease ecology for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level starting Fall 2006. PhD preferred at time of appointment. The successful candidate will have developed, or will be expected to develop, a field-based program to study infectious or chronic disease, with an emphasis on living populations, employing both evolutionary and holistic perspectives, including an interest in the impacts of political, economic, and cultural factors on the distribution of disease. Biomedical, epidemiological, and bio-demographic frameworks are welcome. For full details, consult the position description on the department's website at <http://www.umass.edu/anthro/phys05.htm>.
- The University of Massachusetts Amherst seeks an *anthropological archaeologist* for a 1-3 year, part-time Lecturer position starting Fall 2006. PhD preferred at time of appointment (ABD will be considered). The successful applicant will be an individual with a research and teaching concentration in North America. The successful hire will teach two archaeology courses per year and mentor both undergraduate and graduate students who need to acquire technical and methodological skills in archaeology. These courses will include (1) Archaeology and Prehistory (Anthropology 102), a large enrollment, General Education course, (2) North American Archaeology (Anth 369), and (3) a mid-level course for majors, such as landscape archaeology, archaeobotany, computer applications in archaeology, or some other methodological or technical specialty. The Department of Anthropology is dedicated to increasing the number of faculty and students from traditionally underrepresented groups. For full details on this position, see the posting on the department's website: <http://www.umass.edu/anthro/Arch.htm>
- The University of Massachusetts Amherst seeks a cultural anthropologist for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level starting Fall 2006. PhD preferred at time of appointment. The successful applicant will be an individual with a research and teaching concentration in the political economy of race and racism in the United States with an explicit connection to the African diaspora or Africa. For full details, please see the posting on the department's website at <http://www.umass.edu/anthro/cult05.htm>
- Yale University, Dept. of Anthropology is looking for a Visiting Assistant Professor or Lecturer as a one year replacement appointment. Candidates must have field research experience in Latin America studies and/or medical anthropology and be qualified to teach u.g. courses in either or both of these fields. See posting for contact information.
- University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Anthropology, invites applications for two tenure-track assistant professor positions beginning in August 2006. 1). Archaeologist with demonstrated field experience and a strong general background in the history and theory of the discipline. Geographical and topical areas are open, with some preference given to Caribbean, Southwestern, Mesoamerican, historical and/or urban archaeology. 2). Cultural Anthropologist with a strong general background in the history,

theory and methods of the discipline. The geographical area should *not* be East Asia or Oceania, but is otherwise open.

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

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES

University of the Aegean, Island of Rhodes, Greece, 18-21 July 2006

<http://www.SocialSciencesConference.com>

The conference will examine the nature of disciplinary and interdisciplinary practices across the social sciences, as well as the relation of the social to the natural sciences, applied sciences and the professions. The focus of papers will range from the finely grained and empirical (research practices and results exemplifying one or more disciplines), to wide-ranging multi-disciplinary and transdisciplinary practices, to perspectives on knowledge and method. One of the featured themes of the 2006 conference will be interdisciplinary perspectives on gender.

Presenters may choose to submit written papers for consideration before or after the conference in the fully refereed International Journal of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, to be launched in 2006. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in the journal, and give you access to the electronic version of the journal.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 31 January 2006. Proposals are reviewed within four weeks of submission. Full details of the conference, including an online call for papers form, are to be found at the conference website - <http://www.SocialSciencesConference.com>