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REMINDER

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.

EVENTS:

- **Writing Successful Grant Proposals for Graduate Students in the Social Sciences**

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

3:00-5:00 pm

Girvetz 1004

Dr. Barbara Herr Harthorn, Director of Social Science Research Development and Associate Director for the Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research will present a workshop designed help UCSB graduate students in the social sciences learn effective strategies for writing successful grant proposals.

Discussion will cover:

- * staging issues
- * conceptual development--having a research problem
- * parts of a proposal
- * proposal format and organization
- * methods
- * writing style
- * abstracts, budgets, C.V.
- * avoiding red flags in the review process

Grads are invited to bring their questions and specific proposal problems.

With the April 1st deadline for Graduate Division continuing fellowships fast approaching, don't miss the chance to sharpen your grant writing skills! **Please RSVP to fundingpeer@graddiv.ucsb.edu.**

For more information on central fellowships, please visit the Graduate Division website:
<http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/handbook/financial.htm#FellowshipsforContinuingStudents>

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

- Highline Community College is currently recruiting for the following positions: (job descriptions can be found at: <http://www.highline.edu/pres/hr/jobs.htm>)
European History, tenure track
Cultural Anthropology, tenure track
Technical Writing, tenure track
ESL, tenure track
Dr. Jack Bermingham will be at UCSB on **Monday, January 23rd from 9a-11a** for the purpose of interviewing graduate students who are interested in these positions.
If you are interested in setting up an interview with Dr. Bermingham, please contact Lynn Wilcoxon, Academic Services, 893-4654 or by email: lynn.wilcoxon@graddiv.ucsb.edu
- Towson University, Dept of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, is currently conducting three tenure track searches for faculty at the Assistant Professor rank with primary expertise in the areas of criminology and/or criminal justice. See flyers.

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

Power in Thought and Practice: 50 Years of C. Wright Mills' "The Power Elite"

April 14, 2006, Columbia University, New York City

Keynote Speaker: Paul Rabinow, Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley

Submissions deadline: February 10, 2006

The graduate students in the Department of Sociology at Columbia University are hosting a conference to examine two interlocking themes: the work and legacy of C. Wright Mills and the study of power today. The conference will open with a faculty panel on the intellectual history and influence of C. Wright Mills. As the keynote speaker Paul Rabinow will provide a counterpoint to the Millsian tradition, extending the analysis of power into new areas. We seek graduate student papers that either build on Mills or address topics of "The Power Elite" from today's standpoint. Topics may include: power; ideology and hegemony; democracy and participation; the military-industrial complex; intellectuals, knowledge and expertise; elites; sociology and the public. Papers will be selected for presentation in one of two panel discussions. Submissions should preferably be in the form of two double-spaced, hard copies of complete papers. Electronic submissions are also accepted (in pdf format) to the addresses below. Presenters will receive a small travel stipend to attend the conference. All submissions must be received by February 10, 2006.

Please send all materials to:

Columbia University, Department of Sociology, Attn.: SGSAC Call for Papers

413 Fayerweather Hall, Mail Code 2551

1180 Amsterdam Avenue

New York, New York 10027

Notification about selections will be made by February 24, 2006. Please direct any questions to:

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For further details and updates on the conference, please visit our

website: <http://www.sociology.columbia.edu/workshop/main/> sgsacsgsacconference.html