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Happy Spring Break!

The Informant returns 4/7/06!

Campus Holiday: 3/31/06

Department closes at 3pm on 3/30/06.

NEW ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT HOURS BEGINNING SPRING QUARTER APRIL 3, 2006

OPEN: 9am to noon and 1pm – 4pm

CLOSED: 8am – 9am and 4pm - 5pm

No change in fax room/copy room hours: open 8am-5pm.

Please pickup and return equipment housed in the dept office during our open hours.

Anthropology Department Events:

Prospective Graduate Preview Weekend

Friday, April 7

11:30-12:15 Current Grad Student Panel Discussion

12:30-1:30 Pizza Lunch for Panel Participants/Prospective Students

(Contact: Jonah Haas or Erik Marsh to participate)

Saturday, April 8

12:00-5:00pm Wine Tasting in Santa Ynez Valley with Prospective and Current Graduate Students

(Contact: Valerie Andrushko for more information)

5:00 pm Department Potluck BBQ at Dr. Smith's House in Los Alamos

(Contact: Larisa Traga or Stuart Smith)

CONGRATULATIONS:

Lecturer Patricia Taber

received a **Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Grant in support of her project entitled "Between 'States': Colonial legacies and women's agency across Indian's post-colonial social imaginary."**

REMINDERS:

AWARD OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANTHROPOLOGY GRAD STUDENTS:

****Call for Pre-Dissertation Site Visit Proposals (DUE APRIL 7, 2006)****

The Graduate Division will provide funds for travel (through June 2007) to locations where you hope to carry out dissertation fieldwork for the purpose of assessing research potential, obtaining permits, or the like. Awards are generally up to about \$1200. We have been promised \$12,000, so this means we will be able to make approximately 10 awards. The funds are meant to support any activity, but particularly travel, that will facilitate full-scale dissertation fieldwork, or provide information that would enhance the competitiveness of a dissertation research grant proposal. The funds are not meant to support actual dissertation fieldwork because the department and the Graduate Division expect that you would obtain extramural funding for this purpose. The awards are merit-based. Preference will be given for those who have not previously received money from this fund, and those who have NOT received funding for this purpose from the IHC or other UCSB Campus

sources. As a consequence, award of these funds provided by the Graduate Division may be made only after these other funds have been awarded.

To apply for the funds, please provide the following information in a proposal of no more than TWO PAGES, according to the following format:

1. Name.
2. Date Comps passed or expected.
3. Location of proposed field visit.
4. Dates of proposed field visit.
5. Goals to be accomplished and activities to be undertaken during visit.
6. Your proposed visit's relationship to dissertation fieldwork planning and preparation of a dissertation research grant proposal.
7. Descriptions of any previous visits for dissertation planning, results of those visits, and reasons why another trip is necessary.
8. List of any other dissertation research funding sources for which you have applied this year and results if known.
9. Budget, including travel costs and research related costs.

The Graduate Committee will review all proposals and make recommendations to the Graduate Division, which makes the final decisions regarding awards. **Proposals should be submitted to Larisa Traga <traga@anth.ucsb.edu> by FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006.**

**** ANNUAL STUDENT REPORTS FOR 2006-07 (DUE APRIL 10, 2006)****

An annual student report is **required** if you have **not yet advanced to candidacy AND/OR** are requesting **department funding for academic year 2006-07** (this includes request for TAships within the department). Therefore if you fall into one or both of these categories please find the annual student report on the anthropology website under Forms and submit it to me completed and signed by you and your advisor no later than **Monday, April 10, 2006.**

Please submit the completed report to Larisa Traga. Please remember that in order to be eligible for department support you will also need to submit a copy of your SAR (student aid report) or FAN (Financial Aid Notification) if you are a citizen or a resident of the US.

*******Anthropology of Technology Prize*******

Graduate Students: Call for submissions, Spring 2006 (DUE APRIL 14, 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.

Funding Opportunities:

DUE: April 15th 2006:

IHC Faculty Awards

- Individual Research Awards (up to \$1000)
- Collaborative Research Awards (up to \$3000)
- Release Time Awards (up to \$5000)

For more information: <www.ihc.ucsb.edu/funding/facultyawards.html>

IHC Graduate Student Awards

- 2006-2007 Predoctoral Fellowships (\$4500 plus payment of fees)

For more information: <<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/funding/predocfellow.html>>

For more information about other IHC funding opportunities, please see

<<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/funding/index.html>>, or contact Holly Unruh <hunruh@ihc.ucsb.edu>.

Events:

Graduate Seminar in Geology 270

Causes of the Late Pleistocene Great American Mammal Extinction: Human Overkill, Climate or Bolide?

Instructor: James Kennett

Professor, Earth Science Department

One unit

This seminar will address the nature and timing of the last mass biological extinction on earth -- that associated with the North American mammal extinction at 13,000 years ago. Alternative hypotheses for the extinction will be considered -- human overkill, abrupt climate cooling or bolide impact. We will examine potential linkages with human cultural change (Clovis to Folsom) and abrupt climate change associated with the onset of the Younger Dryas Cooling.

The course is offered on a pass/no pass basis. Key literature to be read and discussed once weekly. This seminar is relevant to Earth Scientists interested in mass extinctions, Paleontologists, Archaeologists and Paleoclimatologists.

There will be an organizational meeting in Webb 1037 at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11th to select a weekly 2-hour seminar time, which will be held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. If you cannot make the organization a meeting, please contact Jim Kennett at: kennett@geol.ucsb.edu for details.

UC FAMILIES An Online Newsletter

(<http://parents.berkeley.edu/ucfamilies/>)

UC Families is a new online newsletter and resource for faculty, staff and students at University of California campuses who are balancing academic goals or careers with family life. The newsletter works by people posting comments, questions, discussion topics, or current events to the UC Families Moderator (these can be anonymous if desired). The moderator compiles them, along with responses to past postings, sends out a newsletter digest every two weeks or so, and archives past discussions. This approach is based on the highly regarded Berkeley Parents Network (BPN) (<http://parents.berkeley.edu>), which has been a growing resource for Bay Area families since 1993, with over 13,000 current subscribers, and 40,000 hits per day on the website.

UC Families is a unique opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to post comments and share discussions about addressing their academic work and family experiences, both positive and negative. It can also lead to more awareness of policies and programs, and ultimately further change the culture of the UC system to become more family friendly.

Subscribers can post questions or engage in discussions on topics such as managing work and family responsibilities, planning the optimal time to start a family, finding advice on progressing academically as a student parent, returning to academia after having a baby, or advocating for flexible work arrangements.

The UC Families home page provides family resources on UC campuses, UC-wide policy and benefits information, and archives of past advice and discussions.

For a sample newsletter go to: http://parents.berkeley.edu/ucfamilies/newsletter_2005_1027.txt

UC Families is the most recent newsletter addition to the Berkeley Parents Network (<http://parents.berkeley.edu>), a no-fee Bay Area parent-to-parent advice newsletter serving over 13,000 families. It is also a collaboration with the UC Faculty Family Friendly Edge (<http://ucfamilyedge.berkeley.edu>), an initiative designed to develop and implement a comprehensive package of innovative work-family policies and programs for ladder-rank faculty in the UC system.

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

- **Post-doctoral position in International Studies, University of Iowa**

Primary desired emphasis is on Middle Eastern or Islamic World Studies. For more information please see: <http://intl-programs.uiowa.edu>

Applications must be postmarked by **April 10, 2006.**

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):

From June 5th to August 11th, the Department of Anthropology of the University of Hawai`i at Manoa will offer a 10-week field and classroom training program in archaeology and ethnohistory, supported in part by a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Sitegrant and the National Endowment for the Humanities. This program is focused on the North Kohala District (Hawai`i), home of the Hawaiian chief

Kamehameha the Great, who united the Islands in the early 19th century.

Undergraduates who are offered a place on this NSF-REU program will have their living expenses covered for the duration of their participation and will also receive a generous stipend. Upon successful completion of the course, they will earn 10 credits (AN 381/668 [Archaeological Field Training] and AN 399 [Independent Study]).

All materials are also available at: <http://www.anthropology.hawaii.edu/projects/HARP/>

The deadline for applications is April 15, 2006. 10 students will be accepted into the UH NSF-REU program. Applications from students with disabilities are encouraged. Inquires can be directed to Michael Graves: mgraves@hawaii.edu

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.