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Welcome to Spring Quarter 2006!

Spring Visitors Include:

Lecturer Manasendu (Manny)Kundu

Lecturer Charlotte de Backer

Visiting Associate Professor Magdalena Villarreal

The UC Santa Barbara Campus is in an unprecedented era of construction and campus renewal. In an effort to better communicate the impacts associated with this construction activity, Facilities Management has created a new webpage. You can find the webpage under "Current Topics - Campus Construction Impact Update" on the UCSB website.

KUDOS:

Michael Glassow was presented with the 2005 Society for California Archaeology **Lifetime Achievement Award** on Friday, March 31, 2006. The Lifetime Achievement Award is given for cumulative contributions to California archaeology that have spanned a lifetime and are therefore reserved for the elder members of the profession (sorry, Mike, but elder is the word the award notification uses!). The Award was presented by SCA President Shelly Davis-King, one of Mike's students from the "early years".

John Tooby has been named as a **Fellow** of the **Association for Psychological Sciences**. Fellow status is awarded to APS Members who have made sustained outstanding contributions to the science of psychology in the areas of research, teaching, service, and/or application. Fellow status is typically awarded for one's scientific contributions.

Susan Cochran has been selected as one of this year's **Unsung Heroines**. This annual award is given by **UCSB's Professional Women's Association** for special women who don't make headlines but who go above what is expected in her contributions to the UCSB community. Obviously, Susan fits that description perfectly.

Congratulations to Mike, John and Susan, all of whom are fully deserving of their respective honors!

Events:

- **Friends of Archaeology** features two lectures
Interpreting Leadership through Monumentality:
Late Formative Period Pukara, Peru
Elizabeth Klarich (Anthropology, UCSB)

*Nascent Political Institutions in the
Southern Caucasus: Late Bronze Age on the
Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia*
Ian Lindsay (Anthropology, UCSB)

**Monday 10 April at 5 pm and
McCune Conference Room, 6th floor, HSSB
Reception to follow**

- Lance Bennett,
Professor of Political Science and Ruddick C. Lawrence Professor of
Communication at the University of Washington. His topic is:
"The Semi Independent Press: The Battle for Public Information in the
U.S. from Iraq to Hurricane Katrina."

Professor Bennett's talk will be given on Tuesday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. in
Ellison 3824

- Department of Economics
48th Annual Carl Snyder Memorial Lecture

Jean Tirole (Institut d'Economie Industrielle, University of Toulouse)

Platform industries: how telecoms, software, credit cards, edia and vieogames differ from other
markets, and what it means for the future of the economy.

Tuesday, April 25, 2006
2 p.m.
UCSB Multicultural Center

- On May 4, 2006 is the date for the public launch event for the Center for Nanotechnology in Society, a national research and education center funded by the National Science Foundation. The event will happen from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, at Engineering Science Building, Room 1001, and will feature a talk by Richard Harris, an award-winning science reporter from National Public Radio. A public reception will follow.

Spring Quarter Wellness Workshops

The Work/Life Office will be offering three workshops on wellness during Spring Quarter. All workshops are listed on the HR Benefits Workshops and Meetings web page (http://hr.ucsb.edu/benefits/workshops_meetings.php)

- Chinese Medicine First Aid Kit
Bernard Untermann
Tuesday, 4/18/06 12:00-1:30 p.m.
University Center Harbor Room

Medicinal Chinese herbs have been used for centuries to cure diseases and alleviate discomfort due to many different disorders. This workshop will give you the knowledge to effectively and safely use Chinese medicines at home for your personal health care. You will learn how and when to use herbal formulas for commonly occurring problems as well as the successful application of acupressure.

- Mindfulness Meditation

Judith Smith, M.A.

Tuesday, 5/16/06 12:00-1:00 p.m.

University Center Flying A Room

Mindfulness meditation can increase mental alertness, attentiveness, and clarity and calm your incessant mind chatter. This guided meditation class will help you learn how to feel whatever you are feeling, accept and allow those feelings, and connect with your own inner source of strength and peace. Learn how to be with your own and others' physical and emotional pain without burn-out or freak-out. Slow down and be patient with whatever is going on within yourself. No experience required.

- Travel Medicine

Robert Young, M.D.

Tuesday, 6/20/06 12:00-1:00 p.m.

University Center Harbor Room

This workshop will cover special health issues associated with travel to remote, tropical, and/or underdeveloped regions of the world. The emphasis will be on trip preparation, and prevention. We will discuss common conditions such as jet lag, altitude problems, and gastrointestinal complaints (Turista). We will also cover more serious conditions such as malaria, yellow fever, hepatitis, and other significant health issues that exist in lesser developed regions of the world.

We would appreciate it if you would forward this e-mail to the staff and faculty of your department. People wishing to attend any of the sessions are kindly asked to RSVP the Work/Life Office, extension 7323 or via e-mail at Wendy.Nishikawa@hr.ucsb.edu.

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

- Mount Holyoke College invites applications for a two-year visiting position in the Department of Gender Studies, to begin in Fall 2006. Our preference is for a candidate who can teach a required course entitled Gender and Power in Global Contexts. Other areas of interest might include feminist science studies, queer studies, or feminist methods. Academic discipline and rank are open. We expect the candidate to be an outstanding teacher with an active research agenda. Send a letter of application detailing teaching and research interests, a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a sample syllabus for a course on Gender and Power in Global Contexts to Mary Renda, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Gender Studies, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA 01075-1426.

We will accept applications on a rolling basis until April 10, 2006.

Mount Holyoke College is an undergraduate liberal arts college for women with 2000 students and 200 faculty. Half the faculty are women; one-fifth are persons of color. It is located about 80 miles west of Boston in the Connecticut River valley, and is a member of the Five College Consortium consisting of Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts. Mount Holyoke is committed to fostering multicultural diversity and awareness in its faculty, staff, and student body and is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and people of color are especially urged to apply.

Please direct email inquiries to genderstudies@mtholyoke.edu.

- The Department of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico seeks an archaeologist for a one year (9 month) temporary teaching position beginning August, 2006. The successful candidate must have a PhD and be qualified to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Mesoamerican archaeology, complex societies, and world prehistory. The salary range is \$40,000-45,000. Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and list of three references to Jennifer George, Department Administrator, UNM Department of Anthropology, MSC01 1040, 1 University of

New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. Materials may be sent via e-mail tojgeorge2@unm.edu, but must be followed by hardcopy.

The deadline for applications is Monday, May 1, 2006. The position will remain open until filled. Applicants attending the 2006 Society of American Archaeology Annual Meeting may request an interview with Dr. Lawrence Straus, but must submit their application materials prior to the meeting.

Fellowships

- The Society of Fellows at Harvard University is now accepting nominations for three-year Junior Fellowships beginning July 1, 2007. The deadline is Friday, September 8, 2006. See flyer and <socfell.fas.harvard.edu>.

Information

- FACULTY! UCDC has 14 Apts on the 11th Floor of UC Washington Center for UC faculty stays. These apts are priced at \$51! If you're traveling to DC, contact Esther Williams <esther.williams@ucduc.edu>. Winnie has brochures.

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

- **Lodging/Travel Assistance for Students & Postdocs to Attend the 2006 SACNAS National Conference**

The Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) announces the 2006 SACNAS National Conference, taking place October 26-29, in Tampa, Florida. You are invited to register for the one conference this year that is sure to inspire you, advance your career and make you feel surrounded by friends and family. Preliminary conference agenda materials, conference highlights, registration (including financial aid application for students and postdocs), and booth reservations are available online. 2006 Conference Theme: *Science Revolution in Minority Communities: What Progress Have We Made?*

Financial Aid Application Deadline: May 1, 2006

Deadline: 5/1/06 Website: www.sacnas.org/confNew/confClient/current/

Questions/Concerns: SACNAS 877-SACNAS-1; info@sacnas.org

- Proposals for the 2006-07 Critical Issues in America program. Administered by the College of Letters and Science, the Critical Issues in America endowment provides funds for educational and public programming that addresses a topic of contemporary concern or significance. Up to \$25,000 is available to support courses, conferences, and related programs that bring together faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, community members, and visiting scholars or public officials to discuss "critical issues in America." Recent topics have included: "Media Ownership: Research and Regulation," "America and the Reshaping of a New World Order," "Executing Justice: America and the Death Penalty," and "Discrimination, Sexual Orientation, and the State." Preference is given to proposals that encourage broad interdisciplinary participation. Only one proposal can be funded. Activities should be scheduled to take place during the 2006-07 academic year. Funds will be available beginning September 1, 2006. Some projects have found it most feasible for planning purposes to concentrate activities in the winter and spring quarters. The following activities must be incorporated into the proposal:
 - o Offering the

topic for discussion as a Freshman Seminar. Including the topic in other related courses at the undergraduate level. Lectures for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and when appropriate, the community. Panel discussions with nationally-known experts open to the UCSB and external community as appropriate. Dissemination of the information gathered from the discussions, classes, guest speakers, and research, either published or in other formats. Proposals will be judged according to the following criteria:

1. The topic must be suitable to interdisciplinary study and must show evidence of plans for a critical analysis of the issue.
2. The proposal must demonstrate how undergraduate and graduate students will be included.
3. The proposal must articulate the potential of the activities to contribute to better understanding or solutions to critical issues.
4. The proposer must include a plan for the dissemination of information at the end of the project. This could be a special issue of an existing journal, a special publication, a video, or some form of web publication.
5. The total funds requested must not exceed \$25,000. The proposer should show any other funds available to support the project. Replacement funds to the proposer's department necessitated by the teaching of a special Critical Issues course will be at the rate of a replacement lecturer and should be budgeted at this rate. No more than one course of replacement funds will be provided.
6. The proposal must be endorsed by the proposer's chair or director.
7. The proposal must demonstrate that an interdisciplinary group of faculty will contribute to the planning and implementation of the project.
8. The proposal must describe how the activities will be advertised and which academic unit will provide a home and support for management of the program.

Proposals are due in the College of Letters and Science by May 8, 2006 and will be evaluated by the deans of the College. Questions may be directed to Bryant Wieneke at extension 3627.

- **Calpe Conference 2006**

Straits, Refuges and the Geography of Populations

14th to the 17th of September 2006

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www.gib.gi/museum/calpe2006.html

Who are we? Where do we come from? How did we get here? All of these are questions that will be discussed at this year's Calpe Conference. From the earliest of times people have moved to find new homes, as populations grew or the original home became less ideal. Although the initial appearance of our species, *Homo sapiens*, and indeed earlier forms of humans such as *Homo ergaster* have now been firmly placed in Africa, the questions of how these peoples left this continent, through which routes, what barriers and problems they encountered (in other words, how we colonised the planet), are still an important area of scientific debate.

Gibraltar is particularly appropriate venue for this conference, as it not only contains some of the world's most important sites with regards to human prehistory, but is also located at one of the major crossroads of the world: the Strait of Gibraltar. The Strait would intuitively seem to be a logical crossing point for peoples leaving Africa for Europe? or indeed, vice-versa? but evidence remains elusive. A whole day will be dedicated within this conference to discussing the role of the Strait as a possible dispersal route.

The wider global context will also be explored, and world leaders in the fields of palaeoanthropology, archaeology and behavioural ecology will be presenting the results of their research on such sites as Dmansi in Georgia, where the earliest European hominids have been found, Ceprano in Italy, Atapuerca in Spain, and the most recent discoveries of 'Flores man' in Indonesia, as well as other locations around the globe.

Subjects to be discussed include the probability of dispersals by land or sea, genetics of population movements, the role of geographical bridges and barriers, the role of climatic refuges, environmental reconstructions and evidence for possible contacts such as similarities in stone implements.

A full programme of the event, together with registration details, can be found on the **Official Calpe 2006 website**: www.gib.gi/museum/calpe2006.html

- Call for Papers:

"Black European Studies in Transnational Perspective"

2nd International Interdisciplinary BEST Conference July 27 - 30, 2006 Berlin, Germany

The Center for Black European Studies of the Johann Gutenberg University Mainz, in cooperation with the Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut/ Free University of Berlin, the Heinrich Böll Foundation and ASU Berlin, is pleased to announce the 2nd International Conference on Black Europe, "Black European Studies in Transnational Perspective", to be held at the Free University of Berlin, Germany, July 27 - 30, 2006.

Please submit a one page abstract and a short CV. The deadline for proposals is 30 April 2006. Please send your abstract to piesche@best.uni-mainz.de <<mailto:piesche@best.uni-mainz.de>>

You will receive a written confirmation of your participation after 30 May 2006.

BEST will be able to provide a small number of stipends to help cover travel and accommodation expenses. Please direct inquiries to info@best.uni-mainz.de <mailto:info@best.uni-mainz.de>

the 2006 Request for Proposals (RFP) on

Migration and Health issued by the Migration and Health Research Program (RFP previously administered by UC-MEXUS). This program is a collaboration of:

- * The California-Mexico Health Initiative, University of California Office of the President
- * The National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT)
- * Mexico's Ministry of Health
- * The California Program on Access to Care
- * The Universitywide AIDS Research Program
- * The Mexican Foundation for Health
- * The United States-Mexico Foundation for Science The California Endowment
- * Texas A&M University
- * University of Arizona

The Migration and Health Research Program (MHRP) encourages the participation of diverse institutions in the United States and Mexico that are interested in researching migration and its impact on health. The primary objective of this RFP is to provide seed funds for developing projects that will contribute to the knowledge base of migration and health-related issues facing Mexican-origin workers and their families in the United States and Mexico. Results from these studies will be disseminated to researchers and policymakers.

Additionally, this RFP seeks to promote collaborative research at an international level and create long-term linkages among universities in the United States and Mexican research institutions. Ultimately, MHRP strives to create and sustain a network of researchers and institutions from the United States and Mexico who can inform policymakers on issues related to health and migration. To support this collaboration, a Binational Researcher's Directory is available to aid interested researchers in finding a research counterpart; it can be found at <http://www.ucop.edu/cprc/ResearchersDir1-05.pdf>.

The 2006 RFP will be officially released on ***Wednesday, April 19, 2006*** via the California Mexico Health Initiative's website at <http://www.ucop.edu/cprc/cmhi.html> . Full proposals will be due by ***5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2006***. Please feel free to forward this pre-announcement to interested parties.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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

Briquetage de la Seille Field School, July 16 – August 26, 2006 in Seille River Valley, Moselle, France. See flyer or www.adsireland.ie/training

University of Maryland College Park Field School in Historical Archaeology June 5 – July 14, 2006. See flyer or <http://www.summer.umd.edu/c/>

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) Summer Institute offers Prospection In Depth: Developing Advanced GPS, GIS, and Geophysical Skills Through Plantation Archaeology June 6 – June 23, 2006. See flyer or www.ncptt.nps.gov/summerinstitute

Students interested in archaeology can learn excavation and field data collection techniques on Earthwatch expeditions. See flyer or www.earthwatch.org