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Kudos:

- **Dr. Rob Fletcher** was just offered and accepted a tenure track position at Feather River College in Quincy, California. He will be the school's anthropology professor!
- After weighing two job offers **Dr. Matt Lauer** has accepted a tenure track job at the University of Rhode Island. Congratulations Matt!
- **Dr. Phillip Walker** has received an ISBER Social Science Research Grants Award for his project entitled "A Bioarchaeological Study of Health and Social Change in Ancient China"
- Anthropology major **Amanda Mummert** has been selected to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. This award is made to one or more graduating seniors with distinction as an undergraduate researcher. It will be presented at the Social Science 1 Commencement Ceremony on June 17th at 4:00 p.m. Another recipient is **Kyle Anixter** who is a double major: English and Anthropology. There are only THREE Chancellor's Awards this year so this is a wonderful reflection on the Department. Congratulations, Amanda and Kyle.
- **Dr. Nathan Craig** has accepted a postdoc at the Field Museum in Chicago. Way to go Nathan!!!

Departmental Events:

Dr. Junko Habu

Dept. of Anthropology, UC Berkeley

Friday, June 2

3:30 PM

HSSB 2001A

Settlement Growth and Decline in Complex Hunter-Gatherer Societies: A Case Study from the Jomon Period Sannai Maruyama Site

Among prehistoric archaeologists, the Jomon culture (ca. 14,000 -500 BC) of the Japanese archipelago has been cited as an example of so-called "affluent" or "complex" hunter-gatherer cultures. In particular, the Middle Jomon culture (ca. 3000-2000 BC) in Eastern Japan is known for the presence of large settlements, large shell-middens, sophistication of material culture and long-distance trade. Focusing on archaeological data from the Sannai Maruyama site (the Early-Middle Jomon periods), this presentation demonstrates how the rich Jomon data can contribute to our understanding of the mechanisms of long-term cultural change.

Events:

Dr. Donna Nelson

Lecture Co-sponsored by Women in Science and Engineering and the Women's Center
Diversity in Science and Engineering Faculty at Research Universities

Monday, May 22 at 2pm, Marine Science Building Auditorium (rm 1302, in the new Marine Science Building, next to the Bren School)
Reception to follow, MSB 2nd floor patio
Lecture open to all

Dr. Nelson surveyed faculty race/ethnicity, gender, and rank of "top 50" departments in each of 14 science and engineering disciplines. Comparing her faculty data vs. Ph.D. and BS attainment revealed that generally, representation of females and underrepresented minorities on faculties is much less than in degree attainment. Her faculty data are complete populations, rather than samples, so they accurately reveal the small number or absence of underrepresented groups. They were obtained simultaneously and by a consistent protocol and are therefore comparable across a large number of disciplines. Her final report is available at <http://cheminfo.chem.ou.edu/~djn/diversity/briefings/Diversity%20Report%20Final.pdf>

Action Needed

Message from AAA:

Please consider this request for immediate action. This is likely one of the most important requests for action you will ever receive from the AAA as it involves a legislative threat to National Science Foundation research funding for the social and behavioral sciences. At a meeting of the Senate Commerce Committee TODAY, an authorizing bill ? S. 2802 ? focusing on American competitiveness will be marked up (i.e. negotiated). It is imperative that legislators hear from the social and behavioral science community before this bill is finalized. Please review the following and make a call:

ACTION NEEDED: If your Senator is listed below, please call or email your senator this morning regarding a proposed amendment by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) that would instruct the National Science Foundation (NSF) to direct its resources primarily to the physical sciences. It is likely that the Hutchison amendment would significantly reduce or eliminate NSF funding for the social sciences. Congress should not be micromanaging the NSF, which supports fundamental research in all science disciplines, including anthropology.

MESSAGE: Please contact your senator, identify yourself as a constituent, and communicate the following simple messages:

OPPOSE the Hutchison amendment to S. 2802 (the "American Innovation and Competitiveness Act of 2006") which excludes the behavioral and social sciences from consideration in the awarding of NSF research grants, and undercuts their role in advancing national innovation and competitiveness.

SUPPORT the amendment to S. 2802 sponsored by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) which would eliminate the section of S. 2802 that prescribes research priorities to the NSF.

BACKGROUND: Since last fall's release of the National Academy of Sciences report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm" ? a congressionally requested report offering a set of recommendations aimed at restoring U.S. advantages in the marketplace, specifically in scientific and technology ? significant congressional and executive branch attention has been focused on U.S. innovation and competitiveness. A range of legislative initiatives have been introduced to promote innovation and competitiveness in various ways. S. 2802 ? authorizing legislation that frames spending parameters but does not appropriate funds ? is the latest of these initiatives. Although S. 2802 is only authorizing legislation, it should be noted that many of the senators who will be voting on it also serve on the Senate Appropriations Committee which has spending authority for the NSF.

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

Qualitative Research Position at The Center for Mental Health Services Research

We are looking to build our dynamic team at the Center for Mental Health Services Research (CMHSR), George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis. The CMHSR has a position immediately available for a **Qualitative Researcher**. This position will report to the CMHSR Associate Director & Director of the Research Methods Core, and will remain open until an appropriate candidate can be found.

Summary of Purpose:

The CMHSR is seeking a non-tenure track, experienced, PhD-level, applied qualitative researcher with experience in cultural or medical anthropology preferred. The scope of CMHSR research spans many social science topics including mental health diagnosis and policy, service utilization, treatment implementation, program evaluation, and quality of care. Several CMHSR projects seek to understand the culture of the service sectors in order to develop quality improvement strategies that will work in them. This position will benefit from training and consultation from the leadership of the Qualitative Methods Unit and their associated staff.

The CMHSR is funded by NIMH through the mechanism "Advanced Center for Interventions and Services Research (ACISR)," P30 MH068579. Information about the CMHSR is available at <http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/cmhsr/>

Questions about the position may be directed to: Sally Haywood, MPA, Director of Administration
Email: shaywood@wustl.edu; Phone: (314) 935-5741

The George Warren Brown School of Social Work is committed to having a racially and culturally diverse faculty. Its educational program emphasizes evidence-based practice and capacity building. In addition, the School provides an intellectually exciting, collegial, and supportive faculty environment that fosters interdisciplinary and international research. Candidates should submit a letter of inquiry, vita, names and addresses of three professional references, and samples of written/published material to:

To apply for this position, please send the above information referencing #060277 in the subject line by email to:
human_resources@aismail.wustl.edu

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

DUMBARTON OAKS

2007-2008 Fellowships in Pre-Columbian Studies, Byzantine Studies, and Garden and Landscape Studies

Dumbarton Oaks invites applications for residential fellowships in three areas of study: Pre-Columbian Studies, Byzantine Studies, and Garden and Landscape Studies. The fellowships are available for the academic year (mid-September through mid-May), or one semester. Summer fellowships will not be available in 2007, as the La Quercia apartments will be renovated. Applications for awards must be postmarked by November 1st, 2006.

Please consult our website at: <http://www.doaks.org/fellowships.html> for further information.

A limited number of small project grants are also available from Dumbarton Oaks, generally for urgent archaeological work. The deadline is also November 1st, 2006. For more information, please see

http://www.doaks.org/project_grants.html

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