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HAPPY NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!!!

Welcome to new members of the department:

Assistant Professor **Amber VanDerwarker** and her spouse Academic Research Visitor

Greg Wilson

Lecturer/Researcher **Travis Du Bry** and his spouse Kimberly Olvera-Du Bry

Lecturer **Elsa Ermer**

Lecturer/Researcher **Muhammad Spocter** and his spouse Clarissa Snapper

Academic Research Visitor **Oliver Curry** (visiting the Center for Evolutionary Psychology)

Academic Research Visitor Professor **Seonbok Yi** (on sabbatical from the Dept of Archaeology and Art History at Seoul National University) and his spouse Eunhee Kim

Visiting Fellow from the East Asia Center **Emily Zeamer**

Welcome to returning members of the department:

Staff Research Associate Melissa Chatfield, CCIC

Lecturer Matthew Curtis

Lecturer Dwight Hines

Lecturer Patty Taber

2006-08 Postdoctoral Scholar Javier Fernández López de Pablo

CIESAS-UCSB visitors Magdalena Barros Nock and Vanessa Michel Dominguez
(extended from the 2006-07 CIESAS-UCSB program)

Graduate student Lisa McAllister will be teaching as an Associate in Fall 2007

Kudos

Congratulations to recent PhD, ABD and MA recipients:

Valerie Andrushko, PhD

Nina Brown, PhD

Melissa Chatfield, PhD

Jacqueline Eng, PhD

Hillary Haldane, PhD

Naftali, Orna, PhD

Nico Tripcevich, PhD

Daniel Szyner, MA/ABD

Myrtle Shock ABD

Steven Wirtz, MA
Kristina Gill, MA
Amy Gusick, MA
Jennifer Taylor, MA
Muriel Vernon, MA

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

Anthropology Department's Picnic at the Beach

Friday, October 12

4pm-6pm

Goleta Beach, Area D (by the playground)

Barbecued chicken and tri-tip are provided

(note: we won't have a bbq fire since the meat portion is catered)

We'll also provide table service (i.e., plates, napkins, utensils).

**Everyone should bring a DISH TO SHARE (e.g., salad, dessert, casserole)
and your beverage of choice!**

Don't forget to wear your Anthropology t-shirt!

Anthropology Speaker's Series

Dr. Muhammad Spocter

UCSB Lecturer and Project Scientist

The Panglossian Paradigm Revisited: The Role of Nonadaptive Mechanisms in Hominin

Brain and Body Size Evolution

Friday, October 19, 2007

3:00 p.m. HSSB 2001

EVENTS:

A free lecture at Westmont College about Asian Americans and Skin Tone Discrimination

Speaker: Dr. Paul Spickard, UCSB History and Asian American Studies

Date: Sept. 28, Fri

Time: 3:30pm (refreshments at 3:15pm)

Location: Hieronymus Lounge in Kerrwood Hall

Steven Pinker, *The Stuff of Thought – Language as a Window into Human Nature*

4:00 PM, Saturday, September 29, Victoria Hall Theater, Santa Barbara. Free.

Steven Pinker, one of *Time* magazine's 100 most important people in the world and author of the landmark work *The Blank Slate*, will discuss his newly released book, *The Stuff of Thought*, a fascinating look at word choice and human nature: from what swearing discloses about emotions to what a baby's name can say about its parents' relationship to children and society.

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

UC Davis, Department of Anthropology invites applications for an Assistant Professor in sociocultural anthropology. Topical and geographical area is open while some preference will be given to candidates who work on issues related to biomedicine, law, or knowledge and epistemology.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Anthropology invites applications for a biomedical anthropologist at the rank of Assistant Professor, whose research emphasizes ecological perspectives on health and disease in contemporary or recent historical populations, preferably utilizing evolutionary approaches.

UC Riverside, Department of Anthropology is seeking an Assistant Professor in cultural anthropology concerned with transnational communities that have one of their bases in Southern California.

UC Berkeley, Department of Anthropology is seeking an Assistant Professor in environmental archaeology with a specialization in organic materials to complement ten existing archaeology faculty.

Cal State Polytechnic University Pomona, Department of Geography and Anthropology, seeks an Assistant Professor in the field of general anthropology, biological anthropology and cultural anthropology. Specializations in applied anthropology are especially welcomed.

University of South Alabama, Dept of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work invites applications for a tenure-track position in medical anthropology at the assistant professor level to begin August 15, 2008.

University of North Carolina, Department of Anthropology, invites applications for a sociocultural anthropologist of China at the rank of Assistant Professor.

Rice University, Department of Anthropology seeks applications for a position in sociocultural anthropology at the rank of Associate or Professor.

Dartmouth College, Department of Anthropology seeks a sociocultural anthropologist at the rank of Assistant Professor. Interest is in individuals specializing in economic, environmental, or development anthropology.

University of California, Davis, Program of African American and African Studies seeks applicants for a position, rank open. Interest especially in candidates working in areas of applied

research such as public policy and governance, law, religion, public health, immigration, development studies and international relations.

University of Hawaii, Manoa, Department of Anthropology has three open positions:

- **Cultural anthropology** with specialization in medical anthropology. Assistant Professor rank.
- **Archaeology** with specialization in East Asia or Southeast Asia. Assistant Professor rank
- **Physical/Biological anthropology** with special interest in skeletal and/or dental biology, human variation and adaptation, human biology, genetics and paleoanthropology. Assistant Professor rank.

The Department of Anthropology at Connecticut College invites applications for a socio-cultural anthropologist and department chair at the rank of full or associate professor to begin July 1, 2008. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in Anthropology, and have a significant record of publications, teaching experience, and leadership skills. We are especially interested in candidates working in Asia, Middle East, Oceania and Europe, with theoretical research/teaching areas of specialization that complement existing interests in the department. Responsibilities include teaching 4 courses/year and chairing a department of 5 faculty members and 30-40 majors. The College is a member of the Academic Career Network, a resource for dual-career couples (<http://acn.fivecolleges.edu>)

Women's and Gender Studies, South Asia Focus: The College of New Jersey invites applications for a tenure-track, assistant professor position in Women's and Gender Studies, starting in Fall 2008. Requirements include a Women's Studies Ph.D. or Ph.D. in a relevant field with a graduate certificate or equivalent credential in Women's Studies at the time of employment; a strong commitment to teaching; and a record of scholarship. Research interests may include local/global linkages in women's experiences and movements, transnational/postcolonial feminisms, gendered cultural practices--with a focus in South Asia. Expertise in additional geographical regions is desirable.

Please send letter of application with vita, letters of recommendation: Deborah Compte, Search Committee Chair, Women's and Gender Studies Program, The College of New Jersey, PO Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08628-0718. E-mail: dcompte@tcnj.edu <<mailto:dcompte@tcnj.edu>>. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but for full consideration, applications should be postmarked by November 1, 2007.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville invites applicants for an Assistant Professor position in sociocultural anthropology. Candidates must have a regional specialization in Africa, the Caribbean and/or Latin America. Applications must be received before November 5, 2007.

University of Iowa, Department of Anthropology seeks applicants for two positions

- Assistant Professor position in biological anthropology specializing in anthropological genetics

- Assistant Professor position in medical anthropology.
Applications are due December 3, 2007.

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

- 2007 TRAVEL AWARD

The National Association of Student Anthropologists (NASA), a section of the American Anthropological Association, is pleased to announce its competition for the 2007 Travel Award. This award provides partial financial support (\$100.00) to NASA members attending the 2007 AAA Conference in Washington, DC. To be considered, students must submit a 300-word essay that addresses what they see as the future direction of anthropology as a discipline and what NASA's role should be as we continue to support students in this discipline. Both a graduate and an undergraduate prize will be awarded. Deadline: October 15, 2007

Requirements:

All applicants must be current members of the National Association of Student Anthropologists. If you are not a member, you may join at www.aaanet.org/nasa/ Current or incoming officers and prior recipients of the Travel Award are ineligible. Include your name, university, email address and student status (undergraduate or graduate) at the top of the essay. Submissions must be double spaced and use 12-point font and must be emailed as a .pdf or MS Word attachment. Submissions longer than 300 words will not be considered. Questions and submissions should be sent to Melinda Bernardo, NASA Travel Award Committee Chair, at melinda.bernardo@gmail.com.

- Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation announces two fellowships:

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

(www.woodrow.org/newcombe)

This supports the final year of diss. Writing for Ph.D. and Th.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences whose research addresses ethical or religious values.

The Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies

(www.woodrow.org/womens-studies) offer \$3000 to help defray expenses of doctoral candidates doing original and significant research about women that crosses disciplinary, regional, or cultural boundaries.

- Stanford External Faculty Fellowships

\$60,000 + \$15,000 for housing

Due: 10/15/07

<http://shc.stanford.edu/fellowships/external_fac.htm>

> Applicants will normally be at least three years beyond receipt of the

> Ph.D. at the start of the fellowship year (i.e., received the Ph.D. in or

> before September 2005 for the 2008-2009 fellowship). Junior fellowships

> are for scholars who will be at least three (and no more than ten) years
> beyond receipt of the Ph.D. by the start of their prospective fellowship
> year. Senior fellowships are for established scholars who are more than
> ten years beyond receipt of the Ph.D. External fellowships are intended
> primarily for individuals currently teaching or affiliated with an
> academic institution, but independent scholars may apply. Faculty
> fellowships are awarded across the spectrum of academic ranks (assistant,
> associate and full professor). Scholars who are members of traditionally
> under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. There are no
> citizenship requirements for these fellowships; non-U.S. nationals are
> welcome to apply. Awards are made from an applicant pool of approximately
> 250.

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> Fellowships are awarded to support research projects in the humanities;
> creative arts projects are not eligible. The Humanities Center seeks
> candidates whose research is likely to contribute to intellectual
> exchange among a diverse group of scholars within the disciplines of the
> humanities. Candidates may find general guidance about the eligibility of
> their projects from the definition of the Act that set up the National
> Foundation for the Arts and Humanities:

- Stanford Digital Humanities Fellowship

\$60,000 + \$15,000 for housing

Due: 10/15/07

<http://shc.stanford.edu/fellowships/digital_hum.htm>

> The Digital Humanities Fellowship reflects the Stanford Humanities
> Center's commitment to supporting new directions in humanities research.
> The fellowship is intended for humanities scholars whose research methods
> are critically shaped by information technology. Projects should be
> oriented to producing new research outcomes rather than focusing
> primarily on the creation of archives or software. Appropriate projects
> will approach significant questions in humanistic study with the aid of
> new research tools or methodologies.

<<http://www.virginiafoundation.org/research/fellowships/>>

- The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities is committed to humanities research in the public interest. The VFH Fellowship program offers time, space, and resources to scholars applying the tools of history, philosophy, ethics, cultural studies, and literary criticism to matters of public concern.

The disciplines of economics, medicine, architecture, engineering,

psychology, and the sciences have entered public consciousness and achieved public trust because they are seen as practical. While humanities topics weave through all public dialogue about our most pressing issues?from racism to business ethics and global warming?the disciplines themselves are rarely consulted to guide or inform those discussions. At VFH, the stimulating scholarly debate and careful analysis that produce subtlety of thought and elegance of argument are brought to bear on issues of daily life. We are concerned with what it means to be human in the 21st century, and with how our humanity is included in our discussions of war, globalization, and the environment.
Humanities in the Public Interest

- **Pacific Rim Research Program - Limited Submission Information Meeting for Faculty and Graduate Students**

Monday, October 16, 10 - 11 a.m.
Pellish Room, 2206 North Hall

Required Campus Pre-proposals Due: November 30, 2007
Invited Proposals: February 15, 2008

Website: <http://www.ucop.edu/research/pacrim/>

Guidelines: Are attached and can be found at

http://www.ucop.edu/research/pacrim/documents/call_2008_2009.pdf.

- **REMINDER: All Applications for the Digital Media and Learning Competition Must Be Complete by 8 pm EDT, October 15, 2007***

Call for Entries:

DIGITAL MEDIA AND LEARNING COMPETITION

[_www.dmlcompetition.net](http://www.dmlcompetition.net)

<<http://app.bronto.com/public/?q=link&fn=Key&id=bkjiizjbhksbglttgeyqarjycedpbdi&link=aucbpydufnxeezcydhlfzgjgzfalbib>>

Application Deadline: October 15, 2007 (8 pm EDT, 5 pm PDT)*

To learn more about the Competition, visit [_www.dmlcompetition.net_](http://www.dmlcompetition.net)
<<http://app.bronto.com/public/>

- **East-West Center** has upcoming deadlines for two fellowship programs:

Graduate Degree Fellowship provides Master's and Doctoral funding for graduate students from Asia, the Pacific, and the U.S. to participate in educational and research programs at the Center while pursuing graduate study at the University of Hawaii.
Application deadline: November 1, 2007.

The Asia Pacific Leadership Program is the center of excellence for leadership education in the Asia Pacific Region. It is a graduate certificate program. Application deadline: December 1, 2007.

CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR PAPERS (details are posted under “Conference Papers and Symposia” in the Departmental Reading Room):

First Conference on Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean. Call for Papers and Proposals for Organized Panels

May 22-23, 2008

University of California, San Diego

Conference webpage: <http://cilas.ucsd.edu/events/conferences.php>

FIELD SCHOOLS & TRAINING INITIATIVES (details are posted under Grad and Field Schools in the Departmental Reading Room):

- The State University of New York at Oneonta and Danta: Association for Conservation of the Tropics are pleased to announce a Primate Behavior and Conservation Field Course to be held in Costa Rica from December 28, 2007 to January 17, 2008. This program is open to people of all academic backgrounds. Participants may enroll on either a credit or non-credit basis. To learn more about the Primate Behavior and Conservation field course, please visit our website (www.danta.info), or email us at kdingess@danta.info.