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Departmental Events:

Anthropology Department's – PICNIC AT THE BEACH!

Friday, October 6, 2006

4PM to 6PM

Goleta Beach, Area "B"

The Department will provide chicken and tri-tip
(note: we won't be 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!

Welcome Newcomers:

Post Doctoral Fellows: Rhonda Bathurst (Canada) is sponsored by Phil Walker and Javier Fernandez López de Pablo (Spain) is sponsored by Mike Jochim. Incoming students: Diana Dyste, Carola Flores-Fernandez, Susan Kuzminsky, Sabrina Sholts, Heather Thakar-Hucks, and Maritza Maksimow

Our Fall 2006 Lecturers include Dwight Hines, Matthew Curtis, Elizabeth Klarich, Thea Cremers and Mary O'Connor. Also note that graduate students James Tate and Nicholas Tripcevich will be teaching as Associates!

Welcome to new Undergraduate Advisor, Marisa Dumpis! She joins the department with terrific experience from UCSB's Orientation Program and Counseling Services. Do stop by to welcome her.

Events:

Please join us for this year's **Fiesta El Pilar Norte**
Celebrating a
Foundation Integrating Environmental Potential with the Way We Live
Join us for a Pot Luck Reception at the
UC Sedgwick Reserve, Saturday Oct 7 - 1-5 PM
Come Early to Hike and Enjoy the Ranch
Featuring the Subtleties of the Garden Forest
For more information:
Ph: 805 893-8191
Donation \$10
(announcement at website below)

http://marc.ucsb.edu/elpilar/Fiesta_06/

- The USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture and the John Templeton Foundation present an international symposium: **"Spirit in the World: The Dynamics of Pentecostal Growth and Experience."**

When: October 5-7, 2006

Where: University of Southern California

Registration is available online and scholarships are available. A scholarship form and a conference schedule are attached with this e-mail. For more information, visit the conference web site: **www.usc.edu/pentecostalism**, e-mail crcc@usc.edu, or call 213.740.8562.

Graduate Students Take Note:

The Graduate Division once again has a small sum of money available to provide modest partial support for graduate student participation in scholarly conferences organized jointly by faculty and graduate students at UCSB, and journals edited jointly by faculty and graduate students.

The purpose of these funds is to provide increased opportunities for graduate students to participate in activities that will be part of their research and scholarly endeavors in their future professions. Preference will be given to new activities (not previously funded), in hopes that these funds will serve as seed funds for promising and creative professional development activities for UCSB graduate students.

Please submit requests, which include the following:

- A brief description of the project, including the nature of graduate student involvement and number of UCSB graduate students who will participate
- A proposed budget, with an indication of the amount of support requested from Graduate Division
- A list of other possible funds sources for this project

Please send this request to me care of graddeans@graddiv.ucsb.edu or by hardcopy to Graduate Division Mail Code 2070.

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

- The Department of Cultural Anthropology at Duke University invites applications for an open-rank (assistant or associate professor level) position in cultural anthropology beginning fall 2007. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2006.
- University of Albany, Dept of Anthropology, seeks an applied medical anthropologist with area specialization in Latin America including the Caribbean). Review of applications will begin October 9, 2006.
- University of Notre Dame, Dept of Anthropology, invites applications for a tenure track assistant professor position in archaeology of the New World. Applications must be received by November 3, 2006.
- The Department of Anthropology at University of Kentucky invites applications for appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor for Fall 2007. We seek a social/cultural anthropologist with a geographic specialization in the Middle East/North Africa and an active research program that complements current departmental strengths in ecological and economic anthropology, anthropology of development, and applied anthropology. The department is looking for areas of topical specialization that include the anthropology of nationalism, conflict and conflict resolution, refugee studies, Islam and society, political economy, and/or applied anthropology. This is a full-time, tenure track faculty appointment with full benefits. Ph.D. in hand at the time of appointment is required. Teaching load is 2/2 and includes both undergraduate and graduate courses. The department of anthropology is a national leader in applied anthropology, development studies, and economic anthropology and has approximately 60 graduate

students and 100 undergraduate majors. The University of Kentucky is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and values diversity. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications will begin to be reviewed on December 15, 2006 and review process will continue until position is filled. Send letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and names of three references to Middle East/North Africa Search Committee Head, Department of Anthropology, 211 Lafferty Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0024.

- Wesleyan University department of anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track position in historical archaeology, broadly defined as the archaeology of the development of the modern world, the rise of capitalism, and the effects of European colonization. We seek a candidate with a strong background in social theory and anthropological archaeology, and with an active, ongoing research program. Area of concentration open, with a preference for North America. Research interests will ideally complement those of other members of the department, and might include colonial encounters; class, race and ethnicity; diasporas; gender; urban centers; industrialization; or landscapes. The successful candidate will also have a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching and interest in interdisciplinary scholarship. We are particularly interested in candidates desiring involvement in Wesleyan's interdisciplinary Archaeology Program, including its on-campus excavation project and the Archaeology and Anthropology Collections. PhD in hand or near completion at time of appointment required. Applicants should submit a letter outlining research and teaching interests, a writing sample, current cv, and three letters of recommendation to Douglas Charles, Chair, Department of Anthropology, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 06459. Applications postmarked by November 15 will receive full consideration. Wesleyan University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.
- University of Minnesota seeks an Assistant or Associate level Professor with specialization in biological anthropology. Research emphasis on human evolution is preferred. See posting.
- Temple University seeks a sociocultural/visual anthropologist at the Assistant Professor level. Applicants should have a Ph. D. degree, and specialize in ethnographically based work that engages contemporary theorizations of Power (global capitalism, political economy, globalization, the nation-state, nationalism transnationalism) and of meaning and representation. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2006.
- Assistant or Early Associate Professor, Social Sciences, Department of Afro-American Studies Smith College. Afro-American Studies, tenure-track, Assistant or Early Associate professor, appointment beginning September 2007. Specialization in the social sciences, especially sociology or anthropology, with emphasis on the social and cultural dimensions of race in the U.S. We also welcome expertise in urban sociology or anthropology; sociology of the Black family; the intersection of race, gender and class. Successful candidates will teach courses in the area of specialization, as well as a general introduction to Black Culture (alternate years). PhD required with demonstrated excellence in teaching and scholarship. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to:
David Osepowicz/Search Committee
Department of Afro-American Studies
Wright Hall 130
Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063
Applications will be reviewed starting November 1, 2006 and until the position is filled.
- Three openings for cultural anthropologists at Colby College
 - Department of Anthropology seeks a Latin Americanist
 - African-American Studies Program and Dept. of Anthropology seek anthropologist who studies people of the Caribbean of African descent.
 - International Studies Program seeks scholars with specialization in international human rights and anthropology.
- McGill University seeks an assistant professor level person in medical anthropology.
- Texas A&M University at Galveston and the Houston Advanced Research Center are seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow with expertise in coastal processes, hazards, and planning to participate in the

development and implementation of strategies that address coastal urban livability, resilience, and sustainability. The position will be located on the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus in the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores. Principal activities will be focused on Galveston Futures, a long-term project aimed at using community input and innovative visualization techniques to help design sustainable futures in coastal communities. This position requires knowledge of principles and practices of urban and coastal planning. Applicants should be skilled in the use of geographic information systems, computer-aided planning support tools, and software packages for database development and management. A Ph.D. in Planning Natural Resource Management, Geography, or related fields is expected. The fellowship has an annual salary of \$38,000 with standard Texas A&M University at Galveston benefits. Its duration is one year with the possibility of reappointment. Applicants should send a resume and the names of three references to William Merrell at merrellw@tamug.edu. Texas A&M University at Galveston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer committed to excellence through diversity. Phone: 409-740-4732 Dept.: Center for Texas Beaches and Shores Address: 1001 Texas Clipper Rd Suite 301 Galveston, TX 77554 United States

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

- The National Women's Studies Association is pleased to announce that the Call for Proposals for its 2007 conference scheduled for June 28 -- July 1, 2007 in St. Charles, IL, a suburb of Chicago, is available at www.nwsaconference.org. Submit proposals beginning: **September 15, 2006**. Submission deadline: **November 1, 2006**
- RMCLAS 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We are pleased to announce that the 54th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies will be held in Santa Fe, NM, Wednesday, January 24-Saturday, January 27, 2007. The RMCLAS Annual Conference provides an opportunity for scholars and graduate students to share original research on Latin America.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The RMCLAS program committee is now accepting panel and paper proposals on general topics in Latin America. Please provide us with the paper title and a short abstract (not to exceed one-page, single-spaced). In addition, we will hold 2 special topics sessions:

- 1) Grand Canyon Session: Deep Thoughts on Latin America - We encourage proposals on new directions in Latin American Studies and History. This session will feature on think pieces rather than the usual presentations based on archival research.
- 2) NEW! - RMCLAS on the Little Screen - Members who have appeared on television are invited to send copies or clips of their appearances.

The deadline for program applications is December 1, 2006. Send proposals to:

RMCLAS President, Lyman L. Johnson
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Department of History
Charlotte, NC 28223
ljohnson@email.uncc.edu

or

RMCLAS Secretary, William H. Beezley
University of Arizona
Dept. of History

1145 E. South Campus Dr.
PO Box 210027
Social Sciences Room 215
Tucson, Arizona 85721-0027
beezley@email.arizona.edu.

LODGING

The El Dorado Hotel & Spa in Santa Fe will be hosting the event. Room rates and lodging information can be obtained by calling the hotel at (800)-955-4455. Please let them know you are with the RMCLAS conference.

RMCLAS WEBSITE

The permanent RMCLAS website address is www.rmclas.org. It will feature RMCLAS history, conference dates and information, conference papers, lists of past prize recipients, and other information to keep our members informed.

- E-LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

RMIT University, Melbourne, 3-5 December 2006

<http://www.LearningSymposium.com>

This symposium will bring together educators from all sectors (teachers, principals, teacher educators and researchers) to explore new directions in e-learning. Main speakers at the symposium will include leading thinkers and in the field of e-learning, as well as numerous paper, colloquium and workshop presentations. Key questions will be addressed about the nature of learning using digital media and tools:

- * What is the impact of the new information and communications technologies on learners? What to they already know? What do they need to know? What's the role of education or formal learning?
- * How can existing teaching practices and learning content be mapped onto the digital environment? Or should they?
- * How can the digital environment be used to create new and more powerful forms of learning?
- * When do we know it's working? Evaluating digital, multimedia and online learning environments.

The symposium will have both a research and a practice focus:

- * Research and theory: what technologies? what pedagogies? what works?
- * Practices: a marketplace in which teachers showcase their best work and e-learning developers demonstrate their applications.

Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication before or after the conference in the fully refereed International Journal of Learning. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in the journal, as well as access to the electronic version of the conference proceedings. The next round in the call for papers closes on 30 September 2006.

This symposium is associated with the International Conference on Learning, The fourteenth annual Learning Conference is to be held at the University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa 26-29 June 2007. Details can be found at <http://www.LearningConference.com>.

- THE TRANSFORMATIONS CONFERENCE 2006: CULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 27-29 November 2006.

<http://www.TransformationsConference.com>

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

- Field program in Guatemala scheduled for winter 2007. Application due date is October 16. Maya Field Studies: Culture, History, and Activism is offered by Sierra Institute of Humboldt State University.