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DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

Dr. Gregory D. Wilson
UCSB Academic Research Visitor

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE AT EARLY MOUNDVILLE

4:00 PM
Friday, October 26, 2007
HSSB 2001A

How complex were Mississippian societies in the late Prehistoric southeastern United States? In what ways were these societies complex? How did the everyday practices of small-scale social groups contribute to this complexity? Wilson addresses these issues through an examination of large-scale archaeological datasets from the Moundville site in west-central Alabama. Using a household archaeological approach Wilson challenges important aspects of contemporary models of Moundville's political complexity that have been based more exclusively on studies of monumental architecture and mortuary ceremonialism. The results of this research are broadly relevant, as Moundville has become an oft-cited example of how Mississippian societies were organized and compare to other middle-range societies around the world.

A reception in HSSB 2024 will follow the talk.

EVENTS:

Lectures on Chumash Archaeology, Part II

October 23rd from 7-9 pm.

Archaeologists will discuss the development of Chumash cultural complexity and changes caused by European contact. Presenters include Drs. Jennifer Perry and John Johnson. Fleischmann Auditorium, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

UCSB Reads Campus Collaboration Meeting with Gene Lucas

Wed. Oct 24 from noon to 1 pm

Mary Cheadle Room, Third floor, Davidson Library

UCSB Reads 2008 Selection: "Travels of a T-Shirt" by Pietra Rivoli Bring your lunch. We will provide refreshments and gooey, chocolate brownies. We'll discuss how to broadly engage students and the greater campus community in the Reads Program. This is an open invitation to faculty and others who may be interested in participating in UCSB Reads 2008. The theme is Globalization and Global Citizenship.

Questions, call Kim Thompson, 5732

Monday, 19 November, 5 pm

Farmers, Temples, and Highland Towns of Stone: The Archaeology of the Ancient Northern Horn of Africa

Matthew Curtis, Anthropology, UCSB

McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

Reception to follow

Matthew C. Curtis will present results of regional archaeological research carried out from 1997 to 2003 in the central highlands of Eritrea. This research has produced new insights concerning the origins and development of complex societies from the first millennium BC to the early second millennium AD, a period that saw the development of diverse agro-pastoral subsistence systems, monumental ceremonial centers, and extensive settlements in the northern Horn of Africa before, during, and after the rise and fall of the Kingdom of Aksum.

Matthew C. Curtis is a lecturer in the UCSB Department of Anthropology and an archaeologist with a specialization in Holocene African archaeology. He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Florida and has carried out archaeological research in Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Kenya. He has co-edited the recently published book *The Archaeology of Ancient Eritrea* (2007).

Campus Sustainability Week is coming up!

October 22 to October 26 UCSB joins campuses across the country in celebrating the Society for College and University Planning's campus sustainability week. Each day will focus on a specific area of sustainability, such as water, energy or food systems and activities will highlight staff, faculty and students who have made difference in their own life and work and offer examples of what you can do. Activities sponsored by Facilities Management, the Geography Department, CalPIRG and Environmental Affairs Board. All events free! Check out the Sustainability News article on next week's events:

http://sustainability.ucsb.edu/news/sustainability_day.php

See our flyer/ Calendar of the week:

http://sustainability.ucsb.edu/news/docs/Campus%20Sustainability%20Week_Calendar%2010_11.pdf

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

Yale University Department of Anthropology and School of Forestry and Environmental Studies invites applications for a joint appointment with focus on Globalization and Environmental Change. Review of applications will begin about December 1, 2007, and continue until the position is filled.

Temple University, Department of Anthropology is searching for two tenure track positions beginning Fall, 2008. A chair's position with a specialty in socio-cultural anthropology and a biological anthropologist with specialty in human genetics are sought.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Department of Anthropology invites applications of an Assistant or recently tenured Associate Professor in cultural anthropology with specialization in medical anthropology. Closing date for applications is December 3, 2007.

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

- THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES
Monash University Centre, Prato, Tuscany, Italy, 22-25 July 2008
<http://www.SocialSciencesConference.com>

The International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences examines the nature of disciplinary practices, and the interdisciplinary practices that arise in the context of 'real world' applications. It also interrogates what constitutes 'science' in a social context, and the connections between the social and other sciences.

As well as impressive line-up of international main speakers, the Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the fully refereed International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences. 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 this fully refereed academic Journal, as well as access to the electronic version of the Conference proceedings.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 8 November 2007. Proposals are reviewed within four weeks of submission. Full details of the Conference, including an online proposal submission form, are to be found at the Conference website - <http://www.SocialSciencesConference.com>

- THE INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ON THE INCLUSIVE MUSEUM
National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden, the Netherlands, 8-11 June 2008
<http://www.Museum-Conference.com>

At this time of fundamental social change, what is the role of the museum, both as a creature of that change, and perhaps also as an agent of change? The International Conference on the Inclusive Museum is a place where museum practitioners, researchers, thinkers and teachers can engage in discussion on the historic character and future shape of the museum. The key question of the Conference is 'How can the institution of the museum become more inclusive?'

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We look forward to receiving your proposal and hope you will be able to join us in Leiden in June 2008

