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KUDOS!

Oshan Fernando has been awarded a Wenner Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant for his upcoming research. The project is entitled, "The Effect of Evangelical Christianity on State Formation in Sri Lanka," and it deals with Pentecostal Christian proselytization in rural Sri Lanka and the challenges it poses to models of statecraft that have accompanied the recent rise of Sinhala Buddhist nationalism. Oshan will be initiating his fieldwork in early 2007.

REMINDER:

CAMPUS HOLIDAY

Veterans' Day Observance

Friday, November 10, 2006

Please note that the Anthropology Office will close at 3pm on Thursday, November 9 and reopen on Monday, November 13, 2006

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

BROWN BAG

Myrtle Shock

Brazilian Archaeology on the Savanna

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

noon, HSSB 2001A

Myrtle Shock will talk about archaeology on the Brazilian savanna and the sites where she has been excavating. What were foragers doing at the earliest sites on the savanna 10,000 years ago? She will discuss the prehistory of the region and when and where horticulture originated. This talk will also summarize the problems Brazilian archaeologists choose to address in their fieldwork and where Myrtle's work with plant remains at forager sites will fit into existing research.

EVENTS:

**Prehistoric Fishing on the California Channel Islands:
Archaeological Investigation of a Maritime Culture.**

Illustrated Lecture by

Dustin McKenzie

Anthropology Dept., UC Santa Barbara

Monday, November 6

**7:30 p.m., Farrand Hall
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History**

Fishing is the most extreme subsistence adaptation practiced by humankind – it requires significant labor and technological investment to be successful, but it entails high risk because humans are poorly adapted to aquatic environments. Even so, subsistence strategies of prehistoric peoples in our region were focused heavily on the exploitation of local fisheries. Fish increased in dietary importance through time, and were the staple food during the most recent prehistoric period. The culmination of four archaeological research projects, this presentation explores the ramifications of intensified fishing efforts, the significance of technological shifts, and how these issues affected the development Channel Island cultures.

DEPARTMENT OF BLACK STUDIES SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS:

**"On Becoming a Cultural Object: Academic Achievement and Acting White among Black Students"
A Lecture by DR. KAROLYN TYSON**

When: November 9th

Where: Multicultural Center Theater, UC Santa Barbara

Time: 4pm

Dr. Karolyn Tyson is currently Assistant Professor of Sociology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research focuses on understanding the academic achievement of African American students, challenging the long-standing cultural thesis concerning black students associating academic excellence with “acting white.” Dr. Tyson's findings have been published in *Social Forces*, *Sociology of Education*, and *American Sociological Review*. Her forthcoming text, *Flippin' the Script: Black Students' School Success Reconsidered*, examines the relationship between academic achievement and the culture of schools. In 2004, Dr. Tyson's research was heralded as one of the most “Noteworthy Ideas” in *The New York Times Magazine's* “Year in Ideas.” In addition, Dr. Tyson is currently a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Arts and Humanities at UNC Chapel Hill and was a Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar during 2005-06. From 1999-2001, she was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Sociology at UNC Chapel Hill and is also a former recipient of a Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for Research Related to Education and a National Science Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship.

The Department of Black Studies thanks the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, Department of Sociology, New Racial Studies Project, The Center for Black Studies Research, and the Division of Social Sciences Office of the Dean in the College of Letters and Science for co-sponsoring this event.

The Multicultural Center Theater is wheelchair and handicap accessible

**Ninth Colloquium on Mexican Literature
Realidades y Fantasías / Realities and Fantasies
In Honor of Tim McGovern
(1965-2006)**

Friday November 3rd & Saturday 4th, 2006

UCSB / UC-Mexicanistas

Friday, November 3rd: MultiCultural Center Auditorium. University Center, UCSB

**WORKSHOP: Cyberinfrastructure: Tools and Resources for the Humanities,
Arts & Social Sciences**

Carol Hobson (UCDARnet)

Tuesday, November 7 / 11:30 AM -1:00 PM

McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

CNSI Allosphere Tour 1:30 & 3:00PM

Space is limited. Please RSVP for the tour.

This presentation, led by Carol Hobson of the UC Digital Arts Research Network (UC DARnet, ucdarnet.org), is designed to introduce humanists, artists and social scientists to common and emergent cyberinfrastructure tools, system-wide resources and related activities. Hobson will be joined by Matt Harnack of the IHC and Constance Penley of the CW-CFTNM who attended the 2006 Summer Institute, 'Cyberinfrastructure for Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences'. The conference served as an introduction to Cyberinfrastructure, High-Performance Computing, Networks, Portals, Large Scale Databases, Visualization and Virtual Research Environments.

The talk will conclude with a presentation by JoAnn Kuchera-Morin of MAT about the California NanoSystems Institute (CNSI) at UCSB. A tour of the of the Allosphere, a fully immersive 360 degree virtual visual and audio environment will be offered following the presentation. Space is limited. Please contact hunruh@ihc.ucsb.edu to RSVP.

Carol Hobson manages the University of California Digital Arts Research Network (DARnet), a multi-campus research program involving eight UC campuses. She has also served as administrative director for the Center for Research in Computing & the Arts, an Organized Research Unit of the University of California San Diego, and as New Media Arts Manager for the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technologies.

Sponsored by the IHC, Carsey-Wolf Center for Film, Television and New Media, Center for Information, Technology and Society (CITS), English Department, Film and Media Studies Department, and the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Workshops on Wellness

The Work/Life Office will be offering two workshops on wellness in November 2006. All workshops are listed on the HR Benefits Workshops and Meetings web page (http://hr.ucsb.edu/benefits/workshops_meetings.php)

30th Annual Great American Smokeout

Danielle Endaya, Tobacco Cessation Specialist, Student Health Services
Thursday, 11/16/06 12:00-1:00 p.m.
University Center Mission Room

Interested in quitting? Want to learn how to help someone you care about quit? Why not give up cigarettes for the day? Maybe forever? There are many ways for you to double your odds of succeeding. It starts with planning your quit attempt. Individuals can eliminate or substantially reduce their tobacco use by developing the motivation, skills, confidence, and knowledge necessary to achieve cessation and maintain abstinence. Most adult smokers want to quit. Whether you are ready to quit smoking or just now thinking of it, this workshop will give you information and education about quitting and how to prevent relapse. Learn from other UCSB staff who have quit smoking about how they did it. Sponsored by Housing & Residential Services

Mindfulness Meditation

Judith Smith, M.A.
Thursday, 11/30/06 12:00-1:00 p.m.
University Center Mission 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.

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.

Opening next Friday, November 10

**Theatre UCSB [Department of Dramatic Art/Division of Dance at UCSB] presents
INDEPENDENCE**

a dramatic play by Lee Blessing
directed by Emily Weisberg

Theatre UCSB continues its season of drama and dance with INDEPENDENCE, an insightful depiction of one woman's complex relationship with her daughters. The play, written by Lee Blessing in the early 80s and set in the small-town setting of Independence, Iowa, performs in the Performing Arts Theatre on the UC Santa Barbara campus Nov 10-12 & 14-18 at 8pm and Nov 12 & 18 at 2pm.

Tickets are currently available at the UCSB Arts & Lectures Ticket Office, (805) 893-3535. Ticket prices are \$17.00 for general admission and \$13.00 for students, seniors, and UCSB faculty & staff.

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr: Michael Young, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Voting at UCSB & the 1998 Reauthorization of the Federal Education Act

As some of you may be aware, the 1998 reauthorization of the federal Higher Education Act includes a requirement that higher education institutions make a "good faith effort" to provide voter registration opportunities to all enrolled students and encourage students to become fully engaged in the electoral process. I am pleased that we have federal legislation supporting the campus's long-standing goals of engendering leadership and citizenship, including civic responsibility, among the student body.

The business of the University is the education of citizens--the life training of our nation's next generation of leaders. **In this spirit I ask that, as appropriate, you remind and encourage students in your classes to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 7th. Polls are open on Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Polling place and general election information can be accessed via the UCSB Voter Registration Web site at www.sa.ucsb.edu/voterreg or the Santa Barbara County Elections Web site at <http://www.sbcvote.com/elect/resources/root1107/pollplac.htm> or by calling 568-2200. The University of California Student Association (UCSA) non-partisan student voter guide is available on the UCSB Voter Registration site and the California League of Women Voters Easy Voter Guide is available at <http://www.easyvoter.org/site/evguide/>.

Thank you for your support in this important endeavor.

October 30, 2006

TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to follow up on my memo of October 20 and provide an update on the status of the "Families of Cedarwood Apartments Fund," established to assist those who were evicted from their residences in Isla Vista.

First, I would like to thank everyone who has donated to this fund, as well as those who have volunteered their time and talents to help residents of the Cedarwood Apartments in Isla Vista. Every contribution, large or small, is deeply and sincerely appreciated.

I have been talking with many people, asking for support for this fund. I also made a special presentation to our UCSB Foundation Board of Trustees this weekend, with the participation of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Young and several administrative colleagues.

I am pleased to report that your combined contributions have brought the account total to \$11,330 as of this morning. We will continue to raise funds, and I encourage anyone who wishes to make a contribution to do so at any Santa Barbara Bank & Trust branch, or by mail to P.O. Box 60839, Santa Barbara, CA 93160-0839. I have asked Vice Chancellor Young and some of our administrative colleagues to work with our student leaders to come up with the best way to distribute the money to assist the families affected by the recent evictions. Again, I want to thank every member of our UCSB family for your care and concern for our Isla Vista neighbors.

Sincerely,
Henry T. Yang
Chancellor

November 1, 2006
TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to inform you that Dr. Joe Castro, Executive Director of Academic Preparation and Equal Opportunity (APEO), has accepted an offer from UC San Francisco to serve as their Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Academic Affairs, pending Regental approval. His final day on campus was October 31. While we are so sad to see Joe leave, we are also happy for this career advancement for him to become the chief student affairs officer at UCSF.

We want to thank Joe for his dedicated service to UC Santa Barbara since June 2001. In collaboration with the Chancellor's Outreach Advisory Board and the talented APEO staff, he has been instrumental in strengthening our P-20 student academic preparation and educational partnership programs during a period of decreased state funds. Joe has played a lead role in designing, implementing and securing private funds to support many new initiatives, including Santa Barbara Pathways, James Jimenez Scholars Program, Project Excel, and the Chumash Scholars Program. His contributions and those of many of our colleagues have helped us to increase the diversity of our student population and become a leader in this area among AAU institutions.

Since 2004, Joe has also served as our Equal Opportunity Officer and Public Records Information Coordinator. As Equal Opportunity Officer, he has worked with the Academic Senate and colleagues across the campus to increase understanding of and support for equal opportunity policies and regulations, and to develop strategies that have the potential to increase the diversity of faculty and staff. Joe has also successfully mediated a number of challenging and complex equal opportunity complaints.

Finally, Joe has served as Adjunct Associate Professor in our Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, where he has taught graduate seminars and led research projects focused on P-20 leadership and policy issues. In this role, he has mentored many undergraduate and graduate students from diverse backgrounds.

Please join us in thanking Joe for his extraordinary contributions to UC Santa Barbara and our surrounding community. We are grateful to him for his accomplishments and pleased that he will continue to be part of the leadership at UCSF.

We will be using this transition as an opportunity to review the functions of the Office of Academic Preparation and Equal Opportunity, and in the coming weeks, we will be consulting broadly with the campus on this topic. During this review period (beginning November 1, 2006), we are delighted to announce that Claudia Martinez, the current Associate Director for the Office of APEO, has agreed to serve as Acting Director for academic preparation, and Ray Huerta will serve as the Acting Director of the equal opportunity and public record functions. We are extremely fortunate to have the help of these experienced professionals as we take time to consider how we can best address the needs of the campus in the future. A brief biography on each of them follows.

Claudia Martinez: Since 2005, Claudia Martinez has been the Associate Director for UCSB's Office of Academic Preparation and Equal Opportunity, where she has supported the development, management, and coordination of a number of K-12 student academic preparation and educational partnership programs that promote increased college-going rates among local students. Prior to that, she served for nearly four years as the Project Director for our campus's ENLACE y Avance (Engaging Latino Communities for Education) project, a multi-million dollar initiative of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation within the Center for Chicano Studies. She came to UCSB from UC Merced, where she was one of the founding staff members and where she held progressively responsible positions in the Office of Academic Programs as a Program Analyst, Assistant Director, and, ultimately, Interim Director. Prior to entering the field of higher education, Claudia worked in a variety of non-profit and policy-oriented organizations such as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, and the Public Policy Institute of California. Claudia received her bachelor of arts degree in law and social policy from UC Berkeley and received

her master's degree in public policy from UC Berkeley's Richard and Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP).

Raymond Huerta: In 2003, Ray Huerta retired from UCSB after 30 years of distinguished service as our Affirmative Action Coordinator. For much of that time, he also served as our campus's Public Records Information Coordinator. Prior to his appointment at UCSB, he served the Berkeley campus, the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, and the UC Office of the President in various positions that steadfastly advanced the principles of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. Ray received his bachelor's degree in history from UC Berkeley and a J.D. in law from UC Davis. In addition to his administrative duties, Ray has been a regular lecturer in our Department of Chicano/a Studies on the civil rights of Chicanos/as in the United States. He has also lectured at the law school at the Autonomous University of Queretaro in Queretaro, Mexico, on legal issues affecting the Chicano/a community in the United States. For over a decade, Ray has directed a very successful Travel Study Abroad program through Summer Sessions for our students in Queretaro, Mexico.

We deeply appreciate Joe's dedicated service to the campus, and we are tremendously grateful to Claudia and Ray for taking on these interim duties during this critical time.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Yang

Chancellor

Gene Lucas

Executive Vice Chancellor

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

- **Yale University**, Department of Anthropology, is seeking an Assistant Professor in archaeology with research specialization and active fieldwork in the Old World or North America preferably. Candidates with experience in laboratory-based research in areas such as ceramic analysis, archeometallurgy and radiometric dating are of particular interest.

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

- A list of IHC Funding Opportunities is available. Notice that the Individual Research, Collaborative Research, Release Time, and Visiting Artist grants all have November 15th deadlines. You can see this information online at http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/funding/_facfund.html.

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

- **NSF Summer Training 2007:**
 - **Field Methods and Research Design** in Boliva for Ph. D. students.
 - **Research Design for Ph. D. students**
 - **Short courses on research methods for holders of a Ph. D.** See www.qualquant.net/training.
- **The University of Wisconsin-River Falls** has just accredited a new European Archaeology Summer Field School. Contact <http://www.uwrf.edu/international-programs/programs/bulgaria.htm>. Full immersion opportunities for both graduate students and undergraduates.