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REMINDER:

Campus Holiday
Veteran's Day
Friday, November 10, 2006

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

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Monday, 13 November, 5 pm
Agriculture and Landscape in Maya Forest:
An Alternative Environmental History
Anabel Ford, ISBER, UCSB
McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020
Reception to follow

Existing interpretations of Maya agricultural practices depend on occidental perspectives on agricultural practice, failing to recognize the cultural legacy of the 'Maya forest garden.' Overwhelming evidence that the forest ecosystems are largely anthropogenic allows a reexamination of the Maya data. By integrating data from archaeology, ethnology, economic botany, ecology and agro-forestry with paleoclimatic research, I argue that the Maya developed skills and knowledge from more than 5,000 years of continuous intimate contact with Neotropical ecosystems. Far from destroying habitat, these practices provide insights relevant to conservation of the region and the survival of the forest and its people.

Dr. Anabel Ford is an archaeologist who has studied the ancient Maya landscape for three decades, focusing on its forest environment and its role in the development of the Mesoamerican civilizations. In 1983 she was the first archaeologist to discover and map the great center of El Pilar. Ford won a Rolex Award for Enterprise for spearheading a major binational park embracing 5000 hectares in Belize and Guatemala, the El Pilar Archaeological Reserve for Maya Flora and Fauna, where the legacy of the Maya thrive in a living museum. Presented by Archaeology Research Focus Group at UCSB.

The UCSB/Cal Poly Joint Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership (JDP) cordially invites you to a JDP Researching Practice Symposium on Saturday, December 2, 2006, focusing on Preventing School Violence: A Crisis Response Perspective.

Our speaker will be Dr. Ray Vuillemainroy (Ph.D, UCSB '04), a Sergeant with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and the author of School Violence Response Kit. This Kit is used along the Central Coast, has been presented at the White House, and has served as a prototype for similar Kits across California. Dr.

Vuillemainroy's presentation will be followed by a panel of discussants including representatives from the JDP and local school districts. Ample time will be provided for questions and comments from the floor.

Santa Maria Inn

801 South Broadway

Santa Maria, CA. 93454

8:45 a.m. Coffee and refreshments

9:00 a.m. Welcome: Representative Lois Capps, California 23rd Congressional District

9:10 a.m. Introductions: Dr. James Block

9:15 a.m. Keynote: Dr. Ray Vuillamainroy

9:45 a.m. Discussants panel - Dr. George Petersen, Dr. Catherine Ulrich, Dr. John Puglisi

10:30 a.m. Questions/comments

Space is limited, please RSVP by Tuesday, November 21st.

Contact the JDP Academic Coordinator, Dr. Patrick Faverty at

805-893-3301 or email pfaverty@education.ucsb.edu.

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

- The University of Tennessee, Department of Anthropology, seeks qualified candidates to fill a position in socio-cultural anthropology beginning in August 2007. The position carries the rank of Assistant Professor and will be a regular full-time, tenure-track appointment. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS WILL BEGIN 11/17/06.
- The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Dept of Anth, is conducting a search for two tenure-track positions to begin August 1, 2007. One is for an Assistant/Assoc Prof position in cultural anthropology with specialization in medical anthropology (review of applications begins on 12/29/06) and the other is for an Assistant Professor in Biological and Ecological Anthropology (closing date 12/15/06).

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

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

Call for Papers/Abstracts/Submissions

6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences

May 30 - June 2, 2007

Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa, Honolulu Hawaii, USA

Submission Deadline: January 24, 2007

Co-Sponsored by:

University of Louisville - Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods

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The 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences will be held from May 30 (Wednesday) to June 2 (Saturday), 2007 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will provide many opportunities for academicians and professionals from social sciences related fields to interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines.

Topic Areas (All Areas of Social Sciences are Invited):

*Anthropology

*Area Studies (African, American, Asian, European, Hispanic, Islamic, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Russian, and all other cultural and ethnic studies)

- *Communication
- *Economics
- *Education
- *Energy Alternatives
- *Ethnic Studies/International Studies
- *Geography
- *History
- *International Relations
- *Journalism
- *New Urbanism
- *Political Science
- *Preservation and Green Urbanism
- *Psychology
- *Public Administration
- *Social Work
- *Sociology
- *Sustainable Development
- *Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods
- *Urban and Regional Planning
- *Women's studies
- *Other Areas of Social Science
- *Cross-disciplinary areas of the above related to each other or other areas

For detailed information about submissions see:

http://www.hicsocial.org/cfp_ss.htm

Submitting a Proposal:

1. Create a title page for your submission. The title page should include:
 - a. title of the submission
 - b. topic area of the submission (chooses from above list)
 - c. presentation format (see http://www.hicsocial.org/cfp_ss.htm for format choices)
 - d. name(s) of the author(s)
 - e. department(s) and affiliation(s)
 - f. mailing address(es)
 - g. e-mail address(es)
 - h. phone number(s)
 - i. fax number(s)
 - j. corresponding author if different than lead author
2. Email your abstract and/or paper, along with a title page, to social@hicsocial.org. Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged via email within 48 hours. Please note that there is a limit of two contributed submissions per lead author.

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The 13th Annual Conference of North American Taiwan Studies Association (NATSA)

CALL FOR PAPER

- Date: June 8-10, 2007

- Venue : University of Wisconsin -Madison, USA

- Submission Deadline: November 30, 2006

- Acceptance notification: January 20, 2007

2007 Main Theme

Taiwan in the Nexus of 'Empires'

Theme Statement:

Since the birth of modern social sciences, nations or nation-states as implicit units or boundaries of analysis have dominated social inquiry. The use of such frameworks, however, often implies unexamined assumptions, such as that these societies have homogeneous and synchronic societal landscapes and autarkies. The theme "Taiwan in the Nexus of 'Empires'" challenges scholars from all disciplines to look at Taiwan from a different perspective. Participants are invited to reflect on: a) how the presence of competing empires on the islands, both past and present, have shaped Taiwan's social, political, economic, and cultural landscapes, and b) how these imperial influences, with their multiple forms and layers of governance and hegemony, have resulted in particular responses by the Taiwanese people, such as resistance, acceptance, transformation, and misplacement in everyday life or academic praxis. The term "empire" as used in this Call for Paper is broadly understood to possess the potential to include without limitations sovereign states, private and public entities, supra-national organizations, and ideology. Please note that methodological reflections or critiques of this empire approach as applied to Taiwan Studies are equally welcome.

2007 Other Major Themes

In addition to the above theme, NATSA strongly encourages submissions on one or more of the following interdisciplinary themes:

1. Political Corruption and Democratic Consolidation in Taiwan: issues of specific interest include political corruption, judicial corruption, democratic consolidation, constitutional reformation, the social responsibilities of academics and intellectuals, and the role of the media in shaping a mature democracy.
2. Justice and Peace in Taiwan: issues of specific interest include the phenomenon and consequences of increasing wealth disparity, the treatment of foreigners/foreign laborers, phenomenon and consequences of stereotypes about and/or prejudice against gender roles, sexual orientation, and ethnic minorities, the prospect of achieving full equality/equity for marginalized groups (such as the aforementioned ones), peace studies, the relationship between justice and the maintenance of peace, and the role of civil society (NPO/NGO) and religion in achieving and defeating aforementioned justice, equality/equity, and peace.
3. Reflection and Critique on Taiwan as an Information Society: issues of specific interest include the social consequences and environmental impact of technological innovation and practice, ethical issues in an information society, intellectual property, privacy, medical ethics, cyber-culture and new media, and generational differences.

Please note that those who wish to pursue topics in Taiwan Studies that are not listed above may do so, but they are required to organize their own panels and submit panel proposals together with individual paper abstracts. Conference contributors may be eligible for travel grants; details will be announced on the website in February 2007.

For details of the submission guideline and more information, please see the NATSA website at <http://www.na-tsa.org>. Enquiries may be made to the NATSA Secretary: secretary@na-tsa.org.

We know that together we can make the 2007 Conference an intellectually exciting and rewarding experience and we look forward to receiving your proposals.

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