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KUDOS:

To Carola Flores Fernandez who has been awarded a Luce Environmental Science to Solutions Fellowship. Carola will receive \$6,000 over a three-year period. As part of the award she will receive training in ecoinformatics and work with researchers and practitioners and participate in various programs at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS), housed at UCSB.

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

ANTHROPOLOGY WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT

Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

4:00-5:30pm

HSSB 2001A

Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy and cranberry sauce will be provided along with the usual table service of plates and utensils. **Please bring something to share: beverages, appetizers, vegetarian dishes, salads and desserts.**

Department of Anthropology Office Closures: 12/21 - office closes at 3pm; 12/24 & 12/25 and 12/31 & 1/1 are holidays, and the office will be essentially closed on 12/26, 27, & 28.
We reopen on 1/2/08.

CAMPUS INFO:

Holiday Dining and Campus ATMs

For the week of December 26 - 28, the Coral Tree Café will be the only dining unit open on campus. Coral Tree's hours will be 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. Also during this time period there is a scheduled electrical outage at the UCen which will impact our ability to accept credit and debit card transactions at Coral Tree. The outage will not affect the ACCESS card program.

Please note that the only ATMs that will be operable December 26 - 28 are the Bank of America machines on the exterior of the Arbor. The Golden One ATM and all Wells Fargo ATMs at the UCen will not be in service. Regular ATM services will resume on January 2, 2008.

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

- **Yale University Department of Anthropology and Department of African American Studies** invite applications for an Assistant Professorship in a joint appointment at the Assistant Professor level. The

departments have particular needs for a scholar with expertise in at least one of the following areas: urban anthropology, the cultural politics of race and bio-medical or science studies.

- **Yale University Department of Anthropology and School of Forestry and Environmental Studies** invite applications for a joint appointment with a focus on Globalization and Environmental Change. The successful candidate is expected to have an established research program on such topics as: climate change and sustainable rural livelihoods; the implications of globalization for climate change and locally sustainable agriculture and commodity production; urban ecology or urban-rural ecological relations; the social and cultural aspects of water pollution/conservation; and the politics of water in context of rural industrialization.

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

- The UC Marine Council and UC Office of the President are pleased to announce the availability of funding for 2008-2009 through the Coastal Environmental Quality Initiative (CEQI). The Call for Proposals is available on our website at <http://www.ucop.edu/research/coastal/index.htm> Proposals are being solicited in the following categories:
 - 1) Multicampus Research Projects
 - 2) Graduate Student Fellowship
 - 3) Workshops, Conferences or Planning MeetingsPre-proposals for Multicampus Research Projects and full proposals for the other categories are due online by* February 1, 2008*. Feel free to contact Tunyalee Martin with any questions you have by email (tunyalee.martin@ucop.edu) or phone 510-987-9472. Please share this announcement with any of your UC colleagues who may be interested in this opportunity.
- Agency: University of California Marine Council

Title: **Coastal Environmental Quality Initiative**

Deadlines: Multi campus Pre-proposal and Grad Student Proposal -- February 1, 2008
Rapid Response -- February 1, May 1, and October 1, 2008
Multi campus Proposal (invited) -- March 17, 2008

Guidelines: <http://www.ucop.edu/research/coastal/index.html>
or by contacting funding@research.ucsb.edu

Synopsis of Program: The following research areas have been identified as funding priorities for this competition: coastal water and sediment quality, fisheries and marine ecosystems, coastal hazards and shoreline processes, and climate change impacts. The Research and Grant Program includes:

- **Multi campus Research Projects** - Successful collaborative multi campus research projects will involve at least two UC campuses and be responsive to the UCMC identified major research priorities listed above. Proposals must also provide graduate student research support of approximately 30 per cent of its total budget, and be able to demonstrate that such support will enhance graduate studies in the fields of research represented in the project. Projects will be funded up to a maximum of \$250,000 per year.

- **Graduate Student Fellowships** - This year, the Marine Council is inviting graduate fellowship proposals in any of the above specified research areas and expects to fund eight to ten fellowships. The fellowship award is \$30,000.

- **Workshop, Conference, or Planning Meetings** - Proposals will be considered for planning meetings, workshops, or briefings that bring together faculty, researchers, graduate students, and/or others (for example those from state agencies, legislators or legislative staff, or non-governmental organizations) to formulate a hypothesis or new line of inquiry, to develop a strategy for implementation, or to share or disseminate research findings on issues important to the Coastal Initiative. The maximum award is \$10,000.

- **Rapid Response Program** - When funds are available, the CEQI Rapid Response Program (RRP) provides funding of up to \$5,000, on a short turnaround basis and outside the normal proposal submission cycle, for research-related events such as workshops, conferences and symposia.

Contact: Tunyalee Martin, 510/987-9472 or tunyalee.martin@ucop.edu

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

- **ARCHAEOLOGY IN BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA**

The Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project announces its archaeological investigations for the summer of 2008!

In 2008 BVAR will continue excavations at the important ancient Maya center of Baking Pot. The site is situated in the Belize River Valley near the modern town of San Ignacio in the Cayo District of Belize, Central America. Despite many investigations, large portions of Baking Pot's monumental site core remain unexcavated and it stands out as one of the few remaining unlooted sites in the area. Through these excavations we hope to gain a better understanding of the physical and functional properties of Baking Pot's ancient royal court. In addition, we plan to continue the settlement survey in Baking Pot's eastern periphery. The investigations will include extensive stratigraphic excavations, testing of architecture by means of trenching, as well as mapping of the archaeological features and architectural remains uncovered.

Students will be involved in all aspects of the archaeological investigations, from the setting of excavation units, to the production of site maps. The project also incorporates daily laboratory work where students participate in the processing and documentation of the artifacts recovered from the site (including a wide range of ceramic and lithic artifacts as well as human and animal remains). Weekly lectures will present an overview of Maya civilization and will provide introduction to other specific topics such as ceramic analysis, archaeological survey methods, human osteology, ancient Maya ritual, ideology, and hieroglyphic writing.

Dates:

Session I: June 2 to June 27, 2008

Session II: July 7 to August 1, 2008

This Field Research opportunity is also available in two-week sessions:

Session I: June 2-13, 2008

Session II: July 7-18, 2008

Academic credit is available!

Registration fees for the project are \$975 U.S. per two-week session or \$1950 for the one month field school, which includes lodging, weekday meals, and transportation to and from the site. Academic credit, travel to and from Belize, and incidental expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

For applications and more information all interested parties should respond via e-mail to Myka Schwanke at:

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- IHC 420: Grant Writing for the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Winter Quarter 2008
Tuesdays 1-4PM
HSSB 6056

Course Description: Graduate-level course covering the fundamentals of research design and grant writing for students in the arts, humanities and social sciences. The course will be co-taught by John Hammond, IHC Research Development Coordinator and Barbara Walker, Director of Research Development for the Social Sciences. Through presentations by the instructors and UCSB faculty members, students will learn and practice effective techniques for searching for funding, identifying appropriate funding sources and writing successful proposals.

Learning Objectives:

- o Familiarize student with grants for research and education.
- o Understand difference between governmental grants and foundation grants.
- o How to match an idea with a potential funding source.
- o Fundamental concepts in developing and writing a grant.
- o How to produce and submit a grant.
- o How to follow up after a grant has been submitted.

At the conclusion of the course, the student should have the necessary resources to identify appropriate funding sources for their project(s), evaluate funder's objectives and write a successful proposal for funding.