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From Susan, Winnie, Larisa, Marisa, Louisa, David, Barbara, and Josiane

KUDOS:

Congratulations to the following people who have completed their doctorates:

Dr. Susan Harris
Dr. Ian Lindsay
Dr. James Tate
Almost Dr. Nico Tripcevich

And to the following people who have advanced to candidacy:

Gaya Embuldeniya
Oshan Fernando
Myrtle Schock

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

Fish on Friday: How the Christian Doctrine of Eating fish on Friday Changed History

Brian Fagan, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology

Tuesday, January 16th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

Was John Cabot the first European after the Norse to set foot in North America? Brian Fagan takes us on a fascinating 1,500-year archaeological and historical journey in search of the answer. We begin with Christ's 40-day fast in the wilderness, with the symbolism of fish in Christian belief, in a world of abstinence, atonement, fasting and penance. Within a few centuries, enormous numbers of (now vanished) fish farms appeared throughout Europe. Soon afterward, a huge international fish trade developed to satisfy an insatiable demand for fish on holy days and during Lent.

This is a story of salt, herrings and cod, of busses, doggers, cogs, and caravels, of fishers sailing the North Atlantic in mid-February for Lenten catches. The journey culminates in the discovery of the Newfoundland cod fisheries and with the permanent settlement of New England well before the Pilgrims. Professor Fagan takes us through a remarkable historical journey, combining archaeology, history, climatology, and many other disciplines into a stirring adventure story of anonymous people who made history.

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

- **UC Irvine**, Department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages is searching for an Assistant Professor in Islamic Literatures and Cultures.

- **The University of California, Los Angeles**, Department of Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professorship in the archaeology of Native North America. The department seeks applicants whose theoretical interests center on the anthropology of power, including its constitution, distribution, negotiation, and transformation in the context of social relationships. We particularly encourage candidates whose research focuses on one or more regions of continental North America where politically complex societies emerged, including the Southwest, North Pacific Coast, or Eastern/Mississippian area. The successful candidate will fit comfortably among other anthropologists in a strong four-field department and, in addition, articulate well with archaeologists from a range of disciplines at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology. Ph.D. in-hand strongly preferred; Ph.D. must be completed by May, 2007. Applicants should have a strong record of field research, grants, publications, and teaching. Send cover letter, CV, summary of previous teaching, courses prepared to teach, and names and contact information of at least three references to Archaeology Search Committee, Dept of Anthropology, 341 Haines Hall, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1553. Position start date is July 1, 2007. Review of applications will begin on December 15, 2006, and continue until the position is filled. UCLA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The Department has a strong commitment to the achievement of excellence and diversity among its faculty and staff.
- **University of Chicago**, Department of Anthropology seeks to appoint a post-doctoral research associate with experience in the analysis of human-environment interactions.

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

- NEH has a tiered approach to funding public humanities projects.

They offer a **consultation grant** <<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/public-consult.html>>. These are designed to "develop a new public humanities project or chart a new interpretive direction of an existing program. They support the costs of conferring with a team of advisers to help identify key humanities themes and questions during the early stages of a project's development." They award **up to \$10,000**. The **deadline is 9/5/07**.

They also offer a **planning grant** <<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/public-planning.html>>. Those are designed to "support the refinement of the content and interpretive approach of projects prior to implementation. Applicants should have already identified the appropriate humanities content of their projects and consulted with scholars and programming advisers." They award **up to \$40,000**. The **deadline is 9/5/07**.

Finally, there are the **implementation grants**

<<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-special.html>>. "Applicants for an implementation grant should have already identified their project's key humanities themes, relevant scholarship, and program formats. Most of the planning and consultation with scholars and programming advisors should already have taken place." They award **up to \$300,000**. The **deadline is 1/23/07**.

- Collaborative Research Grants support: original research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars; or research coordinated by an individual scholar that, because of its scope or complexity, requires additional staff and resources beyond the individual's salary.

Eligible projects include:

research that significantly adds to knowledge and understanding in the humanities; conferences on topics of major importance in the humanities that will benefit ongoing research; archaeology projects that interpret and communicate the results of archaeological fieldwork. Projects may encompass excavation, materials analysis, laboratory work, field reports, and preparation of interpretive monographs; translations into English of works that provide insight into the history, literature, philosophy, and artistic achievements of other cultures; and research that uses the knowledge, methods, and perspectives of the humanities to enhance understanding of science, technology, and medicine.

Funds \$25,000 - \$100,000 per year.

Deadline for proposal: 11/1/07

More info: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/collaborative.html>

- Agency: National Science Foundation

Title: *Research on Gender in Science and Engineering

*Solicitation/Announcement No.: NSF 07-501

Deadline: Pre-proposal - January 8, 2007

Proposal - April 2, 2007

Guidelines: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07501/nsf07501.htm>
or by contacting funding@research.ucsb.edu

Synopsis of Program: The new program seeks to broaden the participation of girls and women in all fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education by supporting research, dissemination of research, and extension services in education that will lead to a larger and more diverse domestic science and engineering workforce.

Typical projects will contribute to the knowledge base addressing gender-related differences in learning and in the educational experiences that affect student interest, performance, and choice of careers; and how pedagogical approaches and teaching styles, curriculum, student services, and institutional culture contribute to causing or closing gender gaps that persist in certain fields. Projects will disseminate and apply findings, evaluation results, and proven good practices and products.

Estimated Number of Awards: 22 to 27

Anticipated Funding Amount: \$5 million

Contact: Jolene Jesse, 703/292-7303 or jjesse@nsf.gov

- This is to let you know about the 2007 Anthropology Methods Mall. The Mall has information about four, NSF-funded opportunities for methods training in cultural anthropology Go to: <http://www.qualquant.net/training/>

There are four programs on the Methods Mall -- two for graduate students, one for holders of the Ph.D., and one that's open to all cultural anthropologists.

1. Now in its third year, the Short Courses on Research Methods program is for cultural anthropologists who already have the Ph.D. Three five-day are offered during summer 2007 at the Duke University Marine Laboratory:

Methods in Ethnoecology (Instructors: Gary Martin and J. Richard Stepp).
July 30-August 3.

Survey Research Methods (Instructors: William Dressler and Kathryn Oths).
July 23-27

Methods of Behavioral Observation (Raymond Hames and Michael Paolisso)
July 16-20

Full details and application form at the Methods Mall.

<http://www.qualquant.net/training/>

2. Now in its 12th year, the Summer Institute on Research Design is an intensive, three-week course for graduate students in cultural anthropology who are preparing their doctoral research proposals. The 2007 course runs from July 16-August 3 at the Duke University Marine Laboratory. (Instructors: Jeffrey Johnson, Susan Weller, and H. Russell Bernard)

Full details and application form at the Methods Mall.

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3. Now in its fourth year, the Summer Field Training Program in Bolivia is open to graduate students in cultural anthropology. This course involves seven weeks of fieldwork in the Bolivian Amazon from June 11-July 27. (Instructors: Ricardo Godoy, William Leonard, Victoria Reyes-Garcia, Thomas McDade, Clarence Gravlee, J. Richard Stepp, and Susan Tanner).

Full details and application form at the Methods Mall.

<http://www.qualquant.net/training/>

4. Finally, beginning in 2007, the Workshops in Research Methods in Anthropology program offers a series of one-day workshops in conjunction with national meetings of cultural anthropologists. The first two workshops will be offered at the meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Tampa, Florida, March 2007.

Using SPSS to analyze anthropological data. (Instructors: William Dressler and Kathryn Oths). Wednesday, March 28, 2007.

Introduction to social network analysis. (Instructors: Jeffrey C. Johnson and Christopher McCarty). Thursday, March 29, 2007.

Full details at the Methods Mall, <http://www.qualquant.net/training/>.

Registration for these workshops is through the Society for Applied Anthropology at: <http://www.sfaa.net/sfaa2007.html>. Click on "Workshops"

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

Web address: <http://www.hicsocial.org> Email address: social@hicsocial.org

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. All Areas of Social Sciences are Invited.

For detailed information about submissions see:

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

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

- Tel Dor, Israel. A University of Washington team will be digging at Tel Dor this summer and invites applications to their field school. For further information visit <http://sscl.berkeley.edu/teldor/>