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DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

ANTHROPOLOGY WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT

Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

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: appetizers, vegetarian dishes, salads and desserts.

DAVID LAWSON RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

3:00pm – 4:30pm (presentation at 3:30pm)

HSSB 2001A

As David bikes off to Retirementland, come wish him well!

EVENTS:

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When: Tuesday Dec 12th @ 3PM

Where: CTL Trailer 932 (East of the Davidson Library)

Who: Professor Ben Zhao of the UCSB Computer Science Department

What: Establishing Trust in an Insecure Network

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ESTABLISHING TRUST IN AN INSECURE NETWORK

Today's Internet applications are becoming integral components of our everyday life. We rely on the Internet for performing financial transactions (Etrade), access to personal records (DMV), and communication with friends and family (Myspace/Facebook). Yet all this comes at a time when the Internet's security vulnerabilities are exploited on a daily basis for financial gain by malicious parties.

This talk will describe some of the recent efforts to improve security of network applications through the use of reputation systems. Reputations are robust security mechanisms increasingly deployed in online communities such as Amazon and EBay. He will describe how reputations can be improved and used to secure network level services such as social networks. In addition he will also highlight and initiate discussion on the tension between accountability via reputations and information privacy.

Tuesday December 12, 2006

@ 3PM in the CTL
(Collaborative Technologies Laboratory)
Trailer 932, East of Davidson Library
For questions please contact:
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES (details are posted under “Academic Positions” in the Departmental Reading Room):

- **California State University San Marcos'** new Anthropology Department is looking for an applied medical anthropologist. Rank unspecified.
- **The School of Social Sciences, UCI** is seeking a junior scholar in International Studies. Anthropology is one discipline mentioned in the ad.
- **University of California, Irvine**, School of Social Sciences invites applications for up to three Assistant Professor positions in anthropological linguistics.

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

- **The American School of Classical Studies** at Athens has some interesting fellowships available. Take a peek here: <http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/fellowship/fellowships.htm#Senior>.

The Oscar Broneer Traveling Fellowship has a deadline of 1/31/06. It is awarded by the American Academy in Rome (AAR) and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA) to encourage the study of the Greco-Roman world as a whole. The Fellowship will be awarded annually and will be held in Athens and Rome in alternate years. It is expected that the Fellow will use either the American Academy in Rome or the American School of Classical Studies at Athens as a base from which to pursue work through trips to sites and repositories of materials of interest to the Fellow's studies.

SUPPORT PROVIDED: The Fellowship is awarded to one individual per year. It may be held at any time during the calendar year for a minimum of three and a maximum of six months. The award is valued at a maximum of \$30,000 per year, and is meant to cover all expenses.

- **The University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI)** invites proposals for the following programs:
Andrew White Scholarship / Academic Year 2007-08
Application deadline is January 01, 2007:
http://flatiron.sdsc.edu/projects/uchri/main.php?nav=sub&page_id=111

Kevin Starr Fellowship / Academic Year 2007-08
Application deadline is January 15, 2007:
http://flatiron.sdsc.edu/projects/uchri/main.php?nav=sub&page_id=113
- **National Museum of American History (NMAH)**

Lemelson Center Fellowships

The Lemelson Center Fellows Program supports projects that present creative approaches to the study of invention and innovation in American society. These include, but are not limited to, historical research and documentation projects, resulting in publications, exhibitions, educational initiatives, and multimedia products. The fellowship program provides access to the Smithsonian's vast artifact and archival collections, as well as the expertise of the institution's research staff.

The Center offers fellowships to scholars and professionals who are pre- or postdoctoral candidates or who have completed advanced professional training.

Fellowships are awarded for a maximum of ten weeks and carry a prorated stipend. Fellows are expected to reside in the Washington, D.C. area, to participate in the Center's activities, and to make presentations on their work to colleagues at the museum.

Researchers are strongly encouraged to consult with the fellowship coordinator prior to submitting a proposal.

The Lemelson Center was established at the National Museum of American History in 1995 through a gift from Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson. Jerome Lemelson (1923-1997) earned more than 550 patents for a range of inventions relating to robotics and machine vision and to the VCR, camcorder, fax machine, and cordless telephone.

The Center's mission is to document, interpret, and disseminate information about invention and innovation, to encourage inventive creativity in young people, and to foster an appreciation for the central role invention and innovation play in the history of the United States.

Term(s): Up to ten weeks

Stipend: Offered at pre-doctoral, post-doctoral, and senior levels. Prorated for length of term.

Deadline(s): January 15

Contact: Maggie Dennis, Historian

Lemelson Center

Smithsonian Institution

MRC 604 P.O. Box 37012

National Museum of American History, Rm. 1016

Washington, D.C. 20013-7012

- **Agency: National Institute of Health**

Title: *Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research via Methodological and Technological Innovation in the Behavioral and Social Sciences

*Solicitation/Announcement No.: RFA-RM-07-004

Deadline: Letter of Intent - January 23, 2007

Application - February 23, 2007

Guidelines: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-07-004.html>
or by contacting funding@research.ucsb.edu

Synopsis of Program: This new program supports the development of interdisciplinary research "tools," or methodologies and technologies including measures, research designs, as well as analytic methods and techniques that integrates human social and/or behavioral science with other disciplines across varying levels of analysis.

Estimated Number of Awards: 10

Anticipated Funding Amount: \$1.2 million

Contact: Patricia Mabry, Ph.D., 301/402-1753 or mabryp@od.nih.gov

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

- **Indigeneities and Cosmopolitanisms**

AES/CASCA Joint Conference

May 8-12, 2007

Toronto, Canada

The American Ethnological Association (AES) and the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) invite the submission of papers, sessions, symposia, roundtables, and workshops for the upcoming joint conference on the theme of "Indigeneities and Cosmopolitanisms." The conference will be hosted by the University of Toronto.

This e-mail contains information about the conference theme, registration, and other relevant issues (including information about the Elsie Clews Parsons Prize, the AES award for best graduate student paper). The **deadline** for conference registration and submissions is **February 15, 2007**.

The latest information on this conference and **links for registration and submission of proposals** can be found on **<http://www.aesonline.org>**