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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE:

Please stop by and welcome Van-Yee Leung (Winnie) who will be joining the staff on Monday, 12/12/05. Winnie will be working afternoons as a half time financial assistant. Pat Yamada will continue working in the mornings in the same capacity.

Check it out! AGSA anthropology gifts for sale:

➤ <http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/agsa.sale.htm>

Holiday Party Photos available at: <<http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/rituals/2005HolidayParty/index.html>>

FOOD DRIVE. BRING YOUR CANNED GOODS TO THE DEPT. OFFICE. MONDAY-WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK ONLY.

Holiday Closures: The Department of Anthropology will close at 3pm on Friday, 12/23/05. The office will be closed from 12/26 through 12/30. We will reopen at 8am next year, 1/2/06!

NEWS:

U. S. Postal Rates increase on January 8, 2006: first class rate 39 cents and post card rate 24 cents!

Although UCSB still will receive percentage-off discounts, **Fed Express rates increase** January 2, 2006. See <http://fedex.com/us/update3.html#ratechanges> for more information.

Reminder for all faculty and temporary instructors to complete the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. As you know, in September of 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 1825, which requires all employers to train supervisors in sexual harassment prevention every two years. Training for you all must be complete by 12/31/05. Please go to the Sexual Harassment Prevention Education home page to learn about the workshops or online training: <http://shpe.sa.ucsb.edu>.

Reminder from Campus Fire Marshall Chris Wiesen:

GUIDELINES FOR PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER USAGE

Portable electric heaters constitute a potential fire hazard. Too often they are left on inadvertently, or placed on desks or shelves in the proximity of combustible items, which may result in a fire. These types of heaters can also overload building circuits, which may also cause fires. Physical Facilities, EH&S and the Campus Fire Marshal strongly discourage the use of these appliances. Physical Facilities strives to maintain proper building temperatures. If your building is too cold, please contact Physical Facilities so they can fix the problem. In the event that existing building systems cannot provide a comfortable temperature range, the use of a personal heater will be permitted after an electrical safety inspection is performed by Environmental Health and Safety. To ensure the safest use of portable heaters, please follow these guidelines:

1. Keep all combustible materials a minimum of 3 feet away from the heater.
 2. Place heaters only on the floor.
 3. All heaters must be UL listed and have a tip-over switch (a device which automatically turns off the power if the heater tips over).
 4. The heater should be plugged directly into an electrical wall outlet without the use of an extension cord or power strip.
 5. Please turn off and unplug the heater when you leave the room or the area.
- If you have any questions or to schedule and inspection, please call extension 7751.

Events:

Ojo. We are in the process of arranging a talk by Dr. Gary Urton, an Andean archeologist, to be given on Wednesday, January 11, 2005. This is the first Wednesday of Winter Quarter. Details are still pending but mark your calendars. The talk will probably be held at 5 p.m. In addition, Dr. Urton will speak the following day at the S.B. Museum of Natural History. The title of his talk is "**Deciphering the Knotted String Records of Ancient Peru.**" The talk is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. The cost of the talk plus the reception is \$25 unless you are a member of the Harvard Club or the SBMNH in which case it is \$20.

On March 20 2006, Dr. William Fash will speak on the topic of "Of Legendary Heroes and Outsider Kings: The Archaeology, Art, and Literature of the Ancient Maya of Copan."

Job Opportunities (details are posted under "Academic Positions" in the Departmental Reading Room):

- Yale University, Department of Anthropology, invites applications for a senior sociocultural anthropologist of distinction, to be appointed as a full professor with tenure, whose work demonstrates a commitment to field work and ethnography as a basis for theorizing the human condition.

Conferences and Call for Papers(details are posted under "Conference Papers and Symposia" in the Departmental Reading Room):

- Second Annual Stanford Graduate Student Conference in Cultural and Social Anthropology "The Anthropology of Global Productions"
Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8, 2006

Deadline for abstracts: 100-150 words abstracts, no later than 5:00 p.m. January 1, 2006.

For more information please see: <http://www.stanford.edu/dept/anthroCASA/globalproductions/>

See "Fellowships and Grants" in the Reading Room:

Teaching Assistant Instructional Grants TAIGs have been reinstated. 2005-06 deadline is Monday, February 13th. Current UCSB graduate students who are or have been Teaching Assistants or Associates are eligible to develop materials or procedures which will improve the quality of instruction in undergraduate courses, and to provide the applicant with experience in developing those materials or procedures. A maximum of \$1,500 per project may be used for salaries for applicants. Additional funds may be awarded as necessary for: supplies, although minor supplies such as photocopying, paper, and printing are normally supplied by the academic department; materials; services, such as Instructional Resources media production services. Purchases of equipment are not funded. Guidelines to help you write a proposal: Detailed guidelines for developing proposals are also available upon request, in print or on-line at http://www.id.ucsb.edu/IC/ta/ta_ig.html#SUGGESTED. Dr. Shirley Ronkowski (1120-Q Kerr Hall; 893-3341; shirley@id.ucsb.edu) will be glad to review drafts of proposals or to offer suggestions of how projects might be strengthened in light of the review criteria.

Field Schools & Training Initiatives (details are posted under Grad and Field Schools in the Departmental Reading Room):

- The University of Maryland offers an 8 week Summer Research Initiative for talented undergraduate Anthropology students who are underrepresented minorities and who will be rising seniors in Summer2006. The program includes a stipend of \$2,700, round-trip air fare, and campus room and board for the 8 week program. It is a part of our College's commitment to increasing the number of underrepresented minorities who pursue graduate degrees in the social and behavioral sciences. Please make your students aware of this opportunity. More detailed information is available at <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/dean/summer.html>.
- Le Moyne College. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for a minority predoctoral position in sociocultural anthropology for the 2006-2007 academic year. We invite applications from graduate students of color at the ABD stage who have advanced to candidacy and are nearing completion of their doctoral dissertation. At the successful completion of the Fellowship, the Teaching Fellow will receive consideration in the event a tenure track faculty position is authorized. Details are posted.
- UC Santa Barbara FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM, CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Nominations are now being accepted for the Faculty Fellows program for the 2006-07 academic year. The Faculty Fellows program is a University of California initiative designed to provide new UC Ph.D.s with mentored training and experience in the design and delivery of instruction and research; and to provide high quality teaching to help accommodate projected large undergraduate enrollment growth. <http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/acadpers/facultyfellows.html>

This is the last Informant of the year! We wish everyone a safe, pleasant, productive and restorative holiday season.