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EVENTS:

Graduate Student Appreciation Week Coming Soon

The Graduate Division and Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) is coordinating the third-annual campus wide /activities/ to acknowledge the unique and multi-faceted contributions of UCSB graduate students to our campus and local community. During the week of April 30- May 4 activities will be held on UCSB's campus and in the local community. See flyer on the easel board.

***A Musical rendezvous with Ganesh and Kumaresh*: An evening of Indian Carnatic Music.**

Date: 11th May 2007

Time: 7:00PM

Venue: Lotte Lehman Hall

Tickets: \$10 General/ \$6 Students; Free for Raagmala members

Biography of Artist

The ace violin duo of Carnatic Music, hit the headlines in 1972, with their very first stage appearance at the ages of 7 and 5. Over three decades, the brothers have more than lived up to the promise they showed at that debut, carving a niche for themselves in a field where violin playing has been taken to heights of international excellence by great Carnatic maestros.

For interested listeners a sample of their work can be found here:

<http://www.musicindiaonline.com/p/x/14b8hIOvF9.As1NMvHdW/>

Carnatic Music is one of two styles of Indian Classical Music (the other being Hindustani) whose origins and history can be traced back over 2500 years, making it one of the oldest classical music traditions in the world. It is completely melodic, with improvised variations and lays strong emphasis on vocal music.

**WiSE workshop: Problem solving skills for a science or technology career
The Renaissance Techie Workshop Series, Workshop #5**

Tuesday, 24 April, 4pm UCEN Harbor Room (http://www.ucen.ucsb.edu/conf_services/cs_floor.html)

Problems tend to not have simple causes, nor simple solutions. Using various creative tools for problem solving in a group or on your own will not only help you avoid the wrong solution, but give you key skills that make you more flexible in your career. Explore fish bone diagramming, SWOT, WWWWH, and many others in this upcoming seminar. The workshop will start with a brief introduction to some of these problem solving techniques, following by a group practice session.

* The workshop will run for an hour, followed by additional discussion time. Refreshments provided.

* The workshop is open to all. If you have any questions, email wise@lsmail.ucsb.edu

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

University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of Anthropology invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor in Physical Anthropology. Applicant should be prepared to teach four courses including a large lecture course on the “Introduction to Human Evolution”. See posting.

Université de Montréal, Department of Anthropology invites applications for a full-time tenure track position with specialization in the classical fields of ethnology (kinship and social organization, politics or religion). See posting.

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

University of California, Riverside

Presents a one day scholarly conference

"Health, Inequality, and Contemporary Capitalism"

Saturday, April 21st from 8:30am to 5:00pm

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The University of California Riverside 's Department of Anthropology and the Center for Ideas and Society will be presenting a one day scholarly conference designed to facilitate a critical discussion that examines how institutions, environment, and medical practices intersect with the construction and maintenance of differences between social groups on a local and global scale. Some discussants will examine how institutions and medical technologies and categories are infused with the values of contemporary capitalism and inform an emergence of specific subjectivities. Other discussants will bring a critical examination of how taken for granted concepts from sex to disparities within the social sciences are used to maintain inequalities. All the presenters will consider the ways in which their work suggests new directions for anthropological thinking on contemporary inequalities.

Presenters:

8:30 am

"Presentism in the Ancient Past: A Critical Consideration of Bioarchaeologists' Determination of Sex"

Pamela Geller

American University

10:00 am

"Self and Other in Health Disparities: Negotiating Power and Boundaries in US Society"

Suzanne Heurtin Roberts

National Cancer Institute

1:30 pm

"The Experimental Machinery of Global Clinical Trials: Case Studies from India ,
and Some Structural Speculations"

Kaushik Sunder Rajan

University of California , Irvine

3:00 pm

"Implementing Healthcare Improvement: An Organizationally-structured Cross-cultural Challenge"

Elisa Sobo

San Diego State University

Discussants include: Dr. Wendy Ashmore UCR, Dr. Victoria Bomberry UCR, Dr. Leo Chavez UCI, Dr. Jennifer Hamilton Baylor, Dr. Sang-Hee Lee UCR, Dr. Tom Patterson UCR, Dr. Chikako Takeshita UCR, Dr. Clifford Trafzer UCR

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Leeds University: Centre for Tourism and Cultural Change

Announcing an international conference:

Things that Move: The Material World of Tourism and Travel

To be held in Leeds, UK, July 19-23, 2007

See posting.

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