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NOTICES:

On Saturday, May 3, 2008, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., traffic coming to our campus via Highway 217 will be subject to delays of up to 20 minutes due to scheduled construction at the East Entrance. We urge all travelers to enter and exit the campus from either Mesa Road or El Colegio Road.

The Department will be closed on Friday, May 9th between 11:30 and 1:30 so the staff can attend The Chancellor's Barbeque.

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

The UCSB Department of Anthropology and the Anthropology Student Union
proudly present

Brian Fagan

5:30 PM

Tuesday May 6

McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

The lecture is in conjunction with his latest book

The Great Warming: Climate Change and the Rise and Fall of Civilizations. According to ASU, Professor Fagan will present his ideas and research on the current climate crisis based on history and not politics.

Anthropology Spring Proseminar Speakers:

Speaker 3 - May 15 and May 16, 2008

Dr. Tim Pauketat, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Round Table Discussion - Thursday, May 15, 2008; 1:30-3:30 PM ~ HSSB 2001A

Talk - Friday, May 16, 2008; 3:30-5:00 PM; HSSB 2001A

Prophets, Peace-Makers, and the Civilizing Process in Ancient Native North America

Religion, violence, and political centralization are all entangled in larger fields of human experience, perception, and agency. The latest archaeological evidence from Poverty Point in Louisiana and Hopewell in Ohio to Cahokia in Illinois indicates that complex regional orders in ancient eastern North America arose as political-religious movements, probably based around prophets not unlike those known from historic accounts

across North America. Such views hinge on understanding agency as a dispersed phenomenon and history as a physical experience. And they lead us to elevate singular events or encounters as historic phenomena that afford prophetic movements in the first place.

Reception -
5:00-6:00 PM ~ HSSB 2024
Faculty Host: Dr. Gregory Wilson

EVENTS:

Santa Barbara County Archaeological Society.

Monday, 5 March, 7:30 pm
Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
The Grammar and Syntax of the Dead:
An Analysis of Chumash Mortuary Practice
Ray Corbett, Ph.D., Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Presented by the Santa Barbara County Archaeological Society

see attached flyer or link on our website at
<<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/archaeology/Goldsmith%20flyer.html>>

This talk presents the results of an examination and analysis of prehistoric mortuary practice in the Chumash region of south central California. Because treatment of the dead is an important feature of cultural systems, analysis of temporal and spatial patterns of mortuary practice can shed light on cultural continuity and social structures as they develop. Previous research has argued that a succession of distinct ethnic groups inhabited this region and that these population replacements are indicated by distinct shifts in burial practice. Dr. Corbett's research addresses the question of ethnic and cultural continuity through analyses of the geographical and temporal pattern of mortuary practice in the region. It also examines both material and non-material aspects of mortuary practice and assesses the articulation between these two systems.

The three **finalists for the Social Demography position** are all coming in May, and faculty/students are encouraged to see their talks and to meet w/ them during their visits. Below gives the basic info. More detailed information on their talks, receptions, etc. should be forthcoming, but any additional info can be obtained from the respective committee liason if you're not receiving emails about this. (None of these candidates will be housed in anthro - it will be either econ or sociology).

All three candidates are currently Population Center Directors at their respective universities (Lundberg-U Wash, Thornton-U Michigan, Hayward-UT-Austin). Whoever the selected person will be, she/he will likely have some convergence with anthro, particularly the new IAS program. Lundberg has done a lot of interesting work on marriage markets, sexual division of labor in households, and gender inequality from a micro-economic perspective. Thornton specializes in the study of marriage, family, and life course structures and processes. His work currently focuses on intergenerational relations, cohabitation, marriage, divorce, reproductive behavior, living arrangements, and gender roles in Nepal, Taiwan, and the United States. Hayward is a biodemographer who has studied the influence of life cycle socioeconomic achievement on the health experiences of the American older population. All three are influential heavy hitters and the addition of any of them will make a great addition to the university.

SOCIAL DEMOGRAPHY CANDIDATES AND CAMPUS VISIT DATES:

Shelly Lundberg
University of Washington

visit dates: 5/5-5/6/08
Search Committee liaison: Kelly Bedard
Host department: Economics

Dr. Shelly Lundberg, candidate for the Demography Chair position, will be on campus for a visit on Monday and Tuesday, May 5th and 6th.

Her colloquium, entitled **Time Allocation of Parents and Investments in Sons and Daughters**, is scheduled for Monday, May 5th at 3:30 pm in North Hall 2111. A reception will be held, in her honor at 5:00 in North Hall 2119.

Arland Thornton
University of Michigan
visit dates: 5/12-13/08
Search Committee liaison: Ray Wong
Host department: Sociology

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Mark Hayward
University of Texas, Austin
visit dates: 5/27-28/08
Search Committee liaison: Ray Wong
Host department: Sociology

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THE 50TH ANNUAL
HAROLD J. PLOUS AWARD LECTURE

Thuc-Quyen Nguyen
*Nanostructures in Organic Semiconductors
and the Energy Challenge*

Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 4:00 PM/Free
Engineering Science Building 1001



Based upon recognition by the Department of Energy predicting that the demand for energy will more than double by 2050, Dr. Nguyen has researched the use of alternate forms by utilizing organic semiconductors to convert sunlight into electricity. Organic solar cells potentially offer a low cost, large area, flexible, light-weight, clean, and quiet alternative energy source for indoor and outdoor applications. Her research in this area focuses on controlling material processing conditions and designing/synthesizing materials having a broad absorption spectrum and high charge carrier mobility.

In parallel with materials synthesis and processing, her group has developed characterization techniques to probe nanoscale properties of solar cell materials. Another problem related to energy issue addressed in her group is to understand and control the charge injection mechanism in organic light emitting diodes, which find applications in lighting and display technologies. The ability to control

the charge injection leads to devices that operate at lower bias and are therefore more power efficient. From an overall perspective, these studies tackle fundamental critical problems associated with emerging organic semiconductor based technologies that generate energy and that contribute to energy conservation.

Monday, 12 May, 5 pm

Re-claiming the Ruins of "Japan's" Imperial Antiquity: Colonial Archaeological Surveys and Heritage Tourism in the Korean Peninsula (1900-1943)

Hyung Il Pai,

Depts. of History and of East Asian Languages & Cultures, UCSB
McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

Reception to follow

See attached flyer. Please distribute to other interested parties.

Also see announcement at:

[<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/archaeology.html>](http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/archaeology.html)

The lecture addresses the politics of Japanese tourism and how imperialistic and nationalistic cultural policies have influenced archaeological heritage management practices, preservations and ranking of monuments, and classifications of museum objects in East Asia. Hyung Il Pai was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea. After graduating from Sogang University with a BA in history, she entered the Ph.D. program in Anthropology at Harvard University. Professor Pai has conducted research at the Seoul National Museum, participated in excavations by Seoul National University throughout the Korean peninsula and studied at East Asian archives at Tokyo University, the Toyo Bunko (Oriental Library) and the International Center for Japanese Studies. Her work focuses on how the politics of nationalism, colonialism and identity formation have affected the fields of archaeology, ethnography, and cultural heritage management in Korea and Japan.

The Archaeology Research Focus Group
of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UCSB
[<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/archaeology.html>](http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/archaeology.html)
Co-conveners Michael Jochim and Christine M. Thomas

UCSB PRESENTS *LIEDERABEND*

* **SCHUBERTIAD (2 p.m., Karl Geiringer Hall)**

* **LIEDERABEND (7 p.m., Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall)**

SUN., MAY 4, Each event: \$15/Gen * \$7/Stu - *Tickets at the door*

The Department of Music launches LIEDERABEND, an annual event which, each year, will feature a different composer. Conceived by the Voice and Collaborative Piano areas of the department, the first edition features the composer who made the greatest single contribution to song literature in music history, **Franz Schubert**. Twenty-one singers and pianists perform two programs of Lieder and solo piano works by the great 19th century composer: **Schubertiad**, presented in the intimate setting of Geiringer Hall, and **Liederabend** on the department's main stage.

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

- **Fulbright/Fulbright-Hays Information Session**
May 19, 2008 – 1:30 P.M.
GSA Lounge – 2502 UCEN

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

- **Flagstaff Pecos Conference August 7-10, 2008**

<http://snipurl.com/1t5aa>

Major highlights of this year's Pecos Conference include a front row seat to knowledge that is literally earth-shaking: Discovery of a massive comet impact 12,800 years ago that just might have ended the Clovis period, melted a good portion of the Canadian ice shield, sparked epic forest fires, brought an end to the Pleistocene megafauna, and ushered in the cold pluvial conditions of the Younger-Dryas. Evidence now seems irrefutable that there was indeed a major comet impact in north America. The "black mat" of Clovis times now is known to contain particles that can only be explained by extraterrestrial origin. Now comes the hard part: What does all this mean, for both our understanding of specific events at the close of the Pleistocene, and our general theories of climatic and cultural change? What are the implications for archaeology (including Southwestern archaeology)? We will have on hand a panel of experts who made this remarkable discovery to present the results of their research and engage our questions. A live presentation of research results will take place on Friday night, followed by a panel discussion on Saturday morning. Pecos participants will be encouraged to ask questions of our panelists in both sessions.

The second major highlight is a badly-needed synthesis of new research on the origins of agriculture in the Southwest. Recent discoveries both north and south have accumulated faster than our ability to absorb and synthesize them. Sponsored by MNA and Desert Archaeology, a group of experts will convene for an advanced seminar at MNA's Colton House just prior to the Pecos Conference. Their discoveries and theories will then be presented in a Friday morning plenary session on early Southwestern agriculture. In the spirit of the original Pecos Conference, this session hopes to present a new synthesis of the origins of SW agriculture in both the northern and southern reaches of the SW, something that so far is unprecedented in SW archaeology. At a minimum, this session promises to highlight recent advances in our understanding of the timing and nature of the transition to agriculture across the SW, and to identify major areas of contention and future research.

In addition, we will highlight the 50th anniversary of the Glen Canyon project and recognize the contributions of David Breternitz to the research programs and development of the Museum of Northern Arizona. Professional workshops will also be presented on state of the art archaeological mapping and imaging, ethical, legal, and procedural dilemmas in CRM, new advances in the identification and dating of ceramics, and ... There will also be a presentation of films on SW archaeology, including vintage films of archaeological expeditions from the 1930s, 1950s, and 1960s. We will also screen a film created as part of the "Hopi Footprints" project, designed to teach Hopi history, culture, and language to Hopi youth through collaborations between Hopi elders, teachers, and archaeologists.

Special Note -- New Event At 2008 Pecos Conference: We ask archaeologists (professional, avocational, student) and conference attendees to blog the conference in real time, using cell phones and laptops, and we want to link all the blog voices on one page of the Pecos Conference website. The distributed blogging effort will be designed to assist those who cannot physically attend the Pecos Conference. This would be a great way to more deeply involve students and avocational archaeologists. To blog Pecos, we recommend you set up a blog now, using twitter.com, a free micro blog service which allows you to post to the web using your cell phone or your browser. A more standard method of blogging involves the use of <https://www.blogger.com/start?hl=en>, the free blogger offered by Google. We ask that every blogger remember to keep confidential sensitive site location information when writing about conference speaker's presentations or when posting cellphone photos of posters and graphics presented at the conference. Poster authors & speakers may need to consider modifications to presentations to enhance the confidentiality of sensitive site data.

Finally, we need your assistance to fully network the 2008 Pecos Conference -- We are looking for someone with a mobile home with satellite Internet connection to contact us. We hope they can park near the conference site and create a wireless hotspot so conference attendees can sit outside the link and connect via wireless router. If you know a volunteer to provide such service, please let us know.

Thanks,

2008 Pecos Conference Committee

[Chair: David Wilcox < DWilcox@mna.mus.az.us >]

http://www.swanet.org/2008_pecos_conference/committee.html