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DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS:

**Department of Anthropology
Spring 2007 Colloquia
Roundtable Discussion, Thursday, May 10, 2007
HSSB 2001A, 1:30-3:30pm
Lecture, Friday, May 11, 2007
HSSB 2001A, 3:30-5pm
Reception immediately following in HSSB 2024**

JON MCVEY ERLANDSON

Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon.
Excutive Director, University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

Colonizing the New World: Was There a Coastal Migration from
Asia to the Americas?

This public lecture will explore current theories about the Pleistocene settlement of the Americas by humans, including the possibility that maritime peoples moved around the Pacific Rim following a "kelp highway" that facilitated coastal migration. Beginning in Africa 150,000 years ago, Dr. Erlandson will trace the role of maritime migrations in the dispersal of anatomically modern humans, concluding with his current research on maritime Paleoindian peoples on California's Channel Islands.

Armin Schwegler, UCI

**Black Magic: Ritual Spanish and African Tongues in Cuba
Friday, May 11, 11 a.m.**

Harbor Room, UCen

Anthropology is co-sponsoring this talk.

EVENTS:

Monday, 7 May, 7:30 pm

Farrand Hall, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Obsidian on the Altiplano:

Quarrying and Regional Exchange in the Prehispanic South-central Andes

Nico Tripcevich

Ph.D., Anthropology, UCSB

Presented by Santa Barbara County Archaeological Society

see attached flyer or the link on our website at

<<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/archaeology/flyer2.html>>

What can archaeological studies at a high-altitude obsidian source in the Peruvian Andes tell us about the development of civilization on the Andean Altiplano before the Inka Empire? Using chemical analysis to determine the source of obsidian artifacts from archaeological sites throughout the Lake Titicaca Basin, we find that over 90% were derived from a single obsidian quarry above the Colca Valley in Arequipa, Peru. This talk will describe our fieldwork at the Chivay obsidian source at an altitude of 5000 meters (16,400'). The evidence suggests that trade networks organized by llama herders were likely responsible for the wide dissemination of material at an early date.

The Archaeology Research Focus Group

of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UCSB

<<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/research/archaeology.html>>

Co-conveners Michael Jochim and Christine M. Thomas

"Pocahontas Revealed" will premiere Tuesday, May 8 at 8:00 pm on most PBS stations.

Check your local listings to confirm when it will be broadcast near you:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/schedule-local.html>

For four centuries, Americans have adored her as a romantic fairy-tale heroine, but who was the real Pocahontas? As Jamestown, the first successful English settlement in the New World, marks its 400th birthday, NOVA celebrates with an illuminating new view of Pocahontas---and gives television audiences their first look inside the recently discovered sacred village of Werowocomoco ("Place of Chiefs") in present-day Virginia, where the longhouse in which Pocahontas first met the colonial leader John Smith in 1607 is being unearthed.

We invite you to help us spread the word about "Pocahontas Revealed" by forwarding the attached e-card to friends, family and colleagues who might want to tune in. You can also learn more about "Pocahontas

Revealed" at the companion Web site: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/Pocahontas>

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Palenque (Colombia): Language and Culture of an Afro-Hispanic Maroon Community

Armin Schwegler, UCI

Thursday, May 10, 4-5 p.m.

Phelps 4312 (Wofsy Room)

Robert Gilbert

Professor of Political Science at Northeastern University

and a first rate scholar of the American Presidency, will be making a presentation on Thursday, **May 10, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Ellison 3824.**

The title of his talk is "**Mental Illness and Presidential Performance: The Case of Calvin Coolidge.**"

Professor Gilbert is the author of several books, including "The Mortal Presidency" and "Presidential Disability and the 25th Amendment." His presentation on May 10th is based on his most recent book, "The Tormented President," which discusses how Coolidge's major depression following the death of his son affected his ability to function as President.

The Future of Multi-Media Digital News and Cultural Networks

Friday, May 11, 8-10 p.m.

Corwin Pavilion, UC Santa Barbara Campus

Free event

Presented by UC Santa Barbara's Carsey-Wolf Center for Film, Television, and New Media,
and UCTV--University of California Television

In an increasingly fragmented media landscape, is there still a place for thoughtful discussion of public affairs
and cultural programs?

Veteran news anchor **Forrest Sawyer** will moderate a wide-ranging examination of the evolution of public
interest media in the digital era. He will be joined by leaders from the University of California state-wide
system, including leadership of UCTV, the national satellite channel of the UC system, as well as broadcast and
digital media entrepreneurs, community media coordinators, new media researchers, and audience members to
discuss their experiences, innovations and visions for the future. Additional information about the panel and
participant bios can be found on the website of the Carsey-Wolf Center for Film Television, and New Media, at
www.cftnm.ucsb.edu.

Between Text, Artifact and Anthropology: Recent Excavations in Biblical Edom (Southern Jordan)

Thomas E. Levy (Anthropology & Judaic Studies, UC San Diego)

Monday, May 14 / 5:00 PM

McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

The question of whether the early Israelite kings were historical
individuals, or mythic figures created by later editors of the Hebrew Bible
has become one of the most contentious issues in Biblical studies and
Levantine archaeology today. New archaeological data concerning the
historicity of David and Solomon has come to light from Biblical Edom, one
of ancient Israel's geographic neighbors in modern Jordan. Join us for an
illustrated lecture highlighting the most recent discoveries by a UCSD -
Department of Antiquities of Jordan expedition that shed new light on this
problem.

Sponsored by the IHC's Archaeology Research Focus Group

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOPS:

This is a reminder that Summer Sessions and Instructional Development continue to offer the **Summer Teaching Institute for Associates (STIA)** at no cost to the participants or to the department. New and experienced Associates are invited to three, highly practical sessions to help them plan their course assignments, exams, and learning activities. They will have an opportunity to discuss their concerns and their thinking behind the many decisions they are making, many of them for the first time. In addition, they will have group meetings with UCSB faculty mentors throughout the summer. For more information, visit <http://www.oic.id.ucsb.edu/Services/STIA/index.html>

STIA also satisfies the course requirement (Requirement #2) for the Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT). <http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/academic/ccut/>

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

- The Office of Research and ISBER, UCSB are seeking to fill the position of **Director of Research Development for the Social Sciences**. Please see posting or visit www.isber.ucsb.edu.
- Information Center Position available. The Department is searching for an

Assistant Coordinator of the Information Center. The Assistant Coordinator is a GSR associated with the same fee remissions and health insurance coming with a TAship. The salary would depend on the student's advancement in the graduate program and experience. It is a half-time position, with flexible hours. If interested, please send Professor Glassow an email by Friday, 11 May, indicating such and any relevant past experience. If you want to learn more about the job, talk to Mark Neal, Matt Edwards or Melissa Chatfield, who have served as Assistant Coordinators.