

The Informant

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Kudos:



Susan Kuzminsky has been selected a U.S. Fulbright Scholar. This prestigious fellowship will support her while doing dissertation research in Chile. Congratulations Susan!!

Megan Carney received the TGIF (The Green Initiative Fund) research grant in the amount of \$15,300 from UCSB. Megan has been serving as the chair of Sustainable Food Coordinator with residential dining services. You can find more info on it through this website: <http://sustainability.ucsb.edu/tgif/08-09/index.php> under "Real Food Challenge."

In this month's issue of the Informant, we would like to welcome Aaron Blackwell, Professor Michael Gurven's new post-doc, to the department:



Aaron Blackwell is a human biologist and behavioral ecologist who has done recent work among the Shuar of Ecuador. He received his PhD in biological anthropology from the University of Oregon and has conducted past research on cell biology, hepatitis C epidemiology, and mental health. His work examines the regulation and development of the immune system, the effects of market integration on health and life histories, and cross-cultural attractiveness assessment psychology. His recent research examines trade-offs between multiple branches of immunity related to infection with helminths and inflammation, how these affect growth outcomes, and the influence of household composition on these trade-offs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A reminder that submissions for the **Anthropology of Technology Prize** competition are due to the Department Chair by **April 14, 2010**. Please see attached for details. Open to grad students and former students who were still in the program when they submitted the paper. Eligible papers must be published or have been accepted for publication in an academic journal or edited collection. Papers published more than 24 months before the deadline will not be considered. One or two awards of \$500 to \$1000 will be awarded every other year.

It's Spring! Come out and play with or cheer on the Cave Dwellers—the newly re-inaugurated Anthro Intramural Softball Team. We're competing every Wednesday 6-7 pm this quarter at the Stroke field. First game is **April 7**. The more the merrier, as the player roster is sure to change weekly. Email Rani Mclean (rani@umail.ucsb.edu) for more details and sign-up.

April 10. UCSB's Spring Insight. Potential undergraduates will be visiting campus with their families. Departments will have information on display.

April 10. Sedgwick Ranch public hike. The next in a series of monthly interpretative hikes on the beautiful UCSB Sedgwick Reserve in the Santa Ynez Valley will be held on Saturday, April 10 at 8:30 am. Three hikes with varying themes such as geology, landforms, Sedgwick panoramas, plants and animals or birds. The hikes will be approximately two to three hours each and will be conducted simultaneously, followed by the opportunity to picnic with your own lunch at the Reserve's outreach programs. Suggested donations of \$10 per hiker or \$15 per couple or family help to support the reserve. Donations can be made on the day of the hike. Reservations are required in advance. Also, be advised that if there is inclement weather, the hikes will be canceled and a message will be placed on the Sedgwick answering machine. To make a reservation for the Public Hike, email sedgwick@lifesci.ucsb.edu or call 805-686-1941, ext. 6.



April BROWN BAG talks (alt. Thursdays, 11:00, HSSB 2001A):

April 8: Melanie Martin: Parasites and intestinal microbiota in a natural disease ecology

April 22: Lisa McAllister (special time, 12pm-1pm)



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEADLINES FOR STUDENTS:

Graduate Student Annual Reports are due to Robin on Friday, **April 9.**



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Cal State Stanislaus. The Department of Anthropology/Geography invites applications for a part-time lecturer for the 2010-2011 academic year. The person appointed to this position will teach introductory and upper-division undergraduate courses in **archaeology and physical anthropology**. Courses may include Introduction to Archaeology, The Great Discoveries, Studies in World Prehistory, Method and Theory in Archaeology, Travelers in Time, Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Primate Behavior. A Ph.D. in Anthropology is preferred. A Masters will be considered with strong teaching, fieldwork, or lab experience. A potential candidate's consideration will be enhanced by providing evidence of quality undergraduate teaching and a strong record of fieldwork. A complete application must include: an application letter, specifically addressing the position description and qualifications; unofficial copies of graduate transcripts; a CV, including the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references; evidence of teaching effectiveness. Screening of completed application files will begin on **May 1, 2010.** The position will remain open until filled.

Send applications, and all other correspondence concerning this position vacancy, to:
Dr. Sari Miller-Antonio
Department of Anthropology/Geography
California State University, Stanislaus
One University Circle
Turlock, CA 95382



FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

(see fliers posted in the reading room)

(Please note that the AAA maintains a list of fellowship opportunities on their website at www.aaanet.org/profdev/fellowships.)



INTRAMURAL GRANTS

**IHC Grants:
Deadline April 15:**

For graduate students:

Pre-doctoral Fellowships
The Interdisciplinary Humanities Center offers pre-doctoral fellowships to support doctoral candidates and advanced MFA students whose research facilitates dialogue across the traditional disciplinary boundaries within the arts and humanities, and/or between the arts & humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/pre-doctoral-fellowships/>

For faculty:

Release Time Awards
Awards will be given to ladder rank faculty to release them from teaching one quarter to concentrate on research projects.
<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/release-time-awards/>

Collaborative Research Grants
Awards will be made to support collaborative projects. Eligible projects include conferences at UCSB or in the Santa Barbara area; collaborative research or instructional projects by faculty in one or more departments/programs; and initiatives to bring visiting scholars and arts practitioners to campus for collaborative research or teaching (where appropriate such scholars may be appointed Visiting Fellows of the IHC).
<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/collaborative-research-grants/>

Individual Research Grants
Awards will be made to support individual research. Eligible expenses include research assistance, travel expenses, and miscellaneous research expenses. Award amounts up to \$1000.00.
<http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/individual-research-grants/>



CONFERENCES

(most fliers are posted in the reading room)

(Please note that the AAA also maintains a list of conferences on its website, at http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/meetings_cal.cfm.)

April 14-18. Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.

April 14-18. 2010 American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA) Annual Meeting. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

April 30-May 2. 3 UC Annual Conference. Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA. The 3 UC is an annual gathering for students and researchers from UCSB, UCLA, UCD, Cal Poly, and CSU Fullerton with interests in anthropology, psychology, behavior, ecology, culture and evolution. Registration is \$30 for students and \$45 for faculty and post-docs, includes Saturday and Sunday talks, and dinner, lunch, and drinks Friday and Saturday. Contact Melanie Martin (melaniemartin@umail.ucsb.edu) to register or request more information.

