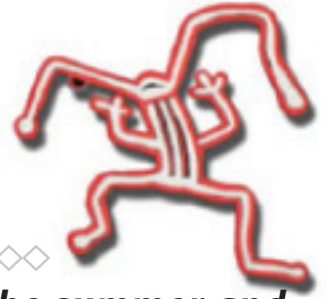


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Welcome back everyone. I trust everyone has survived the summer and is ready to jump back into the academic year. Let's welcome the new crop of graduate students:

Jessica Kaplan (Archaeology)



I'm Jessica Kaplan and I am originally from Portland, Oregon. I received my BA in Anthropology from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. My undergraduate work in archaeology focused on Archaic period rock shelters in the Hudson Valley. Currently, I am interested in looking at the influence and power of "sacred" landscapes in the Andes. I want to look at how past societies used both the geographic and spiritual aspects of the landscape to establish and maintain power.

My name is Grayson Maas. I was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I attended the University of Pennsylvania, where I received a B.A. in biology. After conducting fieldwork in southern Kenya and northern Mongolia, I developed an intense passion for ecological anthropology. As a graduate student, I intend to investigate the various perceptions of conservation, climate change, and environmental importance among those who inhabit systems where biodiversity is severely compromised. Other interests of mine include animal (non-human) behavior, canines, great works of fiction, music (especially the guitar), and last but certainly not least, all Philadelphia sports franchises.

Grayson F. Maas (Sociocultural)



Jenna Santy (Archaeology)



Hello! I'm Jenna Santy. I was born in Santa Barbara, but grew up in San Diego, CA. I did my undergrad at UC Davis, majoring in both Anthropology (emphasis Archaeology) and Art History, and minoring in Music. I'm interested in California coastal archaeology, specifically coastal adaptation, cultural transmission, and mobility and settlement patterns. I enjoy traveling and hiking, and spent time this Summer roadtripping up to Seattle and Vancouver, BC, and working on Santa Cruz Island with Dr. Lynn Gamble. I'm excited to finally begin my graduate studies at UCSB!

Elizabeth Weigler (Sociocultural)



Hello! My name is Elizabeth Weigler and I'm coming to UCSB from Burlington Wisconsin. I completed my undergrad at Ripon College in Ripon Wisconsin this past year with a B.A. in Anthropology and History. I am here for South Asian Cultural Anthropology, but I am more specifically interested in Sikhism, the Sikh Diaspora, identity formation, globalization, and transnationalism. I also have a special place in my academic heart for religion and history. I studied in India for six months and love to travel and experience new cultures. If you ever want to go hiking, let me know!

KUDOS

The following students were awarded their final degrees: Congratulations!!!

Sarah Abraham, PhD (Spring 2010)
Terry Joslin, PhD (Spring 2010)
Matthew Edwards, PhD (Summer 2010)
Claudia Rumold, PhD (Summer 2010)
Myrtle Shock, PhD (Summer 2010)
Sabrina Sholts, PhD (Summer 2010)
Lisa Hosale, MA (Summer 2010)
Hugo Santos-Gomez, PhD (Fall 2010)
Daniel Sznycer, PhD (Fall 2010)

Meghan Carney received a UC MEXUS dissertation research grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL BROWN BAG SERIES:

Every other Thursday from 12:30-1:30 pm, in HSSB 2001A

October 7. Flash/PPT Throw Down: Who are you in 1-3 slides? What do you study? What are your interests in and outside of academia? What crazy field story or photos from this summer can you share with us? Whatever! We will meet and greet round table style. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to participate!

October 21. TBA



DEPARTMENT LECTURES:

Friday, October 15, 2010; 4pm HSSB 2001A

Dr. Philip P. Arnold III, University of Loyola, Chicago

Strangers in the Heartland: Alternative Olmecs along Mexico's Gulf Coast

Regional and intraregional evidence argues for a fractious Gulf Olmec socio-political landscape. Rather than a localized, homogeneous "heartland," these archaeological data implicate an occupation that was extensive, differentiated, and dynamic. Consideration of these "alternative Olmecs," realized at different analytical scales, affords a more realistic interpretation of Gulf Olmec development and the origins of complex society along the Mexican Gulf lowlands.



AGSA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Share a Skill Day

Date/Time TBA

Let's try to have a day every other week where we get together and share some useful skills we know with other students (GIS, Trimble, document formatting, etc...). If interested, contact Greg Wilson with ideas, skills you have, skills you want, etc.

Fieldwork

Three graduate students (Craig Smith, Jessika Akmenkaln, and Kristin Hoppa) and two undergraduates (Egor and Ivena) joined Mike Jochim for fieldwork in Southwest Germany this summer. Both the fieldwork and the experience were absolutely awesome.

Helpful Links

Instructional Development's **TA pedagogy workshops** for Fall:

<http://oic.id.ucsb.edu/ta-training-programs/ta-workshops-seminars>



CAMPUS LECTURES

Tuesday, October 5th, 3:00-5:30 pm, Corwin Pavilion: Professor David Cleveland, 2009-2010 UCSB Campus Sustainability Champion: **"Sustainability: More greenwash or the key to our future? The example of localizing the Santa Barbara County food system."**



LOCAL EVENTS

October 2. Roller Derby – BLOCKtoberfest. Earl Warren Showgrounds (Gate C), Doors open at 4:30pm / Bout at 5pm. Mission City Brawlin Betties (with our very own Melanie Martin!) vs. Bakersfield Diamond Divas.

October 1-3. California **Avocado Festival**, Carpinteria.

October 9. Santa Barbara **Harbor and Seafood Festival**.

October 10. Old-Time **Fiddlers' Convention and Festival**, Goleta.

October 16-17. California **Lemon Festival**, Goleta.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

(most fliers are posted in the reading room)

The Department of Anthropology, **University of Maryland**, anticipates hiring a tenure track assistant professor for August 2011. Qualifications include a Ph.D. in anthropology with specialization in race and ethnicity as it pertains to **health**. Candidates must show an active research agenda with refereed publications, federal, local, or foundation funding, and teaching excellence. See information at <jobs.umd.edu>. Application deadline: November 1.

The Department of Anthropology, **University of Maryland**, anticipates hiring a tenure track assistant professor for August 2011. Qualifications include a Ph.D. in anthropology with specialization in **environmental anthropology**. Candidates must demonstrate an active research agenda with publications, field experience, extramural funding, and teaching excellence. See information at <jobs.umd.edu>. Application deadline: November 1.

The **University of Toledo's** Department of Sociology & Anthropology invites applicants for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Anthropology beginning Fall 2011. We are seeking applicants in areas of **urban ethnography and sustainability** as we develop our sustainable specialty area and Institute. In addition to one of these substantive areas, candidates should also be prepared to teach theory at the undergraduate level. The successful candidate will hold a PhD no later than August 2011. Application screening will begin on October 18, 2010 and will continue until the position is filled.

Cornell University, Department of Anthropology, seeks applicants for an open rank position in **sociocultural anthropology**. Theoretical and geographical areas are open, but we are especially interested in scholars working in one or more of the following topical areas: power, kinship, health, gender, technoscience, media, language, aesthetics, and/or performance. We are also particularly interested in scholars of Latin America and the anthropology of Islam. Deadline: September 30, 2010.

Portland State University, Department of Anthropology, invites applications for a tenure-track assistant/associate professor in **Archaeology**, to begin September 2011. Area specialization in **western North America** (excluding the Southwest) required. Applicants should demonstrate a strong record of problem-oriented research and publication that incorporates quantitative methods and expertise in geoarchaeology, GIS, or analysis of material remains (e.g., lithics), a proven ability to secure external funding, and experience in teaching and community engagement. Deadline: October 31.

The Anthropology Department at **Portland State University** seeks applicants for a tenure-track position in Applied Sociocultural Anthropology at the Assistant Professor level for the 2010-2011 academic year. We seek a specialist in **Medical Anthropology** with experience developing applied projects. Area expertise in Native North America, Latin America, or the Caribbean preferred. Deadline: October 31.

Baylor University Department of Anthropology invites applications for an anthropological **archaeologist** at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor. Topical and geographic specializations are open but should complement those of existing faculty; applicants with technical expertise in at least one of the followings areas are especially encouraged to apply: lithic analysis, ceramic analysis, archeobotany. Deadline: October 15.

Yale University Department of Anthropology is seeking applicants for a tenure track position in **evolutionary demography** at the level of Assistant Professor. Suitable areas of interest include the active demographic assessment of modern human populations, including foragers, horticulturalists, and

other non-western populations, as well as non-human primate populations. Review of applications to begin December 1.

The Department of Anthropology at **New Mexico State University** may be seeking an **archaeologist** with expertise in the Archaeology of the American Southwest for a 1-semester position for Spring 2011, with a possibility of a one-year position for 2011-12. Expertise in geospatial analytical skills, public or collaborative archaeology, or lithic analysis is desirable. A strong grounding in archaeological method and theory essential. Deadline: October 11.



FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

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

The **Archaeological Institute of America** offers several Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants for archaeological research and publications. Information on them can be found at <http://www.archaeological.org/grants> on the AIA's website. The deadline for several of them is November 1.

National Gallery of Art, Paul Mellon and Ailsa Mellon Bruce Senior Fellowships, for research in the history, theory, and criticism of the visual arts of any geographical area and of any time period. Deadline: October 15.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships (Woodrow Wilson Foundation), support the final years of dissertation work. Eligible proposals have religious or ethical values as a central concern. Deadline: November 15.

Ford Foundation Predoctoral, Dissertation, and Postdoctoral Fellowships. See information at <http://national-academies.org/fellowships>. Deadlines vary, but all are in early November.

SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship. Provides support for 9-12 months of dissertation research outside the US. See information at www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Three years of graduate support in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Information at www.nsf.gov/grfp.

School of Advanced Research (SAR) in Santa Fe offers pre- and post-doctoral resident scholar fellowships. See information at scholars.sarweb.org. Deadline: November 1.



CONFERENCES

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

The **National Social Science Association** is becoming the largest interdisciplinary association in the United States. We are now accepting proposals for our National Technology and Social Science Conference, April 17-20, 2011, in Las Vegas at the Las Vegas Hilton. Information can be found at the association website at <http://www.nssa.us>.

November 12-13, **Denver Art Museum** 2010 Mayer Center symposium, "At the Crossroads: The Arts of Spanish America & Early Global Trade, 1492-1850."

October 27-30. **SEAC** (Southeastern Archaeological Conference) 2010, 67th Annual Meeting, at the Lexington Downtown Hotel and Conference Center, Lexington, Kentucky.

WORKSHOPS / INSTITUTES

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Practical Qualitative Data Analysis in ATLAS.ti Workshop October 9-10, 2010. This two-day workshop course will provide both a conceptual background and practical experience in computer assisted qualitative data analysis (CAQDA) using ATLAS.ti. For more information, pricing, and registration: http://socialresearch.berkeley.edu/pages/atlas_ti_workshop_overview.html

NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students (EAPSI) is a flagship international fellowship program for developing the next generation of globally engaged U.S. scientists and engineers knowledgeable about the Asian and Pacific regions. The Summer Institutes are hosted by foreign counterparts committed to increasing opportunities for young U.S. researchers to work in research facilities and with host mentors abroad. Fellows are supported to participate in eight-week research experiences at host laboratories in Australia, China, Japan (10 weeks), Korea, New Zealand, Singapore and Taiwan from June to August. The program provides a \$5,000 summer stipend, round-trip airfare to the host location, living expenses abroad, and an introduction to the society, culture, language, and research environment of the host location. The 2011 application is now open and will close at 5:00 pm local time on November 10, 2010. Application instructions are available online at www.nsf.org. For further information concerning benefits, eligibility, and tips on applying, applicants are encouraged to visit www.nsf.gov/eapsi or www.nsf.org.

