KUDOS:
Anthropology Of Technology Prize Awarded To Choong-Hwan Park

The UCSB Department of Anthropology is pleased to announce that Dr. Choong-Hwan Park (Ph.D., Anthropology, UCSB, Fall 2008) has received the 2009-10 Anthropology of Technology Prize for his article entitled, “Symbolic Appropriation of the Internet: Modernity, Peasant Bodies, and the Image of Familial Intimacy in China’s Nongjiale Tourism Online Advertisements.” It was published in East Asian Science, Technology and Society: An International Journal 2:235-264, in 2008. The paper is an anthropological study of how Chinese peasant entrepreneurs’ adoption of the Internet is engrained in the broader material and symbolic orders of contemporary Chinese society. The article sheds light on an interesting rural-urban issue in Asia, and significantly intervenes in discussions in Science and Technology Studies. It is first-rate anthropology of technology.

The prize fund was established in 2000 ($5,000 donated by Professor Emerita Francesca Bray, $5,000 by the Dean of Graduate Affairs) and the Department makes awards every two years until the funds are expended. Dr. Bray encourages graduate students to become interested in the anthropological study of technology, which is a major focus of her own research.

The next call for the Anthropology of Technology Prize will be announced in 2010-11 and the award announced in May 2012.

Congratulations to Choong-Hwan!

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ANTHRO GRAD STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS:

Christopher von Rueden was awarded the Fiona Goodchild Award for Excellence as a Graduate Student Mentor of Undergraduate Research. He is the first Anthropology grad student to receive this honor. Congratulations Chris!
Diana Dyste-Anzures was awarded a Wenner Gren Foundation dissertation fieldwork grant to support field excavation and lab analysis.

Rani McLean was awarded a Valene Smith Prize for Posters on Tourism at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology (SFAA), held this year in Mérida, México. Rani’s poster documented the negative impact of tourism and changing grape cultivation practices on immigrant laborers in Napa Valley. More information on Rani’s work and the Valene Smith Prize can be found at:

http://www.sfaa.net/valenesmith/valenesmithwinner2010.html

Carola Flores and Mike Glassow were awarded a grant through the ISBER Social Science Research Grants Program (SSRGP) for their proposal entitled “8,500 Years of Human-Environment Interaction on Santa Cruz Island, California: A Collaboration Between Marine Biology and Archaeology to Develop a Historical Perspective Toward Resources Management.”

Dana Bardolph, Shelley LaMon, and Melanie Martin received Honorable Mentions for proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP), in archaeology and sociocultural and physical anthropology, respectively.

DEGREES AWARDED/EXPECT TO BE AWARDED 2009-10
(including Summer…and maybe Fall)

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2010-11 Central Continuing Fellowship Awardees:

Amy Gusick (Fletcher Jones Fellowship)
Christopher von Rueden (Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship)
Melanie Martin (Dean’s Fellowship)
Carolyn Hodges (Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant)
Gisela Lanzas (Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant)
Lisa McAllister (Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant)
Anne Pisor (NSF Research Experience for Graduates [REG] Grant)
Emily Miner (NSF Research Experience for Graduates [REG] Grant)

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS:

Our department intramural softball team, the Cave Dwellers, is wrapping up its successful inaugural season. Many thanks are owed to Rani McLean for organizing and leading the team (even sustaining a wrist injury in an otherwise-incredible outfield play), and high-fives all around to the Anthro grad students, faculty, and friends who came out to play: Aaron Blackwell, Megan Carney, Jennifer Clinton, Matt Whittle, Melanie Martin, Jaime Matera, Lisa McAllister, Craig Smith, Casey Walsh, Lucas Johnson,
and Javin and Armand from Chemistry. And finally, a big thanks to the loyal fans who came out and supported the team: Sarah Abraham, Jessika Akmenkalns, Dana Heins-Gelder, Gisela Lanzas, Myrtle Shock, and Madeline Smith. It was a great season!

Upcoming Deadlines:

File for **In Absentia** or **Leave of Absence for Fall**: September 3  
File for **Summer Degree**: September 10  
File for **Fall Degree with Spring Fees**: September 17  
Advance to **Candidacy for Fall**: September 17  
**Fee Deadline for Fall**: September 23

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS:

This year saw the induction of the **Anthropology Society**, an undergraduate organization dedicated to the pursuit of anthropological interests and scholarly and professional development. They’ve had an incredibly productive and successful first year and we are proud to have them representing our department. Most impressively, they are publishing the first issue of The Journal of the Society of Anthropology at UCSB, an undergraduate anthropology journal, this month! Jonathan Weber and Allison Jaqua are the student editors, and our department chair, Katharina Schreiber is serving as executive editor. Recently, the Anthro Society members also organized a trip to Santa Cruz Island, and in late May headed to Painted Rock on the Carrizo Plain.

Have a great summer everyone!