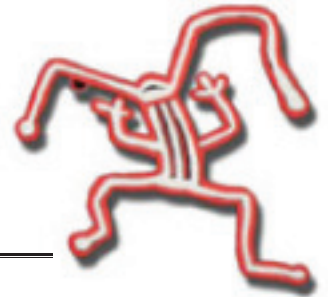


# The Informant

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## KUDOS

To Professors Greg Wilson and Amber VanDerwarker for receiving a major grant from NSF entitled, "Living with War: The Impacts of Chronic Violence on Everyday Life in the Central Illinois River Valley."



## Welcome to Adrian Jaeggi, Postdoctoral Scholar



I studied biology at the University of Zurich and got my M.S. in 2006 with a major in biological anthropology. The training at the Anthropological Institute and Museum included courses in human and primate anatomy and functional morphology, human evolution, primate behavioral ecology, evolutionary genetics, comparative psychology and others.

For my Masters thesis I did research on social learning among wild orangutans in Indonesian Borneo, working with Carel van Schaik as my advisor. I stayed in Zurich for my PhD and continued working with Carel, focusing on social dominance hierarchies and exchange among captive chimpanzees and bonobos.

I defended last year and got funding from the Swiss NSF for at least one year of postdoctoral research.

Having been interested in very similar questions as Michael Gurven, it was the logical next step for me to get in touch with him and join the Tsimane Life History and Health project.

I am currently investigating inequality in traditional and novel forms of wealth and the impacts of inequality on risk management and exchange.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## **GRAD PREVIEW WEEKEND: Friday & Saturday, February 25 & 26, 2011**

Please join us in welcoming our prospective new graduate students! Friday events will include an orientation breakfast, tour of the department, a graduate student panel, faculty roundtables, and a reception at 5pm with faculty and current grad students. Saturday is a tour of the Santa Barbara area, culminating with a potluck dinner at Lynn Gamble's home. Prospective students will be contacting faculty to set up individual meetings on Friday. All faculty and current students are encouraged to attend the reception Friday afternoon and the dinner Saturday night. AGSA will coordinate current students to participate in the department tour, student panel discussion, Saturday tour, and housing prospective students. More details to come!

## **Ethics Bowl:**

Heather Thakar, Dana Bardolph, Sarah Mellinger, and Jenna Santy (with Lynn Gamble as the faculty mentor) will be representing the UCSB Department of Anthropology at the SAA 76th Annual Meeting Ethics Bowl this year. The ethics bowl is a debate-style competition designed to explore the ethics of archaeological practice. Issues range from NAGPRA and Indigenous interaction to sexual/gender discrimination in academia.

We would like to invite the entire department to help us prepare! Once the ethical case studies are published this month we will post them in an online forum for faculty members and graduate students to contribute both their perspectives and experience. Additionally we would like faculty members to participate as judges in a preparatory mock debate that will be held as a Brown Bag on March 1st (see below). Help us represent UCSB well!

## **CAMPUS HOLIDAYS IN JANUARY**

**MONDAY, February 21st. Presidents Day**

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## **WINTER BROWN BAG SERIES**

Tuesday March 1, 11-12, in HSSB 2001a. Mock debate: Ethics Bowl. (See above.)

## **OTHER DEPARTMENT EVENTS:**

**Monday, February 28, 10-11 "Getting a Teaching Associate Position"** with graduate student panelists, led by Greg Wilson. Panel discussion on preparing for an associate teaching position. Grad students with Teaching Associate experience will provide information regarding the application process as well as what it takes to prepare a course as the instructor of record. Along with the help of some faculty, the general topics we hope to address include advice on preparing a course syllabus, teaching philosophy, and planning class sessions. Location TBA.

## **WORKSHOPS**

**Monday, February 7, 10-11, "CCUT Informational"** presented by Kim McShane from Instructional Development. If you are interested in pursuing a career in college or university teaching, and would like to distinguish yourself from other applicants, please come to this information session to learn about UCSB's **Certificate in College and University Teaching** (CCUT) program. Past recipients of the certificate report that completing the certificate greatly improved their teaching skills and enhanced their ability to secure jobs.

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

(most flyers are 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](http://www.aaanet.org/profdev/fellowships).)*

**Visiting Fellowship in the humanities and social sciences at the School of Advanced Study, University of London.** Deadline for submission has been extended to 28 February 2011. Applications for 2011–12 are now invited from scholars (at least ten years from their PhD) wishing to pursue research in London in any of the areas covered by the School, and to engage in an active relationship with the multidisciplinary scholarly community across the School. The Fellowship is tenable for up to six consecutive months between September 2011 and June 2012. For further information: [www.sas.ac.uk/fellowshipprogrammes.html](http://www.sas.ac.uk/fellowshipprogrammes.html)

Alianza de las Artes Americanas, a support group of the New World Department at the Denver Art Museum, is pleased to announce the 2011-2012 **Mayer Scholarship**. This biennial research opportunity is awarded to a doctoral student in early June for two weeks of study the following academic year in the New World Department and Collections at the Denver Art Museum. The deadline is April 1, 2011. Information on past Mayer Scholarship recipients can be found at <http://mayercenter.denverartmuseum.org/scholarship.htm>

The **Sainsbury Research Unit** for the Arts of Africa, Oceania and the Americas is able to offer a number of scholarships and study bursaries for MA and PhD students entering in September 2011. The deadline for consideration for scholarships is 1 March 2011. Further information on scholarships, the Sainsbury Research Unit and applications for entry in 2011 can be found at [www.sru.uea.ac.uk](http://www.sru.uea.ac.uk).

## INTRAMURAL GRANTS

### Call for Proposals - 2010-2011 Instructional Improvement Program (IIP) Grants

The purpose of the Instructional Improvement Program is to encourage and support faculty efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate instruction. The program is supported largely by Undergraduate Instructional Improvement funds from the State Legislature and the Regents. These funds are viewed as seed money to encourage experimentation with new ideas, methods, technologies and content areas, so that the quality of undergraduate instruction at the University of California remains excellent, and like the quality of research, on the "cutting edge." The benefits of a funded project must affect more than one offering of one or more courses. IIP Proposals are due **Tuesday, February 22, 2011** by 5:00 pm.

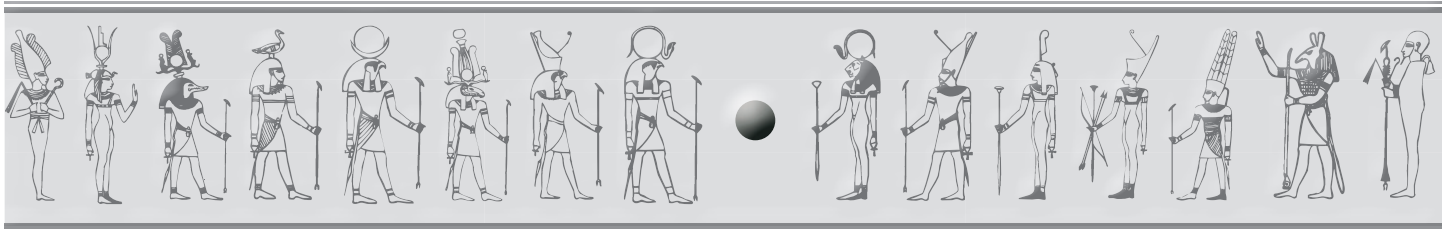
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**Society for American Archaeology 76th Annual Meeting, March 30–April 3, Sacramento, California.** Advance registration deadline: February 28. Information at [www.saa.org/aboutthesociety/annualmeeting](http://www.saa.org/aboutthesociety/annualmeeting).

**Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, May 6-7, 2011, Cal Poly, Pomona.** Call for Papers. Contributions may be in any area of science or mathematics. IN recent years papers have concentrated in the fields of Marine and aquatic biology, terrestrial biology, ecology, systematics, population biology, biogeography, archaeology, and geology. For information on abstract submission go to <http://scas.jsd/claremont.edu>.



## Insurance and Travel Reminders

With the current political and climate changes going on in the world, it is important that you are aware of any information that could affect your travel. Here are some important websites:

US Department of State Travel site:  
<http://travel.state.gov/>

Country Specific Information:  
[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis\\_pa\\_tw\\_1168.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_1168.html)

Travel Alerts:  
[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/pa/pa\\_1766.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_1766.html)

Travel Warnings:  
[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)

### UC Traveler Insurance Coverage

The Office of Risk Services within the Financial Management Department at the UC Office of the President has arranged for employees traveling on official University business to be covered for a wide variety of accidents and incidents while away from the campus or primary workplace. Upon completion of the short Traveler Insurance form, employees will be provided with information to use in an emergency while traveling on UC business both domestically and abroad. Registration is required for business trips out of state and to foreign countries. Students who complete this form can also be covered while participating in UC sponsored and supervised off-campus activities both domestically and abroad. Registration is required for activities taking place out of state and in foreign countries.

<https://www.uctrips-insurance.org/>

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