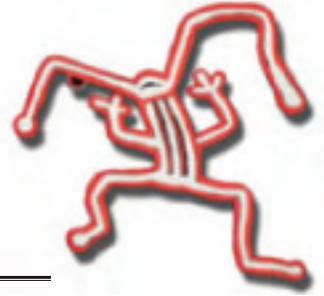


The Informant

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Welcome back everyone to a new and busy year with two Assistant Professor searches! I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to jump back into the academic year. First, let's welcome the new crop of graduate students:



John Baber (Archaeology)



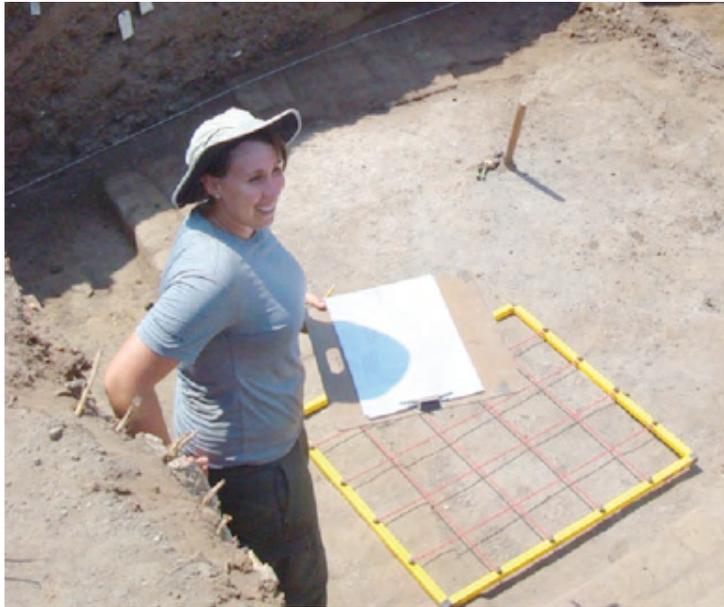
Research interests: Archaeologist, research interests include state formation, warfare, political systems, and monumental architecture. Regional interests include the ancient Near East and pre-contact South America.



Christopher Borlas (Archaeology)



Research interests: coastal archaeology; hunter gatherer settings and logistics of marine, estuarine, and riverine transportation; landscape archaeology; household archaeology; site formation processes; methodology for investigating submerged sites.



Erin Bornemann (Archaeology)

My research interests lie primarily in Egyptian archaeology. I completed undergraduate fieldwork at the site of Mendes in the Egyptian Delta. I am especially interested in ancient Egyptian sociopolitical and economic organization with emphasis in relations between Egypt and the ancient Mediterranean/Near East, the functions of women in ancient Egyptian society, and epigraphy.



Christina Friberg (Archaeology)

I am interested in the prehistoric production and exchange of ritual artifacts in the American South-east, sourcing those artifacts to their origins, and understanding more about ritual and its wide-spread variation.



Eric Fuerstenberg (IAS)

I am interested in examining the ways in which cognitive ability relates to skill acquisition, social status and prestige, and the optimization of hunting and foraging strategies in hunter-horticulturalist societies.



Angela Garcia (IAS)

My research interests include human-marine ecology; coastal resource management; economic and social rights of indigenous people; the impacts of natural disasters and globalization on developing coastal communities.



Linda Hall (Sociocultural)

I examine the cultural politics of race and identity construction among Afro-Ecuadorians in the wake of Ecuador's adoption of a "pluricultural" constitution 2008. My primary research interests include the study of Afro-Ecuadorian identity construction and how this developing identity is responding to the government's preference to address issues of culture in absence of a productive discourse about race.



Allison Jaqua (Archaeology)

Research interests: California archaeology; coastal adaptation; household archaeology; development of social complexity and craft specialization.





Erik Johanson (Archaeology)

Research interests: Settlement patterning; hunter-gatherers, Pleistocene/Holocene transition; peopling of the Americas; Southeastern US.



Hareem Khan (Sociocultural)

I am fascinated by how communities construct their perceptions of beauty around skin color preference. Specifically, I hope to study rural and urban areas of North India to relate ways in which skin color and beauty play a role in the construction of female identity as well as how they impact globalization of skin lightening products used by Indian women.



Patricia Chirinos Ogata (Archaeology)

My research focuses on the concept of human agency and the process of identity formation in the context of the colonial encounter between the Wari empire and the local communities in the Central Andes during the Middle Horizon. I am especially interested in the strategies the local communities used and displayed to reaffirm their ethnic identity, and its consequent modification of daily-use objects. This analysis is based within the broader goal of exploring culture contact and interaction on a regional and macro-regional scale, and will be based in part on the research I have been doing the last few years with South Coast and South Highlands materials.



Joanna Steinhardt (Sociocultural)

I'm interested in new religious movements and emergent spiritual practices with a focus on Israel/Palestine and North America. I'm thinking about how communal identities formed with reference to the contemporary global context (such as environmentalist, "New Age", or so-called "anti-globalization") influence collective imagination and social action.



Becky Wright (IGPMS)

My research focuses on issues surrounding marine conservation in Solomon Islands, primarily ecosystem resilience and recovery, human and environment interaction, social and cultural behavior, and conservation development strategies.



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

2010-11 MAs Awarded

Jessika Akmenkalns	Spring 2011
Mohamed Abdelrahman Ali	Fall 2010
Matthew Biwer	Spring 2011
Jennifer Clinton	Spring 2011
Dana Heins-Gelder	Spring 2011
Sarah Kerchusky	Spring 2011
Sangin Kim	Spring 2011
Shelley LaMon	Spring 2011
Melanie Martin	Spring 2011
Sarah Mellinger	Summer 2011
Craig Smith	Spring 2011
Madeline Smith	Spring 2011

2010-11 PhDs Awarded

Gayathri Embuldeniya	Summer 2011
Oshan Fernando	Summer 2011
Brent Leftwich	Fall 2010
Hugo Santos-Gomez	Fall 2010
Daniel Szyner	Fall 2010
Christopher von Rueden	Filed 9/16/11 for Fall 2011

2011-12 Central New and Continuing Fellowship Awardees

*Mohamed Abdelrahman Ali:
Megan Carney:
Patricia Chirinos Ogata:
Aldo Cimino:
Angela Garcia:
Hareem Khan:
Joanna Steinhardt:
Jennifer Taylor:
Heather Thakar:*

*Dean's Fellowship
Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship
Regents Special Fellowship
Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant
Eugene Cota Robles Fellowship
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship
Chancellor's Fellowship
Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant
Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant*

Congratulations to Greg Wilson on his tenure, and Mike Gurven on his promotion to Professor!

And also a welcome and welcome back to our new and returning **Lecturers and Visiting Scholars:**

Alvarado, Jennifer V
Blackwell, Aaron
Cremers, Matthea (Thea)
Curran, Sabrina
Curtis, Matthew (Matt)
Farreny, Antonio
Jaeggi, Adrian
Johnson, John R.

Kim, Sangin
Nuño Gutiérrez, Maria Rosa
Saldívar Tanaka, Emiko
Santos-Gomez, Hugo
Szyncer, Daniel
Taber, Patricia (Patti)
Villagómez Velázquez, Yanga
von Rueden, Christopher



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

DEPARTMENT SEARCHES:

I am happy to report that we received approval for two tenure track faculty searches, which are well under way. Expect a busy Winter Quarter as the candidates come through for their interviews and job talks! Check out the link below to see the official ads for a Biological Anthropologist (IAS) and a Socio-cultural Ecological Anthropologist (SAAB), each at the Assistant Professor level.

<http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/jobs.php>

FALL BROWN BAGS ARE BACK!

For the fall quarter, Brown Bags will be held during lunch hour (12-1pm) on the 2nd and 4th week of every month. The first scheduled Brown Bag will be on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25th, from 12-1pm in HSSB 2001A.

For those of you who are new to Brown Bags, and for those of you who need refreshing, Brown Bags are an informal and FUN opportunity for grads, faculty and interested undergrads to present their field-work, discuss a research idea, practice a conference talk, present a paper or anything else that benefits our anthropological community. GET CREATIVE! We have such a talented and diverse department and this is our opportunity to share our ideas amongst colleagues and friends.

Before we can have Brown Bags, we need PARTICIPANTS! Below are the dates for the upcoming fall quarter Brown Bags, so send me an e-mail if you are interested in presenting!

Oct. 25

Nov. 8

Nov. 22

To sign up for a Brown Bag talk, or possibly schedule an alternative date from those listed above, contact Jessica Kaplan (jessicakaplan@umail.ucsb.edu)

AGSA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As part of the new campus organization registration process, the AGSA drafted a new constitution (attached) complete with a revised mission statement and updated list of officers and committee members.

From the general consensus in the department and after further discussion in our recent AGSA quarterly meeting, the AGSA has decided to invest in department t-shirts this year. Following the recommendations of many, the t-shirt design will include both men's (basic crew t-shirt) and ladies' (v-neck, shorter sleeves) styles. In addition, we will not be adding a date to the design, so that it can be worn by all through the years. Our aim is to have the t-shirts ready by the holiday season for purchase for self, family and friends (cost is estimated to be no more than \$20 per shirt). That means it's time to send in your designs! SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS FOR WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE DEPARTMENT T-SHIRT BY FRIDAY OCT. 28TH. Once submitted, all designs will be put to a vote, and we will start taking size orders in order to have them completed by the end of November.

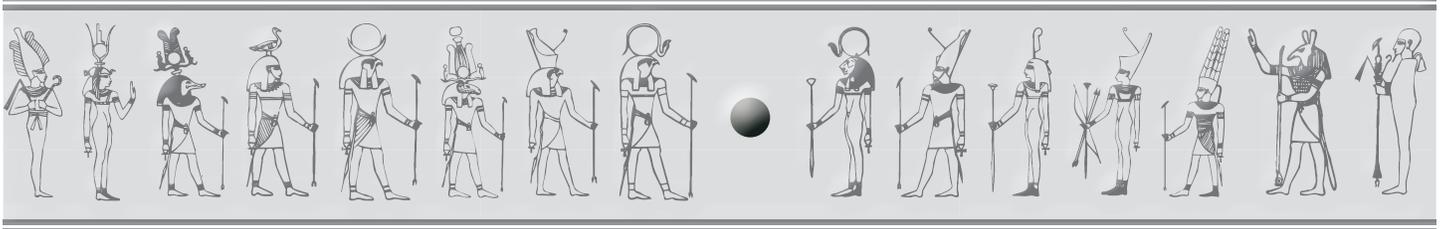
Helpful Links

Instructional Development's TA pedagogy workshops for Fall:

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

CAMPUS LECTURES

Identity Research Focus Group: Stuart Tyson Smith (UCSB): Identity, Commemoration and Remembrance: Funerary practice and contested identities in Sudanese Nubia during the time of the Kushite Pharaohs (c. 750-650 BCE), 4 pm in the Lane Room, 3rd Floor Ellison Hall.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

(most flyers are posted in the reading room)

The University of Chicago, Dept. of Anthropology: Assistant Professor, Archaeology of Complex Societies, with an active, ongoing program of field research. Geographic area open. Review of applications begins on October 15, 2011 but the final application deadline is December 15, 2011.

Yale University, Dept. of Anthropology: Assistant Professor, Mesoamerican Archaeology, with active field research experience. Review of applications to begin December 1, 2011.

University of California, Davis, Dept. of Anthropology: Assistant Professor, Paleoanthropology, research and publication on later phases of human evolution (early Homo, tool production and later), with continuing program of research. Deadline for application is December 15, 2011.

University of California, Davis, Dept. of Anthropology: Assistant Professor, Primatology, research and publication on the behavior, biogeography, ecology, or evolution of non-human primates with a continuing program of research. Deadline for application is December 15, 2011.

University of South Alabama, Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Assistant Professor in Physical/Biological Anthropology, active researcher willing to teach forensics, paleoanthropology or medical anthropology. Review of applications begins on November 7, 2011, preliminary interviews at the AAA Meeting in Montreal.

California State University, San Bernardino, Dept. of Anthropology: Assistant Professor in Sociocultural Anthropology, continuing research program with opportunities for undergraduates. Geographic area is open, excluding Mesoamerica, sub-Saharan Africa, and SE Asia. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2011.

University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology: Assistant Professor, Historical and/or protohistorical archaeologist specializing in the Greater Southwest for a full-time, probationary appointment leading to a tenure decision. developed research project with theoretical implications; expertise in one or more of the following: environmental archaeology (including zooarchaeology), bioarchaeology, technology, ethnicity, and/or demographic archaeology. For best consideration applications must be received by December 5, 2012

Knox College, Department of Anthropology & Sociology: Assistant Professor, Socio-cultural anthropology. Research and teaching interests are open. will begin reviewing applications on October 1 and intend to conduct preliminary interviews at the AAA meetings in November.

Colby College, Department of Anthropology: Assistant Professor with demonstrated research and teaching expertise in the Islamic world and in either medical anthropology or the anthropology of religion and expressive culture. Review of applications will begin on Nov. 1, 2011 and will continue until the position is filled.

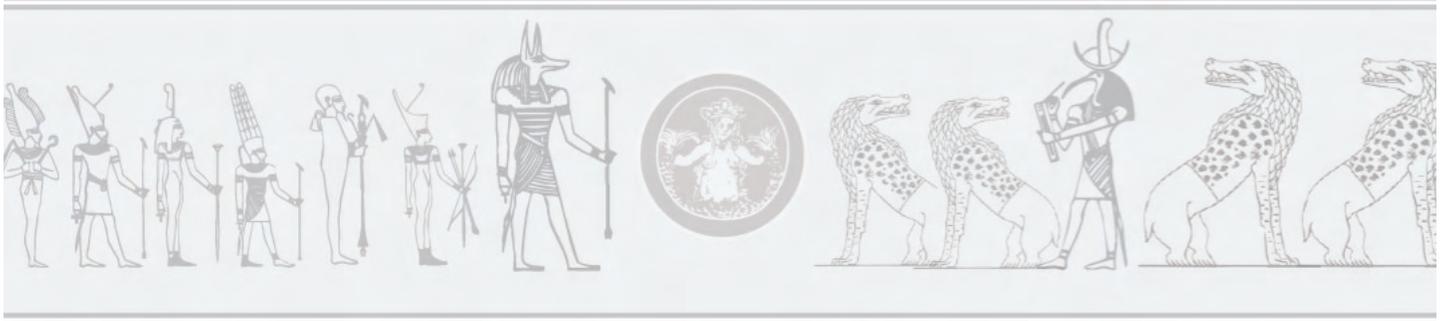
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Anthropology: Assistant Professor in archaeology with a focus on complex societies and sustainability issues with an active, ongoing field program researching long-term historical and biosocial relationships between environment and society whose research integrates insights at the molecular level (e.g., ancient DNA or stable isotopes). All requested information must be submitted by October 31, 2011.

Stony Brook University, Departments of Anthropology and Ecology and Evolution: one position in each department at the level of Assistant Professor.

The Department of Anthropology seeks an individual specializing in an evolutionary approach to the study of human behavior in traditional (living or historic) or westernized human populations. Research areas may include

optimal foraging, mating strategies, sexual conflict, life history theory, cooperation and aggression, disease and immunology, or other areas in behavioral ecology or evolutionary psychology.

The Department of Ecology and Evolution seeks an individual specializing in human population genetics or evolutionary genomics of primates, including humans.



FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

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Note the list of fellowships on the AAA's web site: <http://www.aaanet.org/profdev/fellowships/>

Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies. Information at <http://www.woodrow.org/womens-studies>. Application deadline: "To be posted shortly".

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships. Information at <http://national-academies.org/fellowships>. Application deadlines: Predoctoral: November 14, Dissertation: November 17, Postdoctoral, November 17.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Information at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201. Application deadline: November 16

International Dissertation Research Fellowship. Support for international research. Information at <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship>. Application deadline: November 3.

National Gallery of Art, Predoctoral Fellowship Program. Information at <http://www.nga.gov/resources/casva.htm> (see especially the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship). Note that the candidate must be nominated by the Chair. Application deadline : November 15.

National Gallery of Art, A. W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. Information at <http://www.nga.gov/casva/casvapostdoc.shtm>. Must have received the Ph.D. between October 1, 2006 and October 1, 2011. Application deadline: October 15.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships, for the study of religious or ethical values. Information at <http://www.woodrow.org/newcombe>. Application deadline: November 15.

American Anthropological Association Minority Dissertation Fellowships. Information at <http://www.aaanet.org/cmtes/minority/Minfellow.cfm>. Application deadline: February 15.

SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship. Provides support for 9-12 months of dissertation research outside the US. See information at <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship>. Next deadline is November 3.

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

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.

INTRAMURAL GRANTS

Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Faculty Awards:

Release Time Awards. Up to six awards will be given to ladder-rank faculty to release them from teaching one quarter to concentrate on research projects. Award recipients will be designated IHC Fellows and are required to deliver a public lecture or hold a seminar on a topic related to their research during their tenure as fellows. Faculty may receive this award once every five years, and must not teach during the award quarter.

Collaborative Research Grants. Up to eight 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. Award amounts up to \$3000.

Deadlines for application are November 15 and April 16. For more information, visit <http://www.ihc.ucsb.edu/funding>

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.)

44th Annual Chacmool Archaeological Conference, Climates of Change: The Shifting Environments of Archaeology, November 9-13, University of Calgary. Information at <http://arky.ucalgary.ca/chacmool2011/>.

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 16-20, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Information at <http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/>.

Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness: Call for papers for the SAC 32nd Annual Conference 2012, Plants and Consciousness, February 9-12, 2012, Boulder Colorado. Proposals due December 1, 2011. Information at <http://www.sacaaa.org>



2011 Anthropology Barbeque Potluck