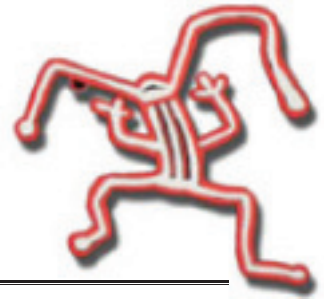


The Informant

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The year is winding down all too fast – be sure to save the date for the Department's Commencement/Graduation Tea Saturday June 16!



Professor Emeritus Napoleon Chagnon is among 84 new members elected to the National Academy of Sciences from the U.S., in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. "Our UC Santa Barbara community proudly congratulates Professors Fisher and Chagnon," said Chancellor Henry T. Yang. "Election by one's peers to this prestigious academy is not only a milestone achievement, but also a most meaningful recognition of years of hard work, pioneering research, and unique contributions to the field. We are delighted to see our distinguished colleagues honored in this way." The election of Fisher brings to 36 the number of active UCSB faculty members elected to the NAS.



Kudos to Prof. Michael Gurven, who just received another NIH grant for \$1.6 million to further study cardiovascular and renal health and aging among Tsimane.

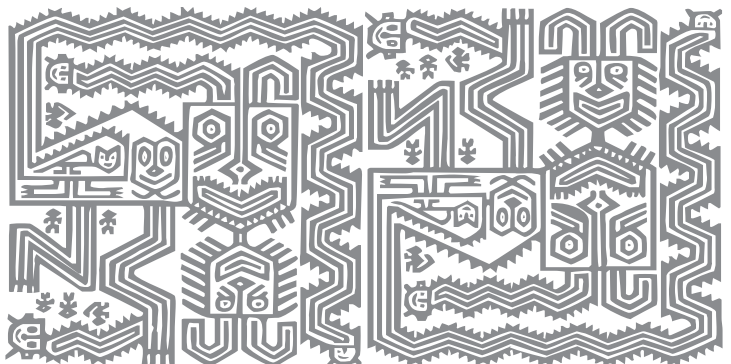
Congratulations to Jonathan Weber who was awarded a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Jonathan will be joining the Sociocultural Graduate Program this Fall.

Kudos to Melanie Martin, who was just awarded a Wenner-Gren dissertation fieldwork grant! She'll be leaving for Bolivia early this summer for a year. The title of her project is "Maternal reproductive investment and duration of exclusive breastfeeding in a natural fertility population".

And to Cara Monroe, who also received a grant from Wenner Gren, for her research with ancient DNA in a California cemetery.

Congratulations to Kristina Gill, who won the student paper competition at the SCA's last week. The Outstanding Student Paper award comes with a \$250.00 cash prize and certificate. The title of the paper was "The Importance of Plants on the Northern Channel Islands: Terrestrial Roots as a Highly-Ranked Food Source."

Kudos for students winning awards from the Society for Ethnobiology Meetings -- Dana Bardolph won the student paper award and undergraduate Hannah Haas won the student poster award!



Transitions

At the end of the year, we bid a fond farewell to our Business Officer Susan Cochran, who is retiring, and welcome our own Robin Roe as her successor. If you haven't yet, be sure to congratulate both!

Professor Juan Vicente Palerm is also retiring at the end of this year, but will continue to teach and advise graduate students on recall for the next three years.

Professor Casey Walsh will be heading up the UC Education Abroad Program at the prestigious National Autonomous University of Mexico from 7/1/12-12/31/12.

In Memoriam

Prof Emeritus Tom Harding passed away after a long battle with cancer.
For persons wishing to send condolences to his wife Pat the address is:

302 Poquito Lane
Topanga, CA 90290
Phone: 310 455 9618



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

STAFF CELEBRATION WEEK is set for May 11-18, when a variety of activities will honor staff members for their hard work and dedication to the campus. Among the events are the Chancellor's Luncheon, at which 10 Staff Citation of Excellence Awards will be presented; the Staff Ice Cream Social, hosted by Staff Assembly; the Staff Cookie Contest; a Staff Social and Crafts Bazaar; and a variety of campus tours.

Staff Celebration Week is sponsored by the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council. More information about the week's events, including a complete schedule, can be found at <http://csac.ucsb.edu/events/scw.2012/>

DEPARTMENT SEARCHES:

We are continuing to work on startup packages and final details for the Biological Anthropologist (IAS) Sociocultural Ecological Anthropologist (SAAB) positions, on track to have two new colleagues in place in the Fall!

BROWN BAGS TBA

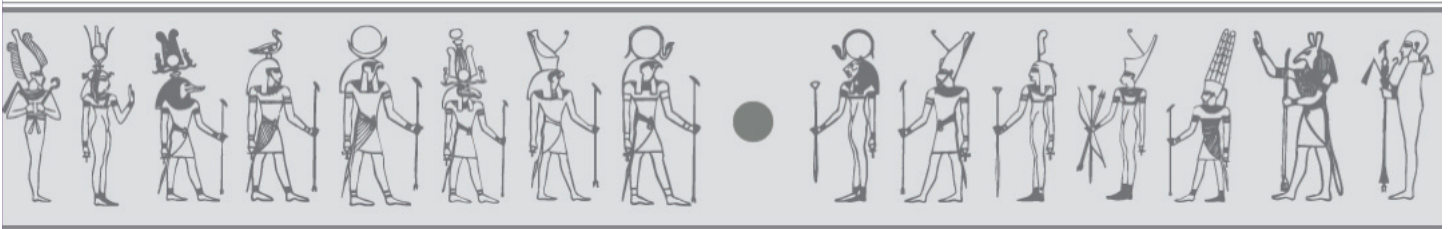
The Brown Bag is looking for speakers! If you would like to present your current, past or future research, practice a talk, or just speak about something you're interested in, then the Brown Bag lunchtime series is the place for you! Please e-mail Jessica Kaplan at jessicakaplan@umail.ucsb.edu if interested.

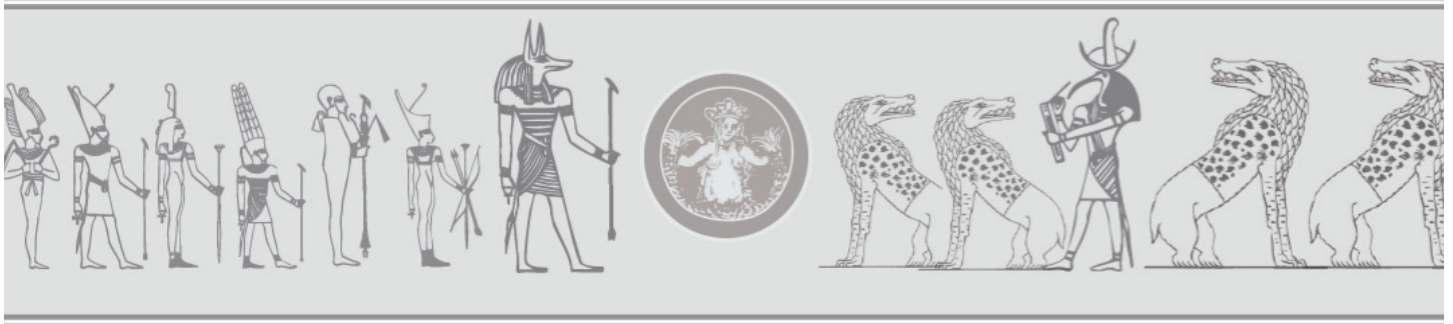
AGSA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Helpful Links

Instructional Development's TA pedagogy workshops for Spring:

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





LECTURES AND SYMPOSIA

Archaeology RFG: Friday, May 25th, 3:30 pm in 2001a HSSB: J. Cameron Monroe, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology at UC Santa Cruz: "Elephants for Want of Towns? Cities and the State in Precolonial Dahomey" – Co-Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology; Reception following.

