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Roaming Hominids

Where the buffalo roam is the stuff of legends, but their range is nothing compared to that of our species. Anthropologists are still roaming and foraging like our ancient ancestors did, only now they forage for data and the data is full of surprises.

"Ancient hominid males stayed home while females roamed..."

Sandi Copeland, Adjunct Assistant Professor and research associate to Matt Sponheimer, is lead author of a paper published last June on the early wanderings of females of our early ancestors.

"One of our goals was to try to find something out about early hominid landscape use," said Copeland, who also is affiliated with the Max Plank Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. "Here we have the first direct glimpse of the geographic movements of early hominids, and it appears the females preferentially moved away from their residential groups." (excerpt from CU Science Editor Jim Scott's story at) http://www.colorado.edu/news/r/7a18b7d74c6809a6f05bc26c8251947.html The journal *Nature* released the story "Palaeoanthropology: In search of the australopithecines", available online at http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v474/n7349/full/474043a.html. To find out more about Copeland's research, go to: http://sites.google.com/site/sandicopeland

Road Crew at Cerén Finds Way

Payson Sheets and his excavation team in El Salvador didn't know they were on a road crew till they stumbled upon a "sacbé" or "White Way". Sheets and grad students **Chris Dixon, Zan Halmbacher**, and **Theresa Heindel** were proceeding with their NSF-funded dig for cultivated manioc—buried centuries ago in volcanic ash—when they struck upon a ceremonial road in the village of Cerén. It made headlines everywhere. Jim Scott's story for CU News Services was reprinted by *Science Daily*, among others. See story and video interview at: www.colorado.edu/news/r/2179daa9db0d87b50586b81315ab9f3c.html.

Stressed out in the South Pacific

Michaela Howells (PhD candidate) writes: American Samoa is not a tourist destination and as a result most of the palagis [white people] on island working here are doctors, marine scientists or lawyers... It has been great getting to know my Samoan friends, but most avoid the outdoors and spend almost all of their free time in church or preparing for church. However we have found a middle ground at one of the karaoke bars on island...My research is going very well [and] ...focuses on the impact of psychosocial stress on pregnancy outcomes...

Public Events

Southwestern Anthropology Lives & Legacies
Professors Deward Walker and Steve Lekson
will give their personal perspectives on CU Legends
Omer Stewart and Joe Ben Wheat, two founding
professors of CU Anthropology, on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00pm on the 5th floor of Norlin Library.
A reception will follow. Co-sponsored by the CU
Museum of Natural History cumuseum@colorado.edu and the Department of Anthropology. See companion story on page 3.



Seeing Spirits:

Spirituality and Visuality in Southeast Asian Media

November 11, 2011 09:30am - 04:00 pm
A one-day seminar on contemporary Asian visual culture, in association with the Center for Asian Studies. This one-day seminar will host three internationally renowned anthropologists of Asia on contemporary visual culture: Patricia Spyer (New York University and Leiden University), Mary Steedly (Harvard University), and Karen Strassler (Queens College, CUNY) Hale Science 450. For more information contact: Carla.Jones@colorado.edu

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CU Legends

Omer Stewart and Joe Ben Wheat

If any of you happen to be in Boulder in the next few months, you won't want to miss the exhibit at Norlin Library.

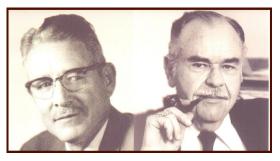
Southwestern Anthropology: Lives and Work of Omer Stewart and Joe Ben Wheat

Exhibit on the east side 2nd floor landing of Norlin Library.

Defending the use of peyote by the Native American Church Combating racism

Excavating Paleo-Indian and Anasazi archeological sites Curating and classifying textiles of the southwest

These are all a part of Southwestern Anthropology and the lives and work of two founding professors of anthropology at CU-Boulder—Omer Stewart: cultural anthropologist, social activist and founder of the Department of Anthropology; and Joe Ben Wheat: archaeologist,



Posters courtesy Andrew Violet, Exhibits Coordinator & Graphic Artist, Planning and Promotions University Libraries

teacher and first curator of anthropology at CU's Museum of Natural History. See how the science of culture intersects with the science of artifacts in both men's work and how they worked with cultural transition and exchange.

...and Gottfried Lang

Friedl Lang, Professor of Anthropology at CU-Boulder from 1966 to 1986, passed on last summer. He was Director of the Program of Research on Culture Change at the Institute for Behavioral Science until 1975 and Co-Chairman of the African and Middle Eastern Studies Program.



Here are some excerpts from his obituary in the Santa Fe New Mexican

Gottfried (Friedl) Otto Lang died peacefully, surrounded by family, on the morning of June 9, 2011 in the home of his daughter, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Friedl, as he was affectionately known... trained as a young man to be a bush pilot. He left Germany in 1937 to fly in the Hudson Bay area of Canada for Roman Catholic missions. He moved to the United States when Canada entered the war, graduated from Brown University with an engineering degree and then pursued advanced studies in cultural anthropology at the University of Chicago...Friedl received his PhD from Cornell University. Martha [his wife] and Friedl ...shared labors of anthropological studies on Native American reservations in the U.S., among the Sukuma of central Tanzania; and the Asmat people of coastal New Guinea. During these years they also raised eight children and supported countless graduate stu-

dents, international students, friends and extended family with their boundless hospitality...at Catholic University in Washington DC and at the University of Colorado, Boulder. ...Friedl spent the last few years of his life as an oblate monk at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. Because of his passion and commitment to cultural anthropology Friedl was a wonderful mentor and role model to many, many people. ...

Norlin Library recently completed a Survey of the Gottfried O. Lang Papers (1966-1986) for their archives. Inquiries can be directed to Archivist David Hays at Arv@Colorado.edu.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS IN THE MEDIA

Bert Covert and **Terry McCabe** joined forces in Vietnam last summer at the Center for Biodiversity and Development, where McCabe gave a presentation about his East African conservation research to Covert's colleagues.

The US Consulate General Office in Ho Chi Minh City gave top billing to Covert's talk in their online news Commemorating Endangered Species Day on May 20: "This program underscores the importance of heightening public awareness of Vietnam's extraordinary biodiversity, and the need to take action to ensure endangered species are protected."

Original story at: http://hochiminh.usconsulate.gov/highlights.html

In El Salvador, the "Pompei of the Americas" Gives up Its Treasures —Payson's dig made Fox News Latino at http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/lifestyle/2011/07/08/in-el-salvador-pompei-americas-gives-up-its-treasures/

FACULTY AND GRAD NEWS

Ivy Hepp (PhD student) published an article in the *Kroeber Anthropological Society Papers* out of Berkeley. Her article, co-authored with Josh Englehardt, is entitled "Speaking the Same Language: Bridging the Ever-Growing Disciplinary Divide Between Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology" and can be found in Issue 100 of the journal via this link: http://kas.berkeley.edu/current-issues.html.

Terry McCabe received another NSF grant! He is Co-Principal Investigator with Paul Leslie on "Muliti Level Response Diversity: Land Use, Livelihood Diversification and Resilience in Northern Tanzania. The award is for \$480,000 (CU's part is about \$170 K).

Magda Stawkowski (PhD Candidate) has been invited to present her research to the US State Department! See "The Nuclear Landscape" on page 6.

Matt Sponheimer was honored with a Provost's Faculty Achievement Award for his groundbreaking research on the paleoecology of hominids. Hearty congratulations to Matt for this well-earned distinction.

Michelle Sauther and Frank Cuozzo (PhD '00; Assoc. Prof. Anth. UND; Asst. Prof. Adjunct UCB) won the award for best poster presentation at the 15th International Symposium on Dental Morphology, held August 24-27 in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, United Kingdom. This triennial conference, held since 1965, brought together anthropologists, paleontologists and other dental researchers from 17 countries. Their poster, titled "Toothcomb function and use in wild ring-tailed lemurs: Implications for the evolution of the prosimian toothcomb," was based on their long-term research in Madagascar, and explored the impacts that wear and damage to this unique primate trait have on lemur health and biology. This award included a prize of 200 British Pounds (nearly 400 \$US).

Brenda Todd (PhD candidate) was given an Appreciation Award by unanimous decision of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, where she has served as assistant to Steve Lekson during his tenure as Acquisitions Editor of the journal *Kiva*.



Endangered Tonkin Snub-nosed monkeys
Photo credit: Quyet Le

Quyet Khac Le (PhD student) was granted a CU Museum Award to support his research-based photography of the critically endangered and charismatic Tonkin snub-nosed monkey (*Rhinopithecus avunculus*) and other taxa in the Khau Ca habitat conservation area of Ha Giang Province, Vietnam, where he has worked with Bert Covert for many years. Small photo exhibitions and posters of these monkeys and their habitats will be presented in local villages surrounding Khau Ca and will be copied to the CU Museum for campus exhibitions.

Jenna Wehr Pyle (PhD student) was another recipient of a CU Museum Award. This summer Jenna studied the diet and activity budget of the White Sifaka in an anthropogenically disturbed forest at the Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve, in Southwestern Madagascar. This research was the first step in her assessment of how the animals respond to human forest disturbance. In addition, as part of Drs. Michelle Sauther and Frank Cuozzo's local outreach pro-

gram, she provided sandals and school supplies to local communities in the area.

Jakob Sedig and Katy Putsavage (PhD students) conducted tours of their respective research sites for the New Mexico Archaeological Council, who included them on their 22-member fieldtrip agenda. The NMAC "Mimbres Workshop, After the Fire," was cosponsored by the Gila National Forest, Carlsbad BLM, New Mexico State Land Office, Western Museum, and the NM Gas Company. NMAC gave praise and thanks.

Art Joyce and Gerardo Gutiérrez were recently invited by Dumbarton Oaks to give presentations at their symposium on "Conflict, Conquest, and the Performance of War in Pre-Columbian America." Joyce spoke on "Debating Warfare in Late Formative Oaxaca" and Gutiérrez offered his expertise on "Aztec Battlefields in Eastern Guerrero: A Landscape Analysis of the Conquest of the Kingdom of Tlapa-Tlachinollan."

CU Dominates the Colorado Archaeology Society's Annual Meeting

Six archaeology graduate students and one faculty member gave papers at the Colorado Archaeological Society's Annual Meeting in Boulder on Saturday, October 15 -- over 1/3 of the papers presented. The students included **Jakob Sedig, Kellam Throgmorton, Cody Newton** (who gave two papers), **Brenda Todd, Jessica Hedgepeth,** and **Kathryn Putsavage. Steve Lekson** represented CU faculty with a paper on his research. Many of the grad students were recipients of CAS's Alice Hamilton Scholarships, which fund student research. The presentations were excellent, by all accounts.

Ethnographic Praxis in Industry



http://epiconference.com/2011/

We'll believe corporations are people when Texas executes one.

—Gary Trudeau

Two ambitious members of our Dual MA/MBA Degree program —Liza Dombrowsky and Kendall Tallmadge— and an equally brave MA student, Lena Papadopoulos—took the initiative to attend a recent conference in Boulder exploring a change in the wind among business leaders about incorporating qualitative research into their vision and practices, and how ethnography is driving that change.

The Ethnographic Praxis in Industry conference was co-chaired by Donna Flynn (PhD Northwestern) who graduated with honors in Anthropology from CU Boulder and is currently in a management position at Microsoft. This year's conference theme, "Evolution Revolution" elicited surprising enthusiasm from participating business leaders on the importance of having an anthropological perspective:

- Ethnography not only offers a more qualitative approach but also brings people back into the equation. (The genius of Steve Jobs got everybody's attention.)
- "Actionable" ethnography adds value to a business and "Practicing Anthropologists" are a natural fit for the growing and earnest attention to ethics in business.
- Moreover, a pervasive view of capitalism as a failed experiment amplifies the need for qualitative input.

Among the wide range of entities at the conference looking for ethnographers were giants such as Google, Intel, and Microsoft, as well as entrepreneurs from the start-up "hot bed" in Boulder. We work in an entrepreneur's mecca here at CU-Boulder and many participants were at EPIC specifically wanting to find out more about how anthropology "works" and how anthropologists can be of help.

We have a lot to offer. Ethnography can not only track cultural flows to find new business opportunities, but it looks at change and uncertainty to develop transformative ideas. By



understanding dynamism within a culture (rather than focusing on existing values) ethnographers can enact change positively.

The CU-Boulder Department of Anthropology is preparing to ride this wave. In addition to strengthening the bridge between the MA and MBA portions of our dual degree program, we are in the exploratory phase of developing an internship program, for the mutual benefit of our doctoral students and industry. Collaboration is invited.

Conference abstracts, podcasts, and a video by the 520 Collective (at right) will be posted on the EPIC website: http://epiconference.com/2011/

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Anthropology Not Needed Here

Florida Governor Rick Scott's by now infamous remark: http://blogs.plos.org/
http://blogs.plos.org/
http://blogs.plos.org/
#.TpSksn4UmAY.twitter

In response came an explanatory blog: Rick Scott's bizarre attack on anthropology majors seemed completely random....
Well...turns out that Rick Scott's own daughter majored in anthropology and never found a job in her field. She worked for a while as a special education teacher, then enrolled in an MBA program this fall.

http://blogs.miaminewtimes.com/ riptide/2011/10/ disapointed dad rick scotts un.php

520 Collective is a national network of independent strategists, researchers, branding experts, ethnographers, filmmakers, MBA's, qualitative and quantitative pros, designers, social media experts and writers – all former senior staff at advertising, research, branding agencies as well as client-side marketing. For each project we assemble a hand-picked "dream team" based on project needs. http://520collective.org/

PhD "Piled Higher and Deeper" The Movie is a live-action adaptation of the popular online comic strip by Jorge Cham (www.phdcomics.com). It was filmed on location at and was produced in partnership with the California Institute of Technology. The film introduces audiences to the unique and funny culture of Academia and follows four graduate students (Cecilia, Mike, Tajel and the "Nameless Grad Student") as they struggle to find balance between research, teaching and their personal lives with humor and heart. See the trailer at:

http://www.phdcomics.com/movie/

THE PHD MOVIE!

http://www.phdcomics.com/movie/aboutmovie.html

THE NUCLEAR LANDSCAPE

Magda Stawkowski returned to CU-Boulder after a year in Kazakhstan, but not without first creating a stir there. While at her field site and carrying out research on the after-effects of atomic testing on people living near the Semipalatinsk test site, Magda appeared in a variety of Russian, North American, and Kazakh news outlets. She also received a medal from Olzhas Suleimenov for her "outstanding contribution to the anti-nuclear movement." Suleimenov is the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to UNESCO, as well as a Kazakh poet and the founder of the Nevada-Semipalatinsk anti-Nuclear Movement. Finally, she also helped the Atomic Testing Museum (Nevada) and the Karaganda EcoMuseum in Kazakhstan write a joint educational grant (\$120,000) titled, "Nuclear Weap-

ons Testing Legacy: The Tale of Two Cultures," and the grant was successful. Although this grant is not specifically research-oriented, the money will be used to produce a joint documentary film and a number of other activities to educate the public about nuclear testing and Magda will continue working with both institutions.

One of the articles published about her research, "Soviet nuclear legacy surfaces at atomic museum," appears in the September 3 edition of the *Las Vegas Review Journal*. The photo at right was published with the article "In Kazakhstan, the Grass is Greener at the Nuclear Test Site" for the journal *Transitions Online*, in which she was quoted, "Nothing is marked – you may be in a very radioactive area and not know it... People simply accept that they are living near a nuclear test site, and get on with their lives There's still a belief that a shot of vodka will protect you from radiation. If you drive through the Polygon, you take a bottle of vodka in the car..." She was recently invited to present her research to the US State Department.



Boys sitting in a field by the village of Myrzhik Photo credit: Robert Kopack.

DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Nicole Smith was selected from an extensive pool of applicants for a CU Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship. This fellowship is intended to provide outstanding PhD candidates with financial support to assist in the process of completing their



Nicole Smith in Tarangire National Park, Tanzania. Photo credit: Jamie Bach

doctoral dissertations. The fellowship consists of full support for one academic semester and includes a monthly stipend equal to that of a half-time instructor position. It couldn't have come at a more perfect time for a new mom! Nicole's research focuses on the impacts of tanzanite trading on Maasai in northern Tanzania. She is particularly interested in how Maasai involvement with this livelihood strategy is leading to new forms of inclusion and exclusion and how it is influencing social relations, household and community political economy, identity, gender relations, and beliefs in witchcraft. Her advisor is Terry McCabe.

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Knowing how important the summer is for students' ability to pursue their dissertation research and

writing, the Graduate School also offered fellowships to 10 doctoral students nominated by their department to provide support during the summer term.

Brenda Todd garnered one of these ten coveted fellowships. Now the pressure is off...or really on, depending on how your look at it. Todd focuses primarily on the archaeology of the American Southwest with a secondary interest in the Southeast. For her MA thesis, Todd conducted NAGPRA cultural affiliation research for Fort Union National Monument in New Mexico. For her PhD, Todd is using a comparative framework to examine the structure of the political relationship between Chimney Rock Great House and Chaco Canyon. Her advisor is Dr. Stephen Lekson.

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Brenda Todd at a summer dig in Illinois
Photo credit: field crew member

ALUM and ADJUNCT NEWS



Women carrying scroll in procession Baan Aeo Mong, Capital District, Khon Kaen Province, Northeastern Thailand 2008 Photo credit: Leedom Lefferts

Leedom Lefferts (PhD '74) has been appointed Senior Research Fellow at the Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore, for the year 2011-12. With his collaborator, Sandra Cate, anthropology of art, UCBerkeley, he is completing two manuscripts on the long painted Vessantara scrolls of Northeast Thailand and Laos and the ritual in which they are the centerpiece, the Bun Phra Wet. These scrolls, which measure 30-40 meters long by a meter wide, are hand-painted by local artists depicting the life of Prince Vessantara, the penultimate incarnation of the karma that would, in its next life, become Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha. They are carried in procession during the festival and form a focus of community and individual aspirations regarding karmic success and issues of subalternship. Leedom has conducted fieldwork in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and southern China since 1970, when he went to a Northeast Thai-Lao village to study cultural ecology and developmental processes. He has returned almost annually since completing his PhD under Bob Hackenberg at CU. His studies of rural and urban life focus on material culture, ecology, ritual, food, gender, and inequality. He can be reached at: leedom lefferts@nhb.gov.sg.

Marc Levine (PhD 2007) was recently elected to a one year term as Program Editor-Elect, to be followed by a two year term as Program Editor, for the Archaeology Division of the American Anthropological Association.

Joanna Mishtal (PhD 2006; Faculty U Ctrl Fla) has been awarded a Wenner-Gren Fellowship to write a book based on her research in Poland. Her dissertation research examined reproductive policies and practices within the postsocialist state and religious regimes. Her analysis is situated in the context of local gender politics in contemporary Poland as well as international policies of the European Union.

Alex Geurds (Anthropology Department Lecturer 2007-08) recently published an article for Dumbarton Oaks on his research activities, entitled 'Leaving No Stone Unturned: Emergency Recording of Chontales-Style Sculpture at the El Gavilán Site.' Here's the link to the online report: http://doaks.org/research/pre_columbian/doaks_eid_2611.html

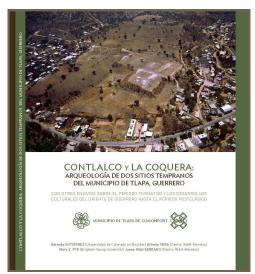
PUBLICATIONS

Gerardo Gutiérrez' newest book on the archaeology of Guerrero was presented to the people of Tlapa, Guerrero on October 19th. **Contlalco y la Coquera** uncovers a strikingly early and massive pyramid site in Guerrero, with collaborations from three other authors, including his wife, Mary Pye. Published by Letra Antigua Editorial. ISBN: 978-607-7950-01-1

He has also just published evidence of what may be the earliest disaster reported in the archaeological bibliography of Mesoamerica. His chapter in the newly edited volume *Early Mesoamerican Social Transformations* is titled "A History of Disaster and Cultural Change in the Coatán River Drainage of the Soconusco, Chiapas, Mexico". Available from University of California Press ISBN 978-0-520-26899-9.

Science asks for report on the "Diets of Early Hominims"

Matt Sponheimer and research partner Peter Ungar had the distinction of being invited by *Science* magazine to write a review of the state of research in early hominin diets. To receive such an invitation by this major journal means Sponheimer has definitely arrived! Their piece appears in *Science* at: http://www.sciencemag.org/content/334/6053/190.



ALUMNI PLACEMENT SURVEY

How are you faring with your anthropology degree?

You might want to check this out: "US Bureau of Labor Statistics – Anthropology Job Growth 'Much Faster than the Average'." http://blogs.plos.org/neuroanthropology/2011/10/14/us-bureau-of-labor-statistics-anthropology-job-growth-much-faster-than-the-average/

The department is examining its offerings in terms of how we can better prepare our students to meet the realities of our rapidly-changing job market and assure our graduates of placement in their intended careers. While clearly no program can prepare students for every eventuality they will face on the job market, it is our goal to determine the needs of our students and to evaluate our offerings accordingly.

Please follow the link below to give us your feedback and suggestions online. You may also send your comments to the address below. Here are the questions you will find on the survey:

ANONYMOUS SURVEY QUESTIONS

Your subdiscipline/degree:

In which field are you currently employed?

- Academic position with a research focus
- Academic position with a teaching focus
- Academic position, non-university (e.g. research institute or K-12 school)
- Applied/public anthropology
- Consulting
- CRM (Cultural Resource Management)
- Government
- For profit, corporation
- For profit, small business
- Museum/exhibits/curating
- Nonprofit, US-based
- Nonprofit, internationally based
- Self-employment
- Other [write-in answer]
- ⇒ Why did you choose to study anthropology at CU? What did you hope your degree would help you achieve?
- ⇒ Do you feel your studies in anthropology at CU sufficiently prepared you for your chosen career? Why or why not?
- ⇒ If you could go back and change one thing about your degree studies, what would it be?

Survey Link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRTXGJ7



HOME SWEET HALEPhoto by Casey A. Cass

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING WITH THE DEPARTMENT

- ⇒ Would you/your company consider hiring anthropology graduate student interns?
- ⇒ Would you be interested in volunteering to give a presentation to current students about anthropology and your career? (This could be done in-person or via Skype. Topics could include anything from preparation, to using anthropology in non-traditional careers, to how to give a job talk.)

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