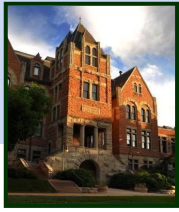


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NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

...but not like it used to be, either. Sandy brought it all home...

As for the much-heralded End of Time, BYU anthropologist Allen Christenson offers insights from the Maya themselves, who say "The world is going to die on December 23". But, Christenson explains, "the Maya believe the world dies each day when the sun sets, or when crops are harvested...The world is constantly dying," he says, "and the role of the Daykeeper is to make sure they get things going again."

The current edition of *Archaeology* magazine is worth a read:

http://www.archaeology.org/1211/features/maya_priests.html

Thanks From the Bottom of the Heap!

Now that Colorado has achieved lowest ranking among the 50 states for support of higher education, we want to extend extra special thanks of the season to all our donors and supporters. *"We are doing great things in the department and want to extend a sincere thanks to all of you for past donations and welcome any future contributions to our efforts."* Bert Covert, Chair

A very happy holiday season to you all!

Obama Declares Chimney Rock a National Monument

This site has been in the CU Anthropology 'family' since Frank Eddy began excavations there in the 1960's. Listen to an NPR interview with Steve Lekson and Brenda Todd (PhD 2012) at:

<http://www.npr.org/2012/09/21/161583836/chimney-rock-becomes-newest-national-monument>

Or see the video of our graduate students working the site on our new Graduate Studies website:



<http://www.colorado.edu/anthropology/gradstudy/archaeology> or go directly to the homepage for this landmark at <http://www.chimneyrockco.org/mainnew.htm>

The Chimney Rock Association website gives full details at: <http://www.chimneyrockco.org/mainnew.htm>

Public Events



Inga Calvin, mainstay Lecturer for the department specializing in Maya glyphs and iconography, collaborated with Fiske planetarium on a "Not the End of the World Cruise" to the Yucatán December 16-23. Time is running out! See <http://www.end-of-the-world-cruise.com>

CU ON THE WEEKEND

Tibet, the CIA, and the Secret History of Camp Hale CUWFA12-0 5

In Colorado, Camp Hale is mostly known as former home of the Army's famed 10th Mountain Division. However, from 1958-1964 Camp Hale was also the site of a secret CIA training camp for the Tibetan resistance army in their battle against the People's Republic of China. Through a focus on the Tibet-CIA connection, this course will introduce students to the history of contemporary Tibet as seen through the lens of war.

Carole McGranahan, PhD

Saturday, December 8, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Benson Earth Sciences, Room 180

Advance registration required.

Free and open to the public.

<http://tibet-cia.eventbrite.com/#>

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David Breternitz's career at the University of Colorado was fieldwork, fieldwork, and more fieldwork in the Fremont, Mesa Verde, and Dolores districts (and in various parts of Africa!). In three seasons in the Fremont, thirteen summers at Mesa Verde, and eight more at Dolores, Breternitz trained hundreds of future academic, federal, and contract archaeologists. He reached many others as Master of Ceremonies of the Southwest at the Pecos Conference. Dave died March 2012. In his honor, Dave's friends established a CU endowment to support graduate student fieldwork in the Southwest. If you'd like to commemorate Dave's extraordinary record of teaching and research, consider a contribution to the David Breternitz Endowment for Archaeological Field Research. We think Dave would approve. To make a contribution, click on: www.cufund.org/breternitz or mail your tax deductible gift to: David Breternitz Endowment, CU Foundation, 1305 University Ave, Boulder, CO 80302.


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PhD student Quyet Le's compelling portrait of a rare Tonkin snub-nosed monkey (spotted in the rainforest of Vietnam) appears on page five of the November 2012 *National Geographic* Magazine. His photo was selected as the latest winner of their "Wildlife as Canon Sees It" campaign in support of endangered wildlife.



Tonkin Snub-nosed Monkey (*Rhinopithecus avunculus*)
Size: Head and body length, 50 - 65 cm (19.7 - 25.6 inches); tail, 65 - 92 cm (25.6 - 36.2 inches)
Weights: Males approx. 14 kg (30.9 lbs); females approx. 8.5 kg (18.7 lbs) Habitats: Lowland tropical broadleaf monsoon forests in montane limestone formations. Surviving numbers: Estimated at 260.

VIETNAM
Gulf of Tonkin


Photographed by Quyet Le Khac

WILDLIFE AS CANON SEES IT

Phantom of the forest. Once presumed extinct, the Tonkin snub-nosed monkey reappeared in 1989 like a ghost from the past and today clings to a precarious existence in a few isolated locations. Large, semi-cohesive bands of 25-80 individuals are organized around family groups, all ranging and resting together. Active during the day, they move through the trees searching out edible leaves, fruits and seeds. When hunted, bands split into smaller units. But with their habitat being lost or disturbed at an alarming rate, it's becoming harder and harder to vanish into the forest and leave the hunters behind.

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FACULTY AND GRAD NEWS

Dr. Paul Sandberg gave a successful defense of his dissertation on *Investigating Childhood Diet and Early Life History Events in the Archaeological Record Using Biogeochemical Techniques* and will officially receive his PhD in December. Our heartiest congratulations, Paul! May your career star shine!

Theresa Heindel will be awarded a Master's Degree in December, after having successfully defended her thesis on "The Mystery of Malanga: Possible Roles of *Xanthosoma violaceum* in Ancient Maya Diet and Agriculture".

Somraj Basu passed his comprehensive exams and will also be awarded an MA in December. His focus is Tibetan medicine. Congratulations to them both!

Darna Dufour was asked to give the Distinguished Lecture in Biological Anthropology at the AAA Conference again this year.

Stand up applause for **Dani Merriman, Magda Stawkowski, Ivy Hepp, Lindsay Ofrias** and all the other hard-working contributors for the fabulous job they did organizing and presenting the graduate conference on "Ethnography and Biography". All reports are that it was a high quality conference and well-attended beyond the department. Ethnography and Biography was a two-day interdisciplinary conference organized by Department of Anthropology graduate students, including panels moderated by CU faculty. More details on the Conference website: <http://www.colorado.edu/Anthropology/projects/ethnographyandbiography/index.html>

James Millette (PhD student) received a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant for \$24,733. Along with his grant from the Leaky Foundation, Millette has gathered the means to conduct his fieldwork for: "Challenging Assumptions of Dental Senescence Using a Primate Framework". His current work is on ring-tailed lemurs at the Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve, in Southwestern Madagascar, where he is carrying out his doctoral field research. Hearty congratulations, Jim!



Gerardo Gutiérrez made worldwide news for his cooperative research with the University of Malaga to simulate the possible occurrence of a tsunami wave in Lake Texcoco that affected the Island of Mexico-Tenochtitlan circa 1500 A.D. Stories appeared in newspapers from Argentina to Cuba to Mexico. Here are two Spanish language links:

<http://www.lapatria.com/descubriendo/cientificos-van-reconstruir-tsunami-en-mexico-del-ano-1500-15654>

<http://www.informador.com.mx/tecnologia/2012/405848/6/reconstruiran-tsunami-del-ano-1500-en-mexico.htm>

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<http://www.informador.com.mx/tecnologia/2012/405848/6/reconstruiran-tsunami-del-ano-1500-en-mexico.htm>

Inga Calvin (PhD '06 and ANTH Lecturer): A major exhibition of Maya pottery at Princeton University includes several of Calvin's rollout photographs in the catalogue entitled "Dancing into Dreams: Maya Vase Painting of the Ik' Kingdom." You can take a look at the exhibition at <http://www.princetonartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/1384>

Lindsay Ofrias (MA student) received a UGGS Travel Grant this year to attend the "Convergence 2012: Geo/Body Politics of Emancipation" conference at Duke University (November 9-11). Competition was intense. Congrats to Lindsay!

Haskell-Houghtelin Scholarships

The intent of the Haskell-Houghtelin Fund is to provide scholarships to graduate students to assist them in their goal of attending college. Faculty members from each subdiscipline awarded one graduate student whom they felt exhibited a strong record of service to the department and engagement with the broader discipline of anthropology. Congratulations to this year's recipients, with thanks for your service to the department: **Michaela Howells, Jakob Sedig, and Chris Morris.**

CARTSS Welcomes a New Director

Donna Goldstein

accepted the directorship of CU's Center to Advance Research & Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS). Goldstein joined the CU faculty in 1994, received her B.S. in Rural Sociology from Cornell University, Ed. M, Psychology from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley.



Director: Donna M. Goldstein

Professor Goldstein has written extensively on the intersection of race, gender, poverty and violence in Brazil. She is the author of the critically acclaimed *Laughter Out of Place: Race, Class, Violence, and Sexuality in a Rio Shantytown* (University of California Press 2003), focusing on the lives of impoverished domestic workers who deploy humor and laughter as strategic forms of resistance in their day-to-day struggle for survival. Currently, Professor Goldstein is writing about pharmaceutical politics, bioethics, regulation, and neoliberalism in Argentina, Mexico, Brazil and the United States. She is also beginning a new project on the history of nuclear power in Brazil.

Art Joyce was awarded a \$230,000 grant from the Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs Program of the Historical Society (funds for the grant were provided by the Templeton Foundation). The project is co-directed by Sarah Barber (PhD '05 and faculty at Univ. of Central Florida) and is a two-year collaborative archaeological project designed to examine the role of religion in the social and political innovations that led to the emergence of Mesoamerican civilization. The grant provides funds for a 4 month field project, archival research, and a Graduate Research Assistant as well as support for PhD and MA projects. The final product will be a co-authored book examining the relationship between religion and political centralization in Formative Mesoamerica.

Jessica Hedgepeth Balkin (PhD student) tied the knot late last summer. Here's her report for our social page: "So the hitchin' happened on August 5th here in Boulder and my new hubby's name is Craig Balkin. He's taking my original last name as his middle name. So he's now Craig Hedgepeth Balkin." Mazel tov to the well-matched couple!

Jeff Brzezinski (PhD student) and Ruthie Lyons were married on May 19th in Orlando, Florida. "The ceremony was held at the Royal Crest Club in front of 100 of our closest friends and relatives. An interesting note: the groom's cake, which is a southern tradition, was shaped in the form of a fedora, satchel, and whip-- I'm sure you can guess what movie they were referencing."

FOREVER ANTHROPOLOGISTS

THE MAYA SENSE OF TIME

Whatever you might be celebrating at this time, *Archaeology* magazine provides a good scholarly tutorial you can use to impress inquisitive friends:

http://www.archaeology.org/1211/features/maya_long_count_calendar_codices.html

APES HAVE MIDLIFE CRISES, TOO

In case you missed this story, it was published in various high-profile media sources recently, including *National Geographic*:

Too bad chimpanzees can't buy sports cars.

New research says it's not just humans who go through midlife crises: Chimps and orangutans also experience a dip in happiness around the middle of their lives...

...Knowing that a midlife dip in happiness is a natural—and temporary—part of life could make it easier for humans to cope with the experience...It could also help caretakers improve captive apes' quality of life, by identifying ages at which the animals might benefit from extra attention or enrichment.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2012/11/121119-apes-happiness-midlife-crisis-science-animals/>

So there you have it, everything you need to get through the holiday cocktail parties with scholarly flair!

Wishing you a joyous 2013.

Please send us your news.

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5 QUESTIONS | with Limitless Computing President Errin Weller

When Boulder's Limitless Computing Inc. (limitlesscomputing.com) was founded in 2006, the company's initial direction was set on cloud computing services. When company officials saw the uptick in mobile devices and technology, they shifted gears and began applying their expertise in augmented reality to mobile applications.

Errin T. Weller, LCI's president, spoke with the Camera last week about her company's efforts in the augmented reality field and where the firm is headed.

The following has been edited for clarity and space.

1. How long has Limitless Computing focused on the AEC (architecture, engineering and construction) industry?



Weller

We started out doing rendering on the cloud — generating a 3-D model and providing a photo-realistic image of it. And so what we decided to do was find a way to speed up that process. In 2009, (when the company launched an online rendering service for Autodesk Revit Architecture), that's when we were working with architects and started developing mobile application for architects.

2. How did the economic downturn affect your business?

I think we've done OK because we're in a little bit more of a niche. There aren't a

lot of other companies doing what we can do.

3. You launched SightSpace, a mobile augmented reality product for consumers, earlier this year. Do you plan to release more consumer applications?

We intend to bring augmented reality even more into the consumer field. We're going to be launching a new app in the next month or so.

SightSpace has many applications, including for education — for kids to take virtual field trips — or for (consumers) to see how furniture would look in their own home.

4. What type of growth pace has your company notched this year?

I think we've seen very good growth this year, probably driven by (products) in the mobile app space, cloud rendering and Shaderlight, the first-ever cloud rendering (plug-in) for Trimble SketchUp.

5. Where do you see the future of augmented reality and your role in it?

I think (augmented reality) technology is still growing in all sectors, because, right now, if you pull some people off the street and say, "Tell me what augmented reality is," they're not familiar with it. I think in the next one to two years you'll see many more applications.

When we developed SightSpace, we developed it on our own augmented reality technology so that way we can put it into other apps that target other markets.

— Alicia Wallace

BUSINESS PLUS | DAILY CAMERA

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PUBLICATIONS

Marnie Thomson (PhD candidate) published her first article in the journal *PolAR* (Political and Legal Anthropology Review): Thomson, Marnie. 2012. Black Boxes of Bureaucracy: Transparency and Opacity in the Resettlement Process of Congolese Refugees. *PolAR* 35(2): 186-205.

Thomson's research is in cultural anthropology, with a focus on the politics of humanitarian intervention across the borders of Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Linda Cordell and **Maxine McBrinn** (PhD '02) published the 3rd edition of *Archaeology of the Southwest* this year through Left Coast Press. (Cathy is using the book in her Southwest class this semester. Yeah!)

McBrinn is currently Curator of Archaeology at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology in Santa Fe.

Carole McGranahan has a piece about His Holiness the Dalai Lama in the Indian magazine *Outlook India* <http://www.outlookindia.com/article.aspx?282574>

Andie Ang (PhD student) published a paper on the genetic variability of banded leaf monkeys in Singapore, on the Raffles Bulletin of Zoology: <http://rmbr.nus.edu.sg/rbz/biblio/60/60rbz589-594.pdf> Aug 31, 2012.

Andie's research interests are in the social behavior and feeding ecology of Asian colobine primates, in particular the threatened and untended species. She has worked on the banded leaf monkeys in Singapore and Malaysia, and the white-handed gibbons in Thailand.

Cathy Cameron co-published an article in the September *Anthropology News* on "Archaeological and Bioarchaeological Perspectives on Captivity and Slavery". You can read her commentary on Violence and Conflict at <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2012/09/01/archaeological-and-bioarchaeological-perspectives-on-captivity-and-slavery/>

Willi Lempert (PhD student) published his MA thesis in *The Applied Anthropologist*:

Lempert, William. 2012. Telling Their Own Stories: Indigenous Film as Critical Identity Discourse. *The Applied Anthropologist* 32 (1):23-32.

Willi is working with communities and indigenous media organizations in the Kimberley region of northwestern Australia. His dissertation project seeks to understand the various social benefits and upcoming challenges for community media production and circulation.

MORE PUBLICATIONS

Michelle Sauther et al

The June 2012 issue of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* features a series of articles on “Dental Ecology” stemming from a symposium held at the 2010 annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. This symposium and the resulting symposium special issue of AJPA were organized by Dr. Frank Cuzzo (University of North Dakota and University of Colorado-Boulder), Dr. Michelle Sauther (University of Colorado-Boulder), and Dr. Peter Ungar (University of Arkansas). The articles in this special issue were written by scholars from anthropology, primatology, evolutionary biology and paleontology, and focus on the dental ecology of living and fossil primates, including fossil humans. As defined therein, dental ecology is a perspective that synthesizes new methods and techniques of dental analysis with long-term, comprehensive ecological information from living primates to produce a new way of understanding the ways that living and fossil forms interact(ed) with their environments. CU-Boulder Anthropology affiliated authors in this volume include Cuzzo (Ph.D., 2000; Adjunct Associate Professor), Sauther (Associate Professor), Dr. Matt Sponheimer (Associate Professor), and James Millette (Ph.D. candidate).

ALUM, ASSOCIATE and ADJUNCT NEWS

Colleen Scanlan-Lyons (PhD '10) was co-author of a July “Changing the Atmosphere” column in *Anthropology News*. “Experiencing Rio+20 through the Lenses of Anthropology and Climate Change” can be accessed at <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2012/07/20/experiencing-rio20/>. Scanlan-Lyons is a research associate at the Institute of Behavioral Science and the Center for the Study of Conflict, Collaboration & Creative Governance at the University of Colorado at Boulder, as well as the director of research and faculty for CU's President's Leadership Class.

“Substantive issues about the intersections among development, economy, society, and culture debated during side events were distinctly absent from the final document. In response, a subset of civil society groups drafted a document called “The Future We Don't Want.” Signed by thousands of civil society groups as well as prominent leaders like Marina Silva, Brazil's former Minister of the Environment, and social activist Vandana Shiva, among many other prominent non-governmental leaders, the document was presented on the final day of the official negotiations to convey dissatisfaction with the governmental negotiations and a sense of urgency that many things must change—and soon—to avoid global environmental and economic catastrophe.”

Sarah Bogart (BA '11) is living in Washington, DC now and working at the Octagon Museum downtown, as well as at Dumbarton Oaks which, she says, is such great fun!

Jason Chiupka (MA '08) has been with PaleoWest as a Project Manager for a year now, and working on the cultural resource program for the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. He sent us a synopsis of his adventures:

This project started about a year ago, and I have been working on the Research Design, the Survey Methodology, the Excavation Methodology, the Monitoring and Salvage Mitigation Protocols, and setting up the project laboratory. This is all being done on digital platforms, so working on that database/fieldwork/analysis/curation interface. NGWSP brackets the San Juan Basin, and crosses hundreds of sites. Also been working on setting up the Farmington, NM office and laboratory from the ground up and working with Federal and private clients in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico out of that satellite office.

Paola Villa

“Later Stone Age got earlier start in South Africa than thought”

The Later Stone Age emerged in South Africa more than 20,000 years earlier than previously believed -- about the same time humans were migrating from Africa to the European continent, says a new international study led by CU-Boulder researcher Paola Villa, a curator at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History...<http://www.colorado.edu/node/1367009>

OBIT: James Michael “Mike” Hoffman (PhD 1976; Alice Brues, advisor) passed away July 24. The Department of Anthropology at Colorado College, where he was a professor, held an informal memorial for him September 26.

Who's got Moxie? Jessica Lee! Jess and Strider are ecstatic to announce the arrival of their daughter, Moxie Eleanor Dorsey-Lee, on September 4, weighing in at 8 lbs and at 21.5 inches tall.

Paul Shankman is a grandpa again. Michael and Kenly Shankman welcomed a baby girl, Noa, into the world November 19. She weighed 8 lbs, and labor was only 2 hours! Congratulations to the proud grandfather and parents!

DEGREES OF WINTER



HOME SWEET HALE
Photo by Casey A. Cass

Master of Arts in Anthropology

Theresa Anne Heindel: Master of Arts

Thesis title: *The Mystery of Malanga: Possible Roles of Zanthosoma violaceum in Ancient Maya Diet and Agriculture*

Somraj Basu: Master of Arts

Focus: Development of Tibetan Medical Systems in Exile

Sarah Gabrielle Laundry:

Thesis title: *Open Pit Pottery Firing on the High Plains:*

The Evidence from the Central Plains Tradition King Site (25DW166)

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