Epic Migrations

Whether forced by sudden environmental change—like the wildfires around us in the West—or opportunistic, migrations are inherent to a broad swath of what anthropologists study. If you are a new alum, ‘migration’ might call up memories of potholes on the Information Highway at dear old CU, but ‘migration’ has also been the operative term for the population around Hale this year, with two more major retirements; seven doctoral degrees awarded, as well as eleven master’s and 160 bachelor’s; the passing of another of our beloved members; and a biological anthropologist joining our faculty as the new Dean of Arts and Sciences. This issue of our Ezine focuses on adaptations in the department for 2012.

New Alumni and Friends Webpage

http://www.colorado.edu/anthropology/people/dept_friends.html

We have over 3000 alumni who have graduated in the Anthropology program and many more friends. We appreciate your interest in our programs and events and hope that you feel free to participate in many of them. You can follow our news and events, course offerings, faculty websites and our newly developed dynamic section centered on Anthropology Graduate study. Be sure to visit department news, for a current listing of what’s happening in the department.

We would definitely love to hear from you.
And we continue to be very grateful for all of your financial support. Graduate student support is our number one priority, and your contributions make their research possible. Be sure to check out our Graduate Student Profiles to see the range of their interests and contributions to the field of Anthropology, as well as the recruitment page they created for prospective graduate students at http://www.colorado.edu/anthropology/gradstudy/
If you would like to discuss giving options with the Department Chair, Bert Covert, can be reached at 303-492-2547 or Herbert.Covert@colorado.edu.

Where’s my Hale Herald?

The Hale Herald started out as an internal bulletin serving our faculty and currently enrolled grad students. Along the way, the lines got blurred with our alumni newsletter, and the CanSpam gumshoes have asked us to pare down our listserv. All alums who do not opt out will still receive the Anthropology alumni newsletter semi-annually. Alums and other friends can stay abreast of news and public events on our new Alumni and Friends webpage (above). If you would like to be added to our public events announcement listserv or if you are a devoted individual reader of our weekly bulletin, please send us current email contact information at anthro@colorado.edu before the next migration. And thanks for your readership.

Public Events

Ethnography and Biography: the Practice and Product of Writing Lives
An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference September 28-29, 2012, “Ethnography and Biography” is a two-day interdisciplinary conference organized by graduate students in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Colorado, Boulder. The conference will be held Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 and will include panels moderated by University of Colorado faculty.

For conference details, please see the Ethnography Biography Conference website, http://www.colorado.edu/anthropology/projects/ethnographyandbiography or contact us at ethno.biography@colorado.edu.
Dennis Van Gerven, the legacy...

There is so much Dennis Van Gerven will leave behind when he retires. When I started at the University of Utah, not a single member of my family—mother father uncles and aunts—had graduated even from high school...When I told my high-school counselor that I intended to enroll in college, he laughed me out of his office and said, ‘You’re kidding me. You’re going to become a truck driver just like your old man.’

After his freshman year, Van Gerven did almost drop out. He credits his wife for getting him through the college experience.

For the past 37 years, Dennis Van Gerven has been a mainstay in the Anthropology Department, winning numerous teaching awards. During 10 of those years, he directed the Honors Program and says he is exceedingly proud of increasing the diversity of the program.

First-generation students bring the university its life blood because the university is a place where people are free to express different ideas and values...What ideas are going to be expressed if all of our students are the same? We need to be continuously recharging that idea.

...excerpted from: Professors passionate about first-generation students  By Wendy Meyer, Colorado Arts & Sciences Magazine http://artsandsciences.colorado.edu/magazine/2012/05/professors-passionate-about-first-generation-students/

Deward Walker, on retirement...

While tending my garden, I often think of all the wonderful students, faculty, and other friends that have made my life in anthropology both challenging and rewarding. I have come to understand that some redemption for anthropology and its colonialist role in Euroamerican expansion is possible if we can make anthropology useful to our tribal friends who have long tolerated our involvement in their lives, histories, and cultures. I am especially proud of my contributions to the well-being of tribes and of the students I have introduced to rewarding and productive lives working with tribes in both basic and applied capacities.

Not surprisingly, I am also now wondering where 50 years of teaching and research have gone, but happily I am now able to spend more time with my wonderful family and with the tribes where my life in anthropology started and will end. My work continues with several tribal projects in the U.S. and Canada. New publications, editorial duties, and support for professional societies continue to occupy a lot of my time.

Russ McGoodwin, gone fishing...

For those of you who missed last year’s story:

After joining the faculty in 1973 and dedicating more that 30 years of service to the department, James Russell McGoodwin decided to retire from the university at the end of May, 2010. While he still hopes to settle into a routine of fishing and playing blues guitar, Russ has been kept busy on the global lecture circuit for his expertise on the impacts of climate change on ocean fisheries. His most recent publication is:

2011, McGoodwin, James R., "Building Resilience to Climatic and Global Change in High-Latitude Fishing Communities...," Chapter 22 In Rosemary E. Ommer, et al., eds., World Fisheries: A Social-Ecological Analysis. West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell. Shortly after retirement, McGoodwin was appointed Research Associate to the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at CU, and gave a presentation for the state parks on hunting traditions. He’s also been writing a memoir about his military service in Vietnam, and a novel about the coastal village in Mexico that he lived in ‘long ago.’
Moving In

Steven Leigh named new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

... A biological anthropologist, Steven Leigh's research focuses on both human and primate evolution and integrates many different kinds of data across the discipline of anthropology, including information from genetics, anatomy, archaeology, and socio-cultural anthropology. His research has substantially altered the view of the evolution of human growth and development...
—CU Office of News Services

A Fond Farewell to Old Friends

David Alan Breternitz

November 12, 1929 - March 5, 2012
Professor Emeritus, distinguished and beloved archaeologist David Breternitz left the world on a March afternoon due to complications with pneumonia. Our sincerest condolences to the Breternitz family for our mutual loss:

In 1963 David Breternitz began a successful academic career as a professor in the Department of Anthropology. While at CU Dave mentored hundreds of undergraduate and graduate Anthropology students...Dave conducted archaeological research at Dinosaur National Monument (1963-5); worked on the Plains of Eastern Colorado, North and West Africa, and ran the Colorado Mesa Verde Research Center. In 1967-8 Dave moved his family to Tunisia in North Africa and later to Nigeria in West Africa to work on the Kanji Rescue Aid Project....Dave’s work at Mesa Verde for 13 summers was with both undergraduates and graduate students and was a fertile ground for many of the prominent academic, federal and contract archaeology in the future...

In 1978 the University of Colorado was awarded the Dolores Archaeological Project at that time the largest project in the country. Dave moved from Boulder to Dove Creek to serve as the Principal Investigator of the DAP for the next eight years. Upon completion of the project he retired from CU in 1986 and remained in Dove Creek.

Excerpted from the Boulder Daily Camera obituary: 
http://www.dailycamera.com/obits/ci_20215507/david-alan-breternitz

Elizabeth Ann (Liz) Morris died the night of June 28 at her home in Bayfield, Colorado. Liz was the daughter of archaeologists Earl H. Morris and Ann Axtell Morris and graduated from Boulder High School in 1949. Liz endowed our department with the Earl Morris fund for outstanding doctoral students in archaeology, for which we are ever grateful. She earned her PhD at the University of Arizona with a dissertation on her father's excavations of Basketmaker sites in the Prayer Rock District of northeastern Arizona. A faculty biography for her tenure at Colorado State University can be found here: http://anthropology.colostate.edu/pages/faculty/Emeritus.aspx#Morris
She is survived by her son Ben Gell of Tucson. Cards and emails will reach Ben at Liz's address, eamorris@me.com and 48 Pine Place, Bayfield CO 81122.
Dissertation Fellowship Awards

Chris Morris and Magda Stawkowski were among a handful of PhD students at CU selected to receive a 2012-2013 Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship. This fellowship is for one semester of full support during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Chris Morris spent twelve months in South Africa hosted by the University of KwaZulu Natal’s Center for Civil Society and Rhodes University’s ISER and Inkcubeko Nendalo programs. His research examines the Eastern Cape Province as a critical junction in the global pharmaceutical trade in Umckaloabo, a plant-based therapy that currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars on the global marketplace as a therapy for respiratory diseases. As a point of entry, the project takes the legal case against Schwabe Pharmaceuticals of Germany—a company that was granted patents entitling it exclusive European use of the southern African Pelargonium species for the development of drugs treating respiratory ailments, AIDS and AIDS-related diseases—as an ethnographic window into the North-South politics of intellectual property disputes and the shifting relations between actors vying for say as to benefit from the knowledge of and access to profitable raw materials for medicine. The project is especially concerned with the fraught dynamics surfacing from efforts to govern the source end of a pharmaceutical value chain that links a former apartheid homeland in the Eastern Cape with biotraders and multi-national pharmaceutical companies and consumers in Europe, the US, Asia, and beyond. Chris’ advisor is Donna Goldstein.

(BA Germanic Studies and Anthropology, 2001 University of Colorado; MA Anthropology, 2007 University of Colorado). His advisor is Donna Goldstein.

Magda Stawkowski examines the social consequences of six decades of nuclearism that left a legacy of radioactive contamination in Kazakhstan. She argues that the radioactive realities of communities living in close proximity to the nuclear test site known as the Polygon and the current nuclear activities in uranium mining have created dynamic tensions that structure human lives in light of these toxic realities. (BA Anthropology/History, 2003 University of Delaware; MA Anthropology, 2007 University of Colorado). Her advisor is Donna Goldstein.

Stawkowski did the impossible when she won two major fellowships in one day! Both are prestigious and will allow her to devote her full energies to writing her dissertation: The Social Science Research Council Eurasia Program Dissertation Development Award is for $18,000. Funds for the program are provided by the US State Department under the Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union; The P.E.O. Scholar Award, granted by an international women’s organization, is for scholarly excellence and is in the amount of $15,000.

Stawkowski, pictured in the background at left, was interviewed for CBC radio about her field work in the villages of radioactive Kazakhstan. “Six months in the life of a former nuclear test site” can be accessed for your listening pleasure at: http://www.cbc.ca/dispatches/2010season/africa/2012/02/08/february-9-12-from-cairo---kazakhstan---turkey---india---new-york/

Paul Sandberg was nominated by the department for a 2012 Graduate Summer Fellowship and was selected by the university for one of these coveted awards. Recipients receive a $6,000 fellowship, which he’ll put to good use polishing his dissertation on Investigating Childhood Diet and Early Life History in the Archaeological Record Using Biogeochemical Techniques.

Sandberg participated in a study led by the Max Planck Institute on the diet of Australopithecus sediba and was co-author for the Nature paper featured at right: http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nature11185.html

“It is an important finding, because diet is one of the fundamental aspects of an animal, one that drives its behavior and ecological niche. As environments change over time because of shifting climates, animals are generally forced to either move or to adapt to their new surroundings,” Sandberg observed in an interview for CU News services. Local FM radio station KUNC did an extensive interview with him about the study. Link to the web post at: http://www.kunc.org/post/ancient-teeth-reveal-surprisingly-crunchy-hominin-snacks

Sandberg’s research interests include the reconstruction of human diet, life history, and health through stable isotope analysis.

Sandberg used stable isotopes in the Max Planck study and to investigate dietary changes in a Medieval Nubian population. (BA Anthropology, 2002 Colorado College; MA Anthropology, 2006 University of Colorado).

Matt Sponheimer, advisor. Dennis Van Gerven, co-advisor.
Darna Dufour co-edited a second edition of her *Nutritional Anthropology* textbook, just released from Oxford University Press. Oxford notes that, "Unlike any other book on the market, *Nutritional Anthropology* fuses issues past and present, local and global, and biological and cultural in order to give students a comprehensive foundation in food and nutrition.” Dufour contributed several chapters, including two new ones with PhD advisee Richard Bender entitled, “Hungry But Not Starving: Functional Consequences of Undernutrition in Adults” and “Nutrition Transitions: A View from Anthropology.” (Cover and ISBN at right)

Paul Sandberg (PhD candidate) and Matt Sponheimer published a study in the June 27 *Nature* online magazine, suggesting that *Australopithecus sediba* was unique among our most ancient hominin relatives in yet another way: its chimp-like diet.

“What fascinates me is that these individuals are oddballs,” Sponheimer summarized wryly for Jim Scott in his CU News story. “I had pretty much convinced myself that after four million years most of our hominin kin had diets that were different from living apes, but now I am not so sure…” This study was led by the Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. Link to the report in *Nature* at: http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nature11185.html The CU story link is here: http://www.colorado.edu/news/releases/2012/06/27/ancient-human-ancestor-had-unique-diet-according-study-involving-cu.

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 organized by Dr. Frank Cuozzo (U. North Dakota+UCB), Dr. Michelle Sauther (UCB) and Dr. Peter Ungar (U. Arkansas). 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. UCB Anthropology affiliated authors in this volume include Cuozzo (PhD, 2000; Adjunct Associate Professor), Sauther (Associate Professor), Dr. Matt Sponheimer (Associate Professor), and James Millette (PhD candidate).

Donna Goldstein's book, *Laughter out of Place*, passed the 10,000 copies sold mark and will go to a new printing at UC Press. This is huge for a scholarly book as the vast majority of them never get beyond a few hundred.

University Press of Colorado Adds Content to the Digital Archaeological Record (tDAR): Working with digital curators at the Center for Digital Antiquity, the University Press of Colorado has added to the Digital Archaeological Record (tDAR) information about 27 of its books on archaeological topics. One of the most recent books in the UPC catalog, *Surviving Sudden Environmental Change: Answers from Archaeology*, edited by Jago Cooper and Payson Sheets, may be downloaded in its entirety at: http://core.tdar.org/document/374944.

Peter Van Arsdale (PhD ’75) co-authored with Derrin Smith *Humanitarians in Hostile Territory: Expeditory Diplomacy and Aid outside the Green Zone* (Left Coast Press, 2010)

Marc Levine (PhD ’07) was co-author with Art Joyce on “Shifting Patterns of Obsidian Exchange in Post-classic Oaxaca, Mexico”* Ancient Mesoamerica / Volume 22 / Issue 01 / March 2011, pp 123 - 133


Christine Dixon and Adam Blanford, PhD candidates, were co-authors with Payson Sheets for the article “Manioc Cultivation at Céren, El Salvador: Occasional Kitchen Garden Plant or Staple Crop?” *Ancient Mesoamerica / Volume 22 / Issue 01 / March 2011, pp 1 - 11


Katherine McCordwell (MA ’11) has an article on page 6 Anthropology News (v. 52, n. 9, Dec 2011): “Narrating the Local and Global; Peace Corps and Community in the Museum of Local History.”
A Wing, a Prayer, and Midas Bootstraps

When the going gets lean, the lean get grants. (Or they just dive in on a wing and a prayer.) UCB Anthropology grad students are thrilled at the financial endorsements they have received from alums and friends, but they took a sober look at just how lean other local resources had become and got grant-writing. Know that you have invested well; the result was a watershed year of awards.

Jakob Sedig, doctoral advisee to Cathy Cameron, seems to have a winning lottery ticket. He first won an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for $19,570 that covers the cost of field equipment, lodging, per diem, transportation, and artifact analysis for his research at Woodrow Ruin in southwest New Mexico. Sedig then went on to win awards from: the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, the Colorado Archaeological Society, the CU Museum Awards Program, and the Beverly Sears fund at CU. In fact, he’s received every grant he’s applied for so far. Kind of crazy. But in a wonderful way! Sedig recently gave a talk on his research at Woodrow Ruin at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science for the Denver chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society.

Lindsay Ofrias, one of Donna Goldstein’s MA advisees, won $1,000 in Graduate Fellow Funds from the CARTSS Board in support of her project entitled Oil Waste Cleanup in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Citizenship, the State, and Transnationalism. She will be traveling to Ecuador next summer using funds from the Goldstein Altman endowment. We look forward to the results of her study.

Amy Harrison Levine, Bert Covert’s PhD advisee, has been awarded a Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation grant in the amount of $14,000 for her dissertation project on “Human/Non-human Primate Resource Overlap in Northern Vietnam”. The award is going through the Denver Zoo, where Amy is employed full-time as Conservation Biology Manager.

Kate Fischer, a Goldstein PhD advisee, was set to receive a prestigious grant from Fulbright-Hays, only to watch it evaporate on the congressional chopping block. Her project was still on the tarmac, so Kate bought a ticket to Costa Rica and found a job teaching English to support her research on the coffee-growing industry there. Generous friends let her live at their hostel for free, and her project soon evolved to include an analysis on the effects of CAFTA, the Central American Free Trade Agreement, on family life and worker expectations. The most immediate effect of CAFTA has been to make cell phones readily available via competition for the state monopoly, which means Kate spends a lot of time talking to people dressed in frog costumes (the symbol of the state’s provider service) and being asked why she doesn’t have an iPhone. She asks that if you’re ever in Orosi, Costa Rica, you look up Montaña Linda’s hostel and Spanish school at http://montanalinda.com/.

Jim Millette, PhD advisee to Michelle Sauther, received a Leakey Grant for his dissertation work at Beza Mahafaly, Madagascar on dental senescence. This grant, along with a generous boost from the Scott Ferris fund and departmental grant funds, will allow him to carry out his research beginning this summer. Happy travels at last, Jim!

Wm. Porter Bourie, PhD candidate in cultural anthropology, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to conduct his dissertation fieldwork in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Drawing from his experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Togo and preliminary fieldwork in Niger and Mali, Porter will be examining local environmental knowledge of desertification in the context of a water resource management project. He will be researching the similarities and differences in this knowledge between community members and agents of a non-governmental organization. He additionally hopes to pinpoint areas for more effective collaboration between the community and NGO, and to facilitate development project implementation. Porter will be leaving to begin his fieldwork in November. His advisor is Terry McCabe.
**FOREVER ANTHROPOLOGISTS—the blogosphere**

**ORIGINUS ~ Musings on Human Origins and Evolution**

*Cris Campbell*, PhD student, and *Matt Sponheimer* have a new blog of interest to all concerned with current thinking on the evolution of our species. Recent postings on: ‘Big Brains in Evolutionary History’, ‘Evolution of “Natural” Sleep’, and ‘The Fragile Monument of Hominin Diet’ can be found at [http://originus.net/home/](http://originus.net/home/)

**Woodrow Ruin Archaeology: Documenting Fieldwork in the Upper Gila**

*Jakob Sedig*, PhD student, has posted a blog documenting the dig at his site: [http://woodrowruinarchaeology.wordpress.com/](http://woodrowruinarchaeology.wordpress.com/)

**Another Occupy is Possible—A Savage Minds guest blog post by Levi Jacobs (PhD student) about the Occupy Denver movement: [http://savageminds.org/2012/05/28/another-occupy-is-possible/](http://savageminds.org/2012/05/28/another-occupy-is-possible/)

"...Trying to be a movement of the 99% means nothing less than the collective overcoming of the Differences we anthropologists have fetishized since the discipline’s inception. Yet this may be what really needs to happen—it may be what is happening. So we can’t write off Occupy yet. If anything, as one of the greatest social experiments of our time, anthropologists need to be writing more on it...”

**A Wing, a Prayer, and Midas Bootstraps (continued)**

*Dawa Lokyitsang*, Carole McGranahan’s MA advisee, has been selected to receive a $7000 Dalai Lama Trust scholarship for the academic year 2012-2013 from among a highly competitive pool of candidates. Founded by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 2009, the scholarship program of the Trust is intended to further the human capital development of the Tibetan people by supporting the pursuit of excellence among Tibetan students in a specialized academic field.

*Jamie Forde* and *Guy Hepp*, both Art Joyce PhD advisees, were each awarded two major, prestigious national grants. It is unusual for grad students to be awarded two of these sorts of highly competitive, monetarily large, national grants: *Forde* won a $19K National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement grant for his proposal on "Indigenous Responses to Colonialism at Achiutla, Oaxaca, Mexico" and augmented his purse with another $15K grant from the National Geographic Society/Wattt Grants under the project title, "The Conquest of the Hill of the Sun: Archaeological Investigations of Indigenous Cultural Change and Persistence at Colonial Achiutla, Oaxaca, Mexico." This bodes well for his project, which involves excavations of residences at this highland Mixtec site, one of the most sacred for the Mixtec people during late prehispanic and early colonial times. Forde is interested in how common people dealt with the arrival of the Spanish in the 15th Century. *Hepp*, whose Fulbright award was announced previously, also garnered a $25K Dissertation Improvement Grant from the NSF. That should make life pleasant in Oaxaca, where Hepp is excavating the site of La Consentida in the lower Rio Verde Valley. La Consentida is one of the earliest village sites in southern Mexico and his project will address the transition to sedentism, agricultural, and social complexity.

*Katy Putsavage*, PhD advisee to Steve Lekson, was accepted to a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute program: "Mesoamerica and the Southwest: A New History for an Ancient Land" exploring the rapidly accumulating new collaborative scholarship by investigators in both Mesoamerica and the ancient Southwest: [http://www.ccha-assoc.org/MesoSW12/index.html](http://www.ccha-assoc.org/MesoSW12/index.html). Putsavage added a $25,000 feather to her cap with an NSF grant, allotted to study “Demographic and Social Transformations in the Mimbres Region: An Investigation of the Black Mountain Site and Phase (A.D. 1130 to 1300).” Putsavage published an article about her New Mexico research site in December’s *Archaeology News Online*.
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**ALUM NEWS**

**Peter Van Arsdale** (PhD ’75) is Senior Lecturer at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. His latest fieldwork has taken him to Kenya, Ethiopia, S. Sudan, Timor-Leste, and Romania. His latest book (co-authored with Derrin Smith) is *Humanitarians in Hostile Territory: Expeditionary Diplomacy and Aid outside the Green Zone* (Left Coast Press, 2010).

**George Armelagos** (PhD ’68) made headlines recently, along with his grad students, for their research aimed at closing a long-standing debate on whether Columbus introduced syphilis to Europe. See the *Live Science* story at [http://www.livescience.com/17643-columbus-introduced-syphilis-europe.html](http://www.livescience.com/17643-columbus-introduced-syphilis-europe.html).

**Courtney Lee**, who received her MA from our department in 2006, received her Ph.D. this May from the University of Colorado-Denver in Health & Behavioral Sciences. Her dissertation was awarded the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 2011-2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Award. It was entitled: Costa Rica at a Crossroads: The Ideological Contradictions of Medical Tourism. Courtney’s advisor was **Steve Koester**, who received his PhD from our department in 1986.

**Marc Levine** (PhD ’07) accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Oklahoma. It is half-time in the Anthropology Department and half-time as a curator in the Museum of Natural History. This would be exciting news even in a boom economy! Huge congratulations to a very deserving young professional!

**David Hoffman** (PhD ’06) was recently awarded an NSF grant from the Cultural Anthropology program! It is a three year grant of $244,686.00, the project is titled “Motivations and Movement: Modeling Migration to Buffer Zones of Three Costa Rican National Parks” Here is the abstract: [http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?awardNumber=1157495&WT.z_pims_id=5388](http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?awardNumber=1157495&WT.z_pims_id=5388)

**Ryan Miller** (BA ’11) was drafted by the Cleveland Browns, one of two former CU players drafted to the NFL. Congratulations, Ryan, on packing an anthropology degree into your pro football career!

**Laura DeLuca** (PhD ’02) received a Fulbright Specialist Program grant to support a short-term project in Pretoria, South Africa. From January 9-11, 2012, she and Dr. Maphosa of the Africa Institute of South Africa will convene a round table meeting for their book on Community-based Peace Building in Africa.

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**Limelight**


**Inga Calvin** (Lecturer/PhD ’06) was interviewed for a televised broadcast on the History Channel, who purportedly were looking for an expert who can speak about Mayan culture, their achievements in astronomy, mathematics, the creation and accuracy of their calendar, how it measures time, their myths, legends and gods as well as rebutting the Western belief that the Mayan long count calendar is a countdown to doomsday.

**Willi Lempert** (PhD student) was interviewed by ABC Australia about his predissertation fieldwork in the Kimberley region of Northwestern Australia on Indigenous community media production. You may hear it at the following site: [http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2012/07/06/3540661.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2012/07/06/3540661.htm)

**Somraj Basu** (PhD student) was among young research scholars highlighted in Calcutta’s *Statesman* newspaper last spring. Basu’s research on issues of territoriality surrounding the manufacture of Tibetan medicine in India was presented to a national seminar on Postcolonialism at Calcutta University.

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**Field School**

Doug Bamforth will take the field school out later this summer for two separate projects. Report in next newsletter.
**KUDOS to our faculty and grads**

**Matt Sponheimer** has been selected by the Boulder Faculty Assembly to receive their 2011-2012 award for Excellence in Research, Scholarly and Creative Work. The honor includes a $3000 monetary award, but what makes it special is that he was selected by his Boulder campus colleagues. Smart colleagues!

**Carole McGranahan** received a Fulbright Scholar Grant for research in India in 2013 on her project "Refugees and Citizenship: Tibetan Practices of Subjectivity in Postcolonial India."

**Donna Goldstein** has had a particularly productive year. The CU Center to Advance Research in the Social Sciences Board awarded Goldstein $5,000 in Smith Scholar Funds in support of her project on Genetic Futures of the Nuclear Age: Anthropologist and Human Geneticist Dr. James V. Neel.

**Gerardo Gutiérrez** collaborated on what has been deemed the most comprehensive study on the genetic admixture of the Latino American population: "Development of a Panel of Genome-Wide Ancestry Informative Markers to Study Admixture throughout the Americas." [http://www.plosgenetics.org/doi/pgen.1002554](http://www.plosgenetics.org/doi/pgen.1002554). If you look carefully at this article published by the Public Library of Science, you will find the University of Colorado at Boulder is listed among 29 prestigious laboratories, institutions and universities from all over the American continent. Gutiérrez has put us on the map!

**Bert Covert** spent Thanksgiving Day hiking up and down a mountain in the Mekong Delta. This year has seen the most extensive flooding on record (see photo). The trip was a scientific success: he and wife Sherri are the first to confirm the presence of an endangered primate species on the hill they climbed.

**2011 Haskell Houghtelin Grants**

Cheers to Andie Ang, Marni LaFleur, Jen Leichliter, Willi Lempert, Morgan Seamont, Dani Merriman, and Oliver Paine for garnering grants for their research from this fund.

**Pre-Dissertation Grants**

The Department of Anthropology is pleased to announce the award of pre-dissertation research grants to the following graduate students:

Traci Bekelman, Jessica Hedgepeth, Andie Ang, Willi Lempert, Jen Leichliter, Oliver Paine and Dani Merriman. Wishing them all the best in their scholarly pursuits.

**Beverly Sears Award Winners**

Congratulations to the following Anthropology grads for winning Beverly Sears Awards from the CU Grad School this year: Jakob Sedig, Jessica Hedgepeth, Morgan Koukopoulos, Oliver Paine, Andie Ang, Jen Leichliter and Meryleen Mena.

**Grad Outreach**

**Oliver Paine** and **Jen Leichliter**, PhD students, gave a talk at The National Museum, Bloemfontein, South Africa on "Paleoecological Reconstruction: Interpreting the South African Hominin Fossil Record". Paine remarked that, "Our sponsor and friend, Dr. Nico Avenant, is the head of mammalogy at the museum. He was very pleased with the talk and said that usually 20-30 people show up for lectures and we managed to draw about 70. This made Nico (and Jen and me) very happy!"

**Ben Joffe** (PhD student, coincidentally from South Africa) did some outreach on behalf of the department at the Logan School for Creative Learning in Denver [http://www.theloganschool.org/](http://www.theloganschool.org/). After being interviewed as an anthropologist by three middle school students—as part of a self-motivated, individualized learning unit project—Ben recounted, The students posed questions about anthropomorphic animals in myth; American and national mythologies; heroes and villains; recurring motifs and characters; the contextually, culturally, and historically-specific significance of particular symbols; religious syncretism; cross-cultural appropriations and re-interpretations; and social theories relating to myth and story-telling. Our open-ended discussion touched upon everything from Gnostic Christianity, Jungian psychology, the relationships between science, religion and theories of evolution, to early fairy beliefs in Europe, missionization in Mesoamerica, Medieval demonology and naturally, Harry Potter.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Marni Mai LaFleur: Doctor of Philosophy
Dissertation title: Ecology of Ring-Tailed Lemurs (Lemur catta) at the Tsimanampetsotsa National Park, Madagascar: Implications for Female Dominance and the Evolution of Lemur Traits
Advisor: Michelle Sauther

Jessica Chantelle Lee: Doctor of Philosophy
Dissertation title: They Have to See Us: An Ethnography of Deaf People in Tanzania
Advisor: J. Terrence McCabe

Roberta Rita Martine: Doctor of Philosophy
Dissertation title: Insulin Resistance in Hispanic Male Meatpackers
Advisors: Matt Sponheimer, Gregory Kandt

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Goldstein Altman Awards
Through the generosity of Gregg Altman, the grad students listed below travelled to Uganda, Mexico, India, Costa Rica, Mali, and Wisconsin. Each gives his/her thanks for making their research possible:
Kate Fischer, Ben Joffe, Willi Lempert, Dawa Lokyitsang, Morgan Seamont. Lindsay Ofrias will use these funds to travel to Ecuador next summer.

Scott Ferris Awards
Five grad students are grateful to Scott Ferris for supporting their research:
Traci Bekelman, Jen Leichliter, Oliver Paine, Andie Ang, Jonathan O’Brien

Tom Lennon and WCRM gave invaluable financial support to PhD student Ruth Martinez Cervantes

We have a new endowment in the works for our archaeology graduate students. It will be announced in our next issue.

New Grad Recruitment Website

Check out our new graduate student recruitment website, created by Anthropology grad students in collaboration with designers at UC Communications: http://www.colorado.edu/anthropology/gradstudy/
The Graduate Studies page is up and it looks pretty cool! It has profiles and pictures, as well as a map with information on where our graduate students work, and what they’re doing there. –David Page (IT Lifeguard)
Thanks to Michelle Sauther for coordinating this effort and a big thanks to students who spent many hours in meetings and gathering photos, videos and text: Adam, Erin, Heather, Guy, Mirna, Morgan K., Oliver, Levi and David. Great effort - great site!
–Karen Lund

Department Chair, Bert Covert, addressing an ecstatic crowd of May graduates.
FOOD and TRAVEL PAGE

**Dennis McGilvray** found this outlet while doing some research on changes in marriage customs among the Tamils in post-civil war Sri Lanka. (See ‘Dispatches from the Field’ on our website.) KGNU radio’s “Living Dialogs” interviewed McGilvray for a broadcast of CU’s Asia on Edge Symposium that can be accessed on the Center for Asian Studies website at: [http://cas.colorado.edu/index.php/component/content/article/39-in-the-spotlight/208](http://cas.colorado.edu/index.php/component/content/article/39-in-the-spotlight/208)

**Time-Traveler’s Cookbook**


NPR created a book of tongue-in-cheek recipes — based on archeological digs and actual historical texts. Their meat-lover’s edition traces humanity’s changing relationship with meat with such delicacies as ‘Mahalo for the Mammoth’ and ‘Hamburg Steak.’

**Jason Scott** (PhD student) was interviewed for an NPR broadcast on-location in a Rio favela, or shantytown, where he is doing some pre-dissertation research. You can hear it, short and sweet as it is, and read the story at [http://www.npr.org/2011/11/01/141234680/in-the-hills-of-rio-shantytowns-get-a-makeover](http://www.npr.org/2011/11/01/141234680/in-the-hills-of-rio-shantytowns-get-a-makeover).

**Michaela Howells** made the cover of the Samoa News (the islands’ newspaper) for what might qualify as community outreach. “I was a judge for a faafine contest. For those of you who are not familiar, faafines are women who are born male. They have a strong community on island and give much more entertaining pagents than biological women. I am pictured here with the winner.”

**Surf’s up! Hang ten!**

A recent issue of Archaeology magazine has a short piece on Cerén in its "Off the Grid" column which every month presents an important site for people to visit. As an added attraction, the article notes that "surfing in this part of El Salvador is considered among the best in the world," and our very own **Roberto Gallardo** (MA ’04) runs one of the best of the best. In case you’re planning a little getaway... For reservations at the Tortuga Surf Lodge, email Roberto at rgtortuga@yahoo.com.

**Malanga** story by Payson Sheets

At Cerén we have found a plant growing in kitchen gardens and occasionally elsewhere, that has not been discovered at any other New World sites. It is called “malanga” as a common name, formally Xanthosoma violaceum. It is a root crop that is quite tasty, grows fast, and likes humid environments but also grows at high elevations and tolerates frost.

A few archaeologists have suggested the Maya may have used root crops to support the really dense Classic period populations, as the maize-beans-squash triad does not seem sufficient. We are excited to contribute the first solid data in that direction. And we are fascinated to discover that Maya royalty prominently displayed malanga stems and leaves in their headdress decorations, so they revered the plant. So far we have found the plant depicted in Late Preclassic imagery (as above), and will start searching to see if Classic kings and queens did likewise.