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:
Or see the video of our graduate students working the site on our new Graduate Studies website:
http://www.colorado.edu/anthropology/gradstudy/archaeology

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
CUWFA12-05
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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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.
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 Ofrías 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](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. Heartiest 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:


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 on [http://www.princetonartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/1384](http://www.princetonartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/1384)

Lindsay Ofrías (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.
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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 CRISSES, 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.

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

Wishing you a joyous 2013.

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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'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:


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 Cuozzo (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 Cuozzo (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 debates 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!
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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