

THE ANTHROPOLOGIST

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A newsletter for faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the Department of Anthropology

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ANTHROPOLOGY FACULTY RANK IN THE TOP TEN IN PRODUCTIVITY

A study by the company Academic Analytics concluded that the faculty of the Department of Anthropology was the eighth most productive anthropology department in the country in 2005, making it the only department in either of the undergraduate colleges of Case Western Reserve University to earn Top Ten ranking. Only three disciplines in the university earned Top Ten ranking, with the other two disciplines located in the School of Medicine. The social science faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences as a whole ranked ninth in productivity.



Academic Analytics examined the scholarly productivity of the faculty in 7,294 doctoral programs across 104 disciplines at 354 institutions. Past rankings of departments have typically been based to a large extent on reputation. To complement such rankings, Academic Analytics developed an objective and reproducible index of productivity based on publications, citations, grants, awards, and honors. Data on the Top Ten departments in each discipline, as well as the disciplines within each university that earned a Top Ten ranking, were released to the Chronicle of Higher Education and can be examined at: chronicle.com/stats/productivity/.

GRADUATE NEWS

Nadia El-Shaarawi has been selected to receive the 2007 Eva L. Pancoast Fellowship. She plans to conduct pilot research with Palestinian refugees in Cairo, Egypt. She is especially interested in issues of food as they relate to cultural identities and health.

Joseph Galanek presented a paper entitled, "Anthropological Perspectives on the Mentally Ill 'Offender': Engagement with the Criminal Justice and Forensic Mental Health System" at the Society for Applied Anthropology's 2007 conference

in Tampa, Florida. Joe was also co-presenter at the eighth annual All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry for a paper entitled "Addressing the Mental Health Needs for Consumers in the Criminal Justice System." Along with administrators from the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, he presented initial analysis of quantitative and qualitative data from an outcomes evaluation he is conducting for the county's mental health board.

Meghan Halley, a second year student in the Anthropology Department, is the recipient of the Ruth Barber Moon Award. This award is given to graduate students who have demonstrated academic promise and leadership abilities.

Charlotte Haney plans to use her 2007 Pancoast award to prepare her fieldsite so that she can begin an intensive research program in September on the impacts of gendered violence on young women's constructions of femininity in Northern Mexico.

Kate Masley presented a paper at the Society for the Anthropology of North America's (SANA) annual meeting in New Orleans, LA (April 19-21). The title of her paper was "La Partera, La Clinica, a Healthy Diet, Taking Care of Ourselves, and La Cuarentena: Pregnant and Postpartum Midwestern Mexicans Avoiding Disaster." She also presented a poster at Research ShowCASE titled, "Living the 'Latina Paradox': Mexicans in Northeast Ohio." An article by Kate appeared in the April 2007 issue of North American Dialogue: The Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of North America entitled "The Anthropology of the U.S.: Cited Not Nearly Enough and Still Earning Respect."

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GRADUATE NEWS (Continued)

Amy Rezac has been selected to receive the 2007 Eva L. Pancoast Fellowship. Her plans for this summer are to travel to Egypt where she hopes to gain a better understanding of the Sudanese refugee experience in Cairo. While there she will also begin her Arabic language instruction.

GRADUATE DISCOURSE

Graduate Discourse had an active semester. “Team Anthro” participated in several intramural sports including ultimate frisbee in November and bowling in February. A subgroup of students have also been organizing the first reissue of the Graduate Discourse journal titled *The Case Western Reserve University Graduate Discourse Journal of Medical Anthropology*, headed by Jonathan Metcalfe, a first year anthropology graduate student. The first issue was released in late April. They have also been meeting regularly to organize graduate student participation in the candidate visits. Future activities include an interdisciplinary graduate student social event funded by the Graduate Student Senate and a faculty versus student croquet match scheduled for the end of the year picnic which will be held on May 5.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Sherylyn Briller has co-edited a book, *End of Life Stories: Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries*, with Donald E. Gelfand, Richard Raspa, and Stephanie Myers Schim (eds.), New York, Springer, 2005.

Carmit K. McMullen has co-authored an article “Self-Rated Health Appraisal as Cultural and Identity Process: African American Elders’ Health and Evaluative Rationales,” *The Gerontologist* 46(4): 431-438, 2006.

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Jeremy Safran has been accepted to the summer research program at the Harvard Cognitive Evolution Laboratory headed by Professor Marc Hauser. Jeremy has a second major in evolutionary biology and his summer work is funded by the Summer Research Program in Evolutionary Biology.

Sarah Robinson and Kyle Lovell have been selected by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History to receive financial support to participate in an excavation this summer at Mislaya Cave in Israel. This is in the area of the Mt. Carmel caves, famous for their remains of Neanderthals and early anatomically modern humans. This is a wonderful professional opportunity for these two excellent undergraduates selected from a pool of strong candidates and is an indication of the continuing strong collaboration between the Anthropology Department and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. You can view a description of their work at:

www.tau.ac.il/~anatom2/misliya.html.



Mt. Carmel caves in Israel. More pictures can be found at: www.tau.ac.il/~anatom2/misliya.html

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NEW STAFF

Rhonda McFadden joined the Anthropology Department as part-time Secretary in February. Rhonda moved to Ohio in December, 2006 with her husband and daughter from Clarksville, Tennessee. She is originally from Pittsburgh and previously worked at Carnegie Mellon University for two years as an Administrative Coordinator for the Networked Situational Awareness Department of the Software Engineering Institute. She has a degree in Business Administration and is currently working toward a degree in Nutrition at Case Western Reserve University. Rhonda will assist in grant preparation, web design and maintenance, and general office support.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Eileen Anderson-Fye:

Anderson-Fye, E. 2006 *Adolescence in Belize*. In, Arnett, J. (ed) *International Encyclopedia of Adolescence*, Vol. 1. New York: Routledge.

Anderson-Fye, E. *Disease*. In, Albrecht, G. (ed) *Encyclopedia of Disability*. New York: Sage.

Dr. Cynthia Beall:

Beall, C.M., Brown, D.E., Mills, P.S., and Strohl, K.P. 2006 *Exhaled Nitric Oxide Decreases Upon Acute Exposure to High-Altitude Hypoxia*. *American Journal of Human Biology*. 18(2): 196-202.

Beall, C.M. 2006 *Andean, Tibet and Ethiopian Patterns of Adaptation to High-Altitude Hypoxia*. *Journal of Integrative and Comparative Biology*. [Advance Access, January 6, 2006] *Integrative and Comparative Biology* 46(1):18-24; doi:10.1093/icb/icj004.

Beall, C.M. *Two Routes to Functional Adaptation: Tibetan and Andean High-Altitude Natives*. (In Press at Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.)

Dr. Beall was featured in an article in *Science Magazine* on April 20, 2007 written by Ann Gibbons. The contents of the article are based on her research on the survival of Tibetan children. "Beall, of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and her colleagues have for a decade been gathering all sorts of family, biological, and fertility data from men, women, and children living in more than 900 households in 14 villages in Tibet." Visit www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/316/5823/365 to read more.

Dr. Atwood Gaines:

Gaines, Atwood D. 2006 *Alzheimer Disease, Aging, Chance and 'Race.'* *Journal of Philosophy, Psychiatry and Psychology* 13(1):83-85.

Gaines, Atwood D. and Whitehouse, Peter J. 2006 *Building a Mystery: Alzheimer Disease, Mild Cognitive Impairment and Beyond*. *Journal of Philosophy, Psychiatry and Psychology* 13(1):61-74.

Farmer, Paul E. and Gaines, Atwood D. 2006 *Weston LaBarre*. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Volume 4*. H. James Birx, Editor. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Pp. 1395-1396.

Gaines, Atwood D. 2006 *Eudysphoria*. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Volume 2*. H. James Birx, Editor. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Pp. 870-871.

Gaines, Atwood D. 2006 *Ethnopsychiatry*. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Volume 2*. H. James Birx, Editor. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Pp. 862-864.

Gaines, Atwood D. 2006 *Ethnomedicine*. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Volume 2*. H. James Birx, Editor. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Pp. 859-861.

Gaines, Atwood D. 2006 *Dementia*. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Volume 2*. H. James Birx, Editor. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Pp. 725-726.

Gaines, Atwood D. 2006 *Biomedicine*. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Volume 1*. H. James Birx, Editor. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. Pp. 370-371.

Dr. Gaines is set to become the new Editor-in-Chief of Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry. CMP's founding Editor-in-Chief is Arthur Kleinman of Anthropology (now chair), Psychiatry, and Social Medicine (former chair) at Harvard where CMP has been housed for the entirety of its 30 years in print. The Journal will move to Case on May 31st of this year for a minimal term of five years. Peter Whitehouse (Neurology, Medicine, Psychiatry) and Eric Juengst (Bioethics, Genetics, Oncology) both of Case will be Consulting Editors.

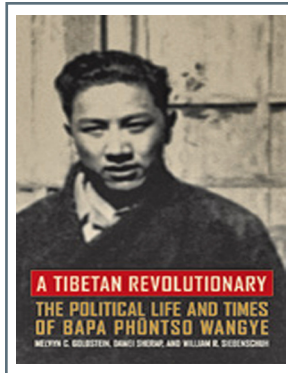
Dr. Melvyn Goldstein:

Tibetan Language Edition of:
Goldstein, Melvyn C., Sherap, Dawei, Siebenschuh, William. 2006 *A Tibetan Revolutionary. The Political Life of Bapa Phuntso Wangye*. University of California Press, pp. 371. (bod mi gsar brje ba zhig: 'ba' pa phun tshogs dbang rgyal gyi srid don mi tshad dang dus skabs.) Dharamsala India, Tibet Times Publishers.

The 2006 edition of Dr. Goldstein's book, *A Tibetan Revolutionary* was just named as one of the Wall Street Journal's Ten Great Reads on Asia by John Krich on February 9, 2007:

Speaking of the "r" word, here's a true tale of a genuine idealist, Bapa Phuntso Wangye, who first translated "The Internationale" into Tibetan and helped found the Communist Party of Tibet in the 1940s while on horseback. Later, he ended up writing works of philosophy as he endured 18 years of solitary confinement for trying to broker a deal between Chairman Mao and the Dalai Lama, only gaining his freedom in 1978. Though the book was first published in hardback in 2005, this handsome new paperback edition deserves attention for helping bring to light the much-ignored predicament of those Tibetan patriots who linked their hopes to working with, and within, China's regime. Better yet, the distinguished academic authors wisely decided to let Mr. Phuntso recount his saga in the first person. Ideology aside, his real-life adventures, set in mountain fortresses rarely seen by the outside world, are as full of thrilling intrigue and narrow escapes as any Indiana Jones flick.

Congratulations to Dr. Goldstein on an outstanding accomplishment!



Dr. Lawrence Greksa:

Greksa, L.P. 2006 *Growth and Development of Andean High Altitude Residents*. High Altitude Medicine and Biology, 7 (2): 116 - 124.

Greksa, L.P., R. Naganuma, ABM R. Islam, U. Maki and K. Omori. 2007 *Growth and Health Status of Street Children in Dhaka, Bangladesh*. American Journal of Human Biology 19(1): 51-60.

Dr. Tenibac Harvey:

Harvey, T.S. 2006 *Ipseity, Alterity, and Community: The Tri-unity of K'iche' Maya Healing* Zygon, Vol. 41, no. 4.

Harvey, T.S. 2006 *Humbling, Frightening and Exalting: An Experiential Acquaintance with Maya Healing in Anthropology and Humanism*. Vol. 31 (1).

Dr. Charlotte Ikels:

Ikels, C. 2006 *Economic Reform and Intergenerational Relationships in China*. Oxford Development Studies, 34(4):387-400.

Dr. Jill E. Korbin:

Korbin, J. 2006 *Child Abuse*. In J.H. Birx, Ed., Encyclopedia of Anthropology, pp. 489-491, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Korbin, J. 2006 *Childhood Studies*. In J.H. Birx, Ed., Encyclopedia of Anthropology, pp. 498-500, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Greksa, L. P. and Korbin, J. 2006 *Amish*. In J.H. Birx, Ed., Encyclopedia of Anthropology, pp.65-69, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Barnes, J., Katz, I., Korbin, J., & O'Brien, M. 2006 *Children and Families in Communities: Theory, Research, Policy and Practice*. West Sussex, UK: John Wiley & Sons.

Dr. Janet W. McGrath:

McGrath, J.W., Rwabukwali, C.B., Rundall, S.A., Akurut, D. 2006 *Anticipated Acceptability of a Vaginal Microbicide Among Women Attending an STD Clinic in Kampala, Uganda*. Makerere University Research Journal, 1:93-107.

Celentano, D.D., Fullem, A., Kamya, M., McGrath, J.W., 2006 *Designing a Group-Based Intervention to Promote Condom Use in HIV Serodiscordant Couples in Three Countries: India, Thailand, Uganda*. IN: Marshall PA Assessment Framework for Research Design and Informed Consent in Resource-Poor Settings. World Health Organization, Geneva.



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