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Case Western Reserve University College of Arts and Sciences

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

A biographical sketch of our newest faculty member, Dr. Eileen Anderson-Fye, is included in this issue of our newsletter. Dr. Anderson-Fye is on leave this year and will be on-campus beginning in the fall of 2007. We are currently searching for two additional medical anthropologists so that there will be three new faculty beginning next year. The ad for these positions can be found at: <http://www.case.edu/artsci/anth/position.html>

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EILEEN ANDERSON-FYE

Eileen Anderson-Fye is Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Associate Director of the Schubert Center for Child Development at Case Western Reserve University. She is currently on leave for the 2006-2007 academic year as she completes a National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship at UCLA. Her research focuses on adolescent well-being in contexts of rapid cultural change (i.e. globalization and immigration).

Anderson-Fye has completed over 10 years of longitudinal ethnographic research with high school girls in Belize examining their ethnopsychology, academic achievement, and mental health in the context of globalizing cultural change. More recently, she has been working on a research project with African-descended Belizean immigrants in Los Angeles examining their experiences through high school and transitions to adulthood. Her current work sets the stage for comparative study of Belizean adolescents in their natal country and after immigration to the U.S. in order to understand the effects of globalization and immigration on well-being, with particular attention to the effects of gender, ethnicity, and race across mid-adolescence.

Anderson-Fye is a psychological and medical anthropologist who received her A.B. in American Civilization from Brown University and her M.Ed. and Ed.D. in the multi-disciplinary department of Human Development at Harvard University. She completed postdoctoral training in the Foundation for Psychocultural Research-UCLA Program

of Culture, Brain, and Development where she was based in the Department of Psychiatry's Center for Culture and Health. Her work has won the Society for Psychological Anthropology's Condon Award, the UCLA Chancellor's Award for Postdoctoral Research, and has been supported by the Spencer Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, NIH, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, the Foundation for Psychocultural Research, the Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, and several research institutes in Eating Disorders, Children's Studies, and International Education. Her publications have appeared in *Ethos*; *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*; and other peer-reviewed journals and books.

KASSEN LECTURE

Kathryn Oths (PhD, Case Western Reserve University, 1991) joined our department as the annual Kassen lecturer on October 11th. She spoke on the "Sociocultural Dimensions of Birth Outcomes: An Anthropological Perspective on Birth Outcomes." She also spent several hours over lunch talking with our graduate students and answering their questions.

Dr. Oths is a medical anthropologist with an area specialization in Latin America. Her interests include: comparative medical systems and treatment decision making; traditional and alternative healers, health beliefs, and health behaviors; reproductive health; gender, ethnicity, and health; and, public health. Her work has been conducted using a combination of traditional

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anthropological methods and quantitative research designs. Oths has carried out research on practitioner-patient interactions in a chiropractic clinic, health seeking behavior in highland Peru, the social value of food in Brazil, psychosocial factors in low birth weight in the southern United States, and domestic violence. She also recently co-taught an NSF Short Course in Research Methods on the topic of Survey Research.



In 2005, Professor Oths won two awards from the University of Alabama. First, she won the Morris Lehman Meyer Award that is annually given to a faculty member who exhibits the highest standards of integrity and commitment to service to university and community life. Professor Oths also received the 2005 College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Board Outstanding Commitment to Students Award, bestowed on professors

for their excellence in teaching.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

Prisca Fall completed a B.S. in Psychology/Anthropology at St. Lawrence University. She will be part of our M.A. program, specializing in International Health.

Anna Fiskin received her B.S. in Biology from the University of Cincinnati. She joins the joint M.A. in Anthropology/M.D. program.

Ruth Magtanong graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.S. in Psychobiology and Anthropology. She will be part of the joint masters program in Public Health and Anthropology.

Stacey McKenna graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.A. in Anthropology. She will join the joint masters program in Public Health and Anthropology.

Hillary Melchiors completed her B.A. in international health and development and Germanic studies at Indiana University. She will be part of the joint masters program in

Public Health and Anthropology.

Jonathan Metcalfe received his B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from Vanguard University and his M.A. in Applied Anthropology from California State University, Long Beach. He will be a part of the joint masters program in Public Health and Anthropology.

Aura Newlin joins our program after completing her B.A. in Ethnomusicology at the University of Wyoming. She will be part of the International Health emphasis.

Amy Rezac completed an Interdisciplinary B.A. with an emphasis in Anthropology at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She joins our emphasis in Medical Anthropology and International Health.

GRADUATE NEWS

Charlotte Haney received the Flora Stone Mather Graduate Student Award, which acknowledges the achievements of women graduate students in the sciences and social sciences. She also attended the NSF summer institute. Charlotte, together with some other grads, is putting together a discussion group on “tactics in the field.”

Kate Masley and **Elizabeth Carpenter-Song** are co-organizing a panel for the 2006 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting titled, “So, You Want to be an Anthropologist?: The Politics, Pressures, and Pleasures of Fieldwork in the U.S.” Rachel Chapman (a former faculty member of the Case Anthropology Department) will be introducing the panel and Alisse Waterston of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice will act as the discussant.

Sarah Rubin spent the 2005-2006 academic year at the University of Oxford in the Programme for African Studies. She studied, traveled, rowed for her college, and wrote a dissertation entitled, “Reproducing Domesticity: Representations of Motherhood in Colonial-era Ethnographies of Southern African Societies, 1930-1960.” For her work, she was awarded a Masters of Science. She was also awarded a travel bursary from St. Antony’s College to present a version of her dissertation at a conference in Stellenbosch, South

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Africa in July 2006. Happy to be back at Case, she is en-
sconced in her candidacy exams for her PhD dissertation on



Sarah Rubin and Michelle Osborn in formal "sub fusc" dress for University of Oxford Matriculation, October 2005.

Postpartum Depression in the Old Order Amish of Geauga County, Ohio. At the upcoming AAA Conference, she will be presenting a paper entitled, "Home or Away: Choosing a

First Field Site."

Meg Winchester received a Pancoast Memorial Fellowship, which she used to conduct a preliminary study of HIV, domestic violence, and alcohol use in rural southwestern Uganda over the summer. Meg, along with Megan Nordquest, presented a paper titled "Expressions of Emotion in Health Communication between Mothers and Daughters: A Hispanic Case Study" at the Society for Applied Anthropology in Vancouver this past spring. This November she will be presenting a paper at the AAA meeting in San Jose titled "Through the Lens of Globality: Understanding Global Health as an Emergent Paradigm."

Maggie Zraly is now entering her fourteenth month of fieldwork in Huye District in the Southern Province of Rwanda. On a typical day, Maggie pays \$1/hour for a slow and intermittent internet connection, before heading to do a resilience interview with a member of the Abasa (those who resemble each other) organization: a network of genocide-rape survivors. She takes a "taxi special"—a Toyota Corolla, out to an area about 5 km away from downtown Butare, the biggest town in the Southern District. Maggie and her interpreter arrive at the "umudugudu" (housing project/villagization project), and enter the newly constructed cement house of a woman who makes a

living selling tomatoes in the market. For Maggie, this is one of only four interviews left to meet the requirements of her sampling frame. After the interview, Maggie and her interpreter stop at a melange place, where you serve yourself any combination of french fries, spaghetti with green beans, rice, boiled bananas in sauce, beans, hunks of cow meat, avocado, shredded raw cabbage, delicious watery tomato sauce, and mayonnaise. Both Maggie and her interpreter needed debriefing after a painful, sad interview, as both of them remarked that you can never tell if the person you're talking to is a genocide killer or not. Maggie is looking forward to presenting some preliminary results of her research at AAA in November.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Atwood Gaines presented a paper titled "Biopsychiatry, or (Re)gaining the Brain and Losing the Patient" at Case's conference on Biopsychiatry in early September. Dr.



Maggie Zraly in April at a genocide memorial site in a Rwandan village working with girl survivors to clean up the site in preparation for a reburial ceremony.

Gaines also presented at the Society for Medical Anthropology Meeting in Vancouver with a paper titled "From Margin to Leading Edge: A Cultural Bioethics for the New Millennium." He also gave the keynote address, "Dis/Ability," at the In/dependence Conference at the University of Milwaukee Center for 20th Century Studies.

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Dr. Melvyn Goldstein recently published *The United States, Tibet and the Cold War: Contemporary Perspectives* in a special issue of the *Journal of Cold War Studies*. His book, *A Tibetan Revolutionary: The Life and Times of Bapa Phuntso Wangye*, was published in both a paperback edition and a Tibetan language edition, with a French edition in press. Dr. Goldstein also presented “Tibetan Pastoral Nomads: Change and Continuity in Shagar, Phala 1986-2005” at the 11th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies in Konigswinter, Germany. Further, Dr. Goldstein began the second phase of his fieldwork in rural Tibet for his NSF grant on modernization and intergenerational relations in October.

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