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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

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Puiyee Cheung and **Danielle Gartner** were awarded an Experiential Learning Fellowship from the College of Arts and Sciences for their SAGES capstone project “An Exploration of Waste at Case.”

Danielle Gartner will be attending the University of Michigan to study environmental justice in the fall after spending her summer learning to do a little farming in Ohio.

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Santo Maimone was named one of 16 finalists for the Draddy Trophy, commonly known as the “Academic Heisman,” by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He was also a recipient of the NCAA Division III Woody Hayes National Scholar Athlete Award.

Rachel Pope, graduating in May in medical anthropology and a doula (birth assistant) in training, organized a public informational panel, “What Your Mama Never Told You,” and a public film screening of “A Doula Story.” She was also awarded an Experiential Learning Fellowship from the College of Arts and Sciences for her project “International Women’s Health.” She has completed an Honors Thesis in anthropology on doulas and social support during childbirth. Next year she will be working with the Women’s Dignity Project (www.womensdignity.org) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, documenting the success of social reintegration after surgical repair of obstetric fistula. After her experience in Tanzania, Rachel plans to enter either medical school or midwifery training.

Angelika Szakacs will start at the Case Weatherhead School of Management in the fall, pursuing her MBA. She will continue to work in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering program here on campus.

Karen Ziarnowski will begin a masters program in public health in the fall, focusing on women’s health.

GRADUATE NEWS

Marisa Abbe’s article written with Dr. Chris Simon in the Bioethics Department was accepted for publication in *Pediatric Blood and Cancer* in February 2006. The article, *A Survey of Language Barriers from the Perspective of Pediatric Oncologists, Interpreters, and Parents*, examines the experiences of oncologists, interpreters, and Spanish-speaking Latino families who used interpreters in treatment discussions about their child’s newly diagnosed leukemia. Marisa also received a Phi Beta Kappa grant this semester to fund a study of the role of medical interpreters and cultural competence practices in a Cleveland hospital. She will be interviewing all medical interpreters at this hospital about their experiences bridging linguistic and cultural differences between clinicians and patients. At the end of the spring semester Marisa is moving to Dallas, Texas to begin her dissertation research at a primary and mental health care clinic that treats mostly Spanish-speaking Mexican immigrants.

Elizabeth Carpenter-Song, along with **Megan Nordquest** and Dr. Eric Youngstrom, presented posters on the “Subjective Experience of Behavioral and Emotional Disorders in Youth and Families” to Research ShowCASE and the NIMH Pediatric Bipolar Conference in Chicago. In addition, a manuscript (authors: Youngstrom, **Jenkins**, Carpenter-Song, and Nordquest) was accepted to *New Research in Mental Health*, the biennial publication of the Ohio Department of Mental Health which

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details ongoing research activities funded by the department for clinical and consumer audiences.

Michelle Eder's dissertation research on the informed consent process in children with cancer was selected for inclusion in this year's *Value of Research*.

Joseph Galanek received a grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and through the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board to conduct a 12 month outcome evaluation for the Mentally Disordered Offender (MDO) Program. This program has been in existence for 20 years and has never received a formal evaluation. This outpatient program serves approximately 300 individuals under probation for felony offenses who are diagnosed with severe psychiatric and substance abuse disorders. In addition to quantitative data collection, qualitative data will also be collected and analyzed to explore quality of life issues within this understudied population. The qualitative data collection will be utilized in Joe's Public Health Capstone Experience for his Master of Public Health degree.

The Anthropology Department is proud to announce our newly remodeled and updated department website.

Please visit us online at www.case.edu/artsci/anth/

Stephanie McClure was awarded the Ruth Barber Moon Award from the School of Graduate Studies. This award is given to graduate students with academic promise and leadership abilities.

Jennifer Shaw continues her work as a park ranger in Alaska this summer at Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. She spent the winter back "on the road system" (i.e. near libraries, coffee shops and grocery stores) working on her dissertation research proposal and applying for

funding to support the project. She expects to begin collecting pilot data this summer/fall on the role of traditional subsistence practices in the developmental trajectory and well-being of Athabascan youth in the Lake Clark region.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Cynthia Beall was elected to the executive board of the International Council for Science, www.icsu.org. The goal of ICSU is to strengthen international science. Dr. Beall also began a term on the editorial board of the *Annual Review of Anthropology*.

Dr. Charlotte Ikels and **Dr. Melvyn Goldstein** were heavily involved in a major public presentation, "Asia's Security Challenges: North Korea, Taiwan, Tibet, and South Asia," held on campus on March 25th. The presentation was made possible by the Presidential Initiative Fund. The afternoon panel moderated by Dr. Ikels (Director, Asian Studies Program) was held in Ford Auditorium and attended by 80 students and members of the public. Ambassador Charles Kartman spoke on "The North Korean Nuclear Crisis: How We Got Here and What it Means." Charles Kartman served from 2001 until 2005 as Executive Director of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO). He retired from the Department of State in April 2001. Alan D. Romberg, Senior Associate and Director of the East Asia Program at the Henry L. Stimson Center, spoke on "The Taiwan Question: Managing Peace, Shaping the Future." Dr. Goldstein, an internationally renowned expert on Tibet, spoke on "Tibet: China's Achilles Heel?" The final speaker,



Tanalian Mountain. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Shaw

Kate Masley was awarded a Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities Graduate Research Grant to support the completion of data collection for her dissertation. She was also awarded a Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship for the 2006-2007 academic year to support her dissertation write-up.

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Dr. Gerald J. Larson, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at University of California, Santa Barbara and Rabin-dranath Tagore Professor Emeritus of Indian Cultures and Civilization at Indian University, spoke on "The Volatile Mixture of Religious Extremism and Nuclearization in India and Pakistan." The presentations were followed by a spirited question and answer session.

Dr. Melvyn Goldstein was awarded a \$500,000 NSF grant for a new research project on *The impact of modernization and development on intergenerational relations in three*



Screening fossils at the GPRP's field site. Photo courtesy of Stephanie Melillo.

rural areas in The Tibet Autonomous Region, China. He also received a \$100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to extend his Oral History Project to Tibetans living in exile in India. He and Dr. Beall received a Wenner Gren Foundation grant to conduct a 19-year follow-up study of the nomads in western Tibet they first investigated in 1986. Dr. Goldstein also participated in a National Geographic Workshop with H. H. Dalai Lama on "Conservation Priorities and Opportunities in Tibet" in November 2005 and had the second volume of his four volume History of Modern Tibet accepted by the University of California Press, "A History of Modern Tibet, Volume 2, 1951-55: The Calm Before the Storm." It is expected to be

published by the end of this year.

Dr. T.S. Harvey and Dr. Katia Almeida were nominated for the 2006 Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

ALUMNI NEWS

Heather Lindstrom will move from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to Buffalo, New York in July to work as an epidemiologist for the Erie County Department of Health. She will also have a position at the School of Public Health and Health Professions.

Kathryn McGowan participated in the American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting held in December 2005 in Washington, DC. She presented a paper entitled, "History and Ethnography: the 'Body History' as an Analytic Tool for Anthropology." Also, she was hired as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology at St. Mary's College of Maryland in Historic St. Mary's City, beginning January 2006. St. Mary's College enjoys the unique status as the State of Maryland's public honors college.

FORMER STUDENT NEWS

Stephanie Melillo recently joined the 2006 Gona Paleontology Research Project's (GPRP) field season in Ethiopia as the paleontology field assistant under the invitation of Case School of Medicine Professor Scott Simpson. She worked with Dr. Simpson on the excavation of an Early Pliocene hominid site. By the end of the season, they unearthed over 600 specimens.

NOTABLE EVENTS

The NSF-ADVANCE Distinguished Lecture, sponsored by Academic Careers in Engineering and Science and the Department of Anthropology, hosted Marcia Inhorn from the University of Michigan in January 2006. Dr. Inhorn examined moral concerns surrounding assisted reproductive technologies in the Muslim world in her lecture, "Global Infertility and the Globalization of New Reproductive Technologies: Perspectives from the Muslim World."

Brant Secunda joined the Department of Anthropology in

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February to host a Huichol Healing Ceremonies Seminar. Secunda is a shaman, healer, and ceremonial leader in the Huichol tradition. He completed a 12-year apprenticeship with the renowned shaman Don Jose Matsuwa.

A celebration of *Thirty Years of Medical Anthropology at Case Western Reserve University* took place at the 2005 American Anthropology Association's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. A reception arranged by **Dr. Janet McGrath** was held at Harry's Pub in the evening for all Case faculty, alumni, and students. Earlier in the day, presentations were given by current students **Elizabeth Carpenter-Song, Michelle Eder, Elizabeth Olson Linares, David Mafigiri, Kate Masley, Sarah Rundall, and Diana Sepehri**; alumni **Sarah Chard, Mara Buchbinder, Christopher Dole, Lisa Mitchell, Sherylyn Briller, and Kathryn McGowan**; and faculty **Katia Almeida, Atwood Gaines, T.S. Harvey, Charlotte Ikels, Janis Jenkins, Jill Korbin, Patricia Marshall, Janet McGrath, Chris Simon, and Jeffrey Longhofer**.

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