

Letter from the Chair

The 2006-2007 academic year is our first full year as an independent Anthropology Department. We are working toward some significant program changes over the next few years. One of the first changes to occur was the administrative retirement of George Westermark, long the Program Chair for Anthropology in our former joint department (and later Co-Chair and, last year, Chair for Anthropology), and his return to teaching and research. We owe a great deal to Dr. Westermark's long and successful career as Department Chair and wish him all the best as he begins phased retirement (see more below).

After a national search, we were very fortunate to hire a new Biological Anthropologist, Michelle Bezanson, this past Spring. Her research focuses on primates and she works in Central America. We are looking forward to her new courses on primates and primate behavior (see more below).

We also were very lucky in 2006 to be granted a new faculty position in Cultural Anthropology with emphasis in applied anthropology. We are currently conducting a national search, and we hope to hire our new applied faculty person in Spring 2007. One of our departmental emphases is in Applied Anthropology, so we are looking to strengthen our course offerings in this field, and our interaction with local communities both through student and faculty projects.

As part of our response to our external program review, we are currently creating a new format for Senior Theses. We will be introducing a Senior Seminar taught on a rotating basis by the Anthropology faculty. This will provide a wider range of topics, across the subfields of anthropology, and increase the diversity of offerings available to Anthropology majors. Another, longer term, goal is the incorporation of the Archaeology Research Laboratory into the Anthropology Department. We are beginning the process of expanding and more fully integrating campus archaeological opportunities for students into our program.

We welcome news of your lives and accomplishments. Please send us updates - by email, letter or by the Alumni Information Sheet enclosed. All of our past newsletters are archived on our new website <http://www.scu.edu/cas/anthropology>. Check it out!

Best wishes,
Lisa Kealhofer
Anthropology Chair

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Lisa Kealhofer
Associate Professor and Department Chair

Welcome Dr. Michelle Bezanson

We are pleased to welcome our new faculty person, Dr. Michelle Bezanson from the University of Arizona. She is a biological anthropologist with interests in evolutionary anthropology, primate behavioral ecology, and human ecology. Her research has focused on ontogenetic (the life history of an individual) effects on posture, locomotion, prehensile-tail use, and the behavioral, arboreal, and resource-based contexts of these patterns in wild mantled howling monkeys (*Alouatta palliata*) and white-faced capuchins (*Cebus capucinus*) inhabiting tropical forests in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. In addition, she has researched the nature of affiliative relationships in mantled howlers, a species that is not socially overt and spends over 70% of



the day devoted to rest. Currently, she is examining footfall patterns involving fine-grained analysis of video collected on wild howlers and capuchins moving on arboreal substrates. Every summer she runs a field school in Costa Rica, training students to study primates. We know some of our students will be looking forward to joining her in Summer 2007!



Student Honors and Conference

Anthropology Award

Lesley Miller selected as the 2006 award winner for her thesis, *Let's Get It On: An Exploratory Student of College Culture, Casual Sex, and the Emergence of a New Way of Dating.*

Lambda Alpha

The following students were initiated into our chapter of the national anthropology honor society:
Catherine Adinolfi, Nicole Brand-Cousy, Stephanie Edwards, Margaret Spicer, Elizabeth Menefee, and Linda Urbonas.

Dean's List

The following student was selected for the Dean's List
Jenevieve Francisco

Donovan Fellows

The following students were selected as Donovan Fellows for Summer 2006
Stephanie Edwards and Jenevieve Francisco
(see more about Donovan Fellows on page 4)

Southwest Anthropological Association Conference

The following students made presentations at the 2006 conference
Amy Kennedy and Kate Trevelyan-Hall.

Western Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference

The following students made presentations at our SCU conference
Emily K. Johnson, Amy Kennedy, Lesley Miller Kirsten Tanner, and Katherine Trevelyan-Hall

Tip of the Hat to the First Chair of the Department of Anthropology By Russell Skowronek

Try to imagine anthropology at Santa Clara and *NOT* think of George Westermark. **No Way.** For almost as long as there has been an anthropology major at Santa Clara (1977), Dr. Westermark has kept the major on-track and growing. In 1980 when George joined Santa Clara he was one of three anthropologists (Linda Cool and B. Mark Lynch were his colleagues). At that time there were 25 majors with four graduating seniors. A decade later he became Chair of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology for four years. George and Dr. Mary Hegland were the only tenured or tenure-track anthropology faculty at Santa Clara. In 1990, following the departure of Drs. Linda Cool and David Huelsbeck, anthropology was at a nadir only graduating three and with 18 majors. During the four years of his Chairmanship two more faculty joined the anthropology-side of the department (Luis Calero and Russell Skowronek).



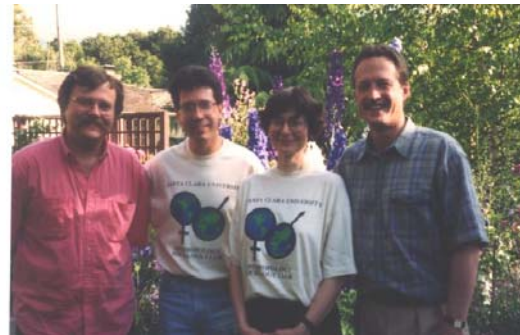
George Westermark, January 10, 2007

With four regular anthropology faculty the number of majors and graduates began to grow. By the turn of the century there were 45 majors. With more students came more faculty (Margaret Graham and Lisa Kealhofer). Increasing numbers and a changing trajectory led to a reorganization in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology that gave greater autonomy to the two programs. Beginning in 1998 Dr. Westermark took on the mantle of Anthropology Section Head. In 2003, in the last stage of transition, he was named Anthropology Co-Chair (with Marilyn Fernandez of Sociology) of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology. In 2005, the Department of Anthropology was created and George Westermark was there as its first Chair.

In September 2006, Dr. Westermark began a period of phased retirement. As the reins of leadership are passed to Dr. Lisa Kealhofer, we find a vibrant department with more than 50 majors and minors, six tenured or tenure-track faculty (Michelle Bezanson, Luis Calero, Mary Hegland, Lisa Kealhofer, Russell Skowronek, and George Westermark), and a search underway for a seventh faculty member in Applied Anthropology. Over the past quarter of a century anthropology has come of age at Santa Clara University and this development came about under the thoughtful and watchful eye of Dr. George Westermark.

Thank you, George!

A little glimpse of the past!!!!



Russell Skowronek, Luis Calero, S.J., Mary Hegland, and George (1994)



George doing research in Guam (1995), what a place to do research. Life must be ruff!!



Department meeting in Fall of 2002....

Donovan Fellows

Three of our anthropology majors have had Jean Donovan Summer Fellowships over the last two summers. These fellowships are given through the SCU Ignatian center and they are intended to support students "who desire to deepen their understanding of social justice issues through a summer community based learning experience." Two of these students, Maggi Spicer (2005) and Stephanie Edwards (2006) describe their experiences below.

Maggi

I taught English classes to the campesinos in a rural area of Peru called Montero and to the employees at Cepicafe and Pidacafe in the larger city of Piura, Peru. I spent time at the for-profit organization, Cepicafe, and learned about the role that Fair Trade

plays in their organization and both short and long term goals. The primary purpose of the English classes was to teach English to key members of the community - guides, campesinos, the municipality, and other people in the production and promotion areas of Fair Trade coffee and ecological sugar - in order to help facilitate the launch of an eco-tourism project in Montero, Peru. I also did a series of art projects with the help of Paintbrush Diplomacy and local school children.

Stephanie

I decided to work with the San Jose non-profit commonly known as SIREN: Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network. SIREN provides citizenship assistance, policy review, voter's education and community organizing resources to all immigrants in the San Jose area.

Serving a chiefly Latino and Vietnamese clientele, I hoped my background in Spanish language and Latino cultures would be of some service. Throughout the internship I worked on community forums on current immigration reform in East Palo Alto, Mountain View and Gilroy. I also assisted the San Jose Coalition for Immigrant Rights (leaders from major organizations with interest in sustaining basic immigrant rights) and the Comité Cesar Chavez (San Jose Latinos organizing to empower their community). Written in a thank you card at the end of the summer was the greatest compliment and affirmation of inclusion I could ever receive: "Sabemos que estas en la lucha," or "We know you are in the struggle."

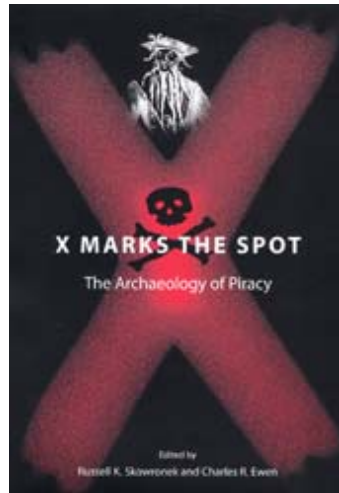
Anthropology Students Complete Smithsonian Report

As many of you are aware, since 1999 Dr. Skowronek has spearheaded a partnership between Santa Clara University and the Smithsonian. The research partnership is focused on the study of ceramic production, supply and exchange in Spanish colonial California. Over the past seven years nearly a dozen students have enjoyed internships at the Smithsonian. Other SCU students have made their contribution to the project as part of the 2004 version of "Anthropological Perspectives on the Spanish and Native American Experience." During 2005 Skowronek and his colleagues Drs. Ronald Bishop and M. James Blackman of the Smithsonian Department of Anthropology completed the reports. Numerous anthropology majors served as co-authors of these reports. Copies have been given to contributing colleagues, the SCU Archives, the SCU Archaeology Research Lab, and the Smithsonian Department of Anthropology. A set will be placed in the Library of Congress in the Spring of 2007. Majors who participated in co-authoring the 18 reports include the following: Jason Allen, Richard Carlson, Jelena Radovic Fanta, Abigail Fox, Nicole Fox, Kelly Greenwalt, Yessica Islas, Kenny Jocewicz, Vanessa Koons, Kelly Richards, Shuryn Riggins, Emily Johnson, Carmen Rosas, James Templeton, and Marisa Tsukiji.



New Books for Skowronek

Over the past year, Dr. Russell Skowronek has seen two of his scholarly efforts emerge in book form. The first builds on his years of interest in maritime archaeology. Entitled X-Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy, it was published by the University Press of Florida. The edited collection (Charles Ewen, co-editor) includes a number of chapters that pique the imagination with historical evidence about the actual exploits of pirates as revealed in the archaeological record. A reviewer for the Nautical Research Journal wrote: "The question is, does X-Marks the Spot hit the spot? I'm happy to say that it does." For more information, log onto to <http://www.upf.com/book.asp?id=SKOWRSO5>.



The second book emerged from Dr. Skowronek's extensive research on the California missions. Entitled Situating Mission Santa Clara de Asis: 1776-1851, Documentary and Material Evidence of Life on the Alta California Frontier: A Timeline, it was completed with the assistance of Elizabeth Thompson ('00) and is published by the Academy of American Franciscan History Publications. The actual idea for the book was born in a class he taught during Winter 1998. In "Anthropological Perspectives on the Spanish and Native American Experience" (Anth 146), students transcribed Veronica (Lococo) Johnson's original handwritten translation of Mission Santa Clara reports in order to write their course papers on various topics. The hard work of the students through their accurate transcriptions made a significant contribution to the eventual contents of the book. From amongst the students in the class, the following anthropology majors were included:

Kathryn Ashby, Alice Bateman, Jeremy Bates, Jessica Festa, Alisa Garni, Lindley Maestri, Kathleen Matthews, Katherine McBride, Vanessa Rodriguez, Arwa Shobaki, Andrea Steele, Casey Stemper, Sara Swartz, and Elizabeth Thompson.

Archaeology at SCU

By Linda Hylkema

The close of 2006 marks another successful and productive year for the Archaeology Lab. We asked for, and received, the compact shelving units formerly used by the University Archives. They were slated for destruction with the demolition of the Oradre Library, but Linda asked for them and even got Facilities to install them for free. While not alleviating the storage problem completely, it will certainly allow for the placement of approximately 300 boxes of archaeological material generated from the construction of the North Franklin Parking lot and the new Jesuit Residence. We are sad to see Richard Carlson (06) and Emily Johnson go (06) (although we are happy for them!) but welcome Brigid Kelleher (09) and Sarah Concklin (10) to the lab as new technicians! Nick Fussell (07) will be with us for the new year and will continue to be Linda's invaluable "right hand" man. With an arsenal of new (old) artifacts, we will have plenty of materials with which to teach this year's Introduction to Archaeology (Anth. 002) class and plenty of new research potential!



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They are all acknowledged in the book. To order a copy email acadafh@fst.edu or write to AAFH, 1712 Euclid Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709 (price = \$35).

Faculty and Staff Notes

Father Luis Calero offered a new course designed to meet the needs of students returning from study abroad programs in developing countries, and those interested in such topics. This upper division class examined the different schools of thought on global poverty while paying special attention to the anthropological and moral questions raised by corporate capital accumulation.

On the 450th Anniversary of the death of Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, John Carroll University organized a conference entitled "The Vocation of the Teacher in the Ignatian Tradition" in Paris, France. Paris was chosen as the site of the meeting because the University of Paris had been the place where Ignatius and his first Jesuit companions received their education in higher learning, which later inspired their educational system. Santa Clara sent five delegates to the conference, among them Fr. Calero. After such event, he made an 8 day silent retreat at Benedictine Abbey in Burgundy.



During the 2006 Fall Quarter, Fr. Calero taught at Universidad Javeriana in Cali, Colombia—one of the two Jesuit universities in the country. He was given the task of teaching two courses: a graduate seminar in the Peace Studies Program on the Anthropology of Peace, and undergraduate class on Culture and Conflict Resolution in the Department of Social Communication. Colombia has been undergoing political and social turmoil for the last 40 years, and Universidad Javeriana is committed to offering an education that addresses these problems.

Since Fr. Calero's aging mother lives in Cali, he was able to spend weekends with her.

Sandee Chiaramonte had another busy year. With the official split of the two programs, Sandee can see the changes and the developing of the two departments first hand... What a happy moment for both Anthropology and Sociology. The office will still remain the same, Sandee will continue to support both departments.

Mary Hegland - Dr. Hegland was able to travel to Iran to participate in a double anthropology conference on "Pilgrimage" and on "Central Asia Responds to Globalization: Anthropological Considerations" which was sponsored by the Urban Anthropology Commission of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Societies. She presented a paper based on her research in Tajikistan in 2003. Anthropologists from France, England, Germany, Italy, Iran, Uzbekistan, Japan and China also participated. After the conference, she continued her research about Iranian elderly in Tehran, Shiraz and Aliabad. As she was able to stay in Iran for three months, she was able to document village females' much greater participation in higher learning than a quarter of a century ago and changing ideas about marriage and women's place. She also could investigate changes in women's rituals for the Moharram month of mourning. Women stood out this year in terms of the sponsoring of women's home rituals, leading rituals and even writing their own poetry.

Lisa Kealhofer - After a fall '05 sabbatical in Turkey and Cambridge, Dr. Kealhofer taught and acted as the Director of Environmental Studies in Winter and Spring Quarters. She returned to Turkey again last summer for seven weeks, continuing a project studying Iron Age trade across western Anatolia. She and her crew drove 7000 kms to visit archaeological sites from Gordion, to Bogazkoy (the capital of the Hittites), to Issos, Sagalassos, Troy and Sardis (the home of King Croesus). Over the 2005-2006 year she worked with student interns in Anthropology, integrating work experiences with anthropological research.

Russ Skowronek - The past academic year was another busy one for Dr. Skowronek. On sabbatical during the fall quarter, he spent the autumn in Texas working on a book manuscript on HMS Fowey, a mid-eighteenth century British warship he excavated. Skowronek also received a grant from SCU to return to England to complete documentary research on the vessel for a second volume that is an ethnohistory/historical geography of the ship and its crew. Also during the fall, he co-authored nineteen reports with SCU students as part of the Santa Clara-Smithsonian potter project (see more above). In November he was named a Research Associate of the National Museum of Natural History. In addition to these activities he has continued to work with the Institute of Canine Forensics on the use of Human Remains Detection Dogs on historic and prehistoric cemeteries and an article on the subject is soon to be published. Finally, 2006 was a banner year vis-a-vis the completion of two major book projects (see page 5).

continued: Faculty and Staff Notes

George Westermarck happily drew his administrative work as Department Chair to a close last year. Because he begins partial retirement leave this year, he also concluded service on various university committees such as Faculty Affairs, Human Subjects and Benefits. He was pleased to see the move to full department status for Anthropology and the subsequent approval of a new position in cultural anthropology. As part of his eventual retirement plans, he and his wife, Kimberly, have purchased a home in Southern Oregon, and he had the pleasure of spending the past summer there. The setting was right for continued work on publications related to his research in Micronesia and the beginning of a new project on urban ethnicity.

ALUMNI MAILBAG

Erin [Reilly] Gibbs ('94): with husband Gordon Gibbs now has two boys - Dominic and Patrick. After seven years in Rochester, MN working at the Mayo Clinic, the Gibbs moved farther north to Orono, MN where they bought a c.1862 lake house. Erin started a freelance writing business specializing in writing personal profiles with a cultural angle.

Mary Marquez ('97): has now been a Crime Scene Technician for the Hayward Police Department for six years.

Murphy Dunn ('99): continues to work at Jaguar doing marketing research. While the auto industry is having problems, she likes Jaguar for their "forward thinking" approach to research.

Kelli Swader ('99): has moved to London to start a two-year Music Performance and Production course at the London Centre of Contemporary Music. She started her own independent record label (FireDragonSings Records) earlier in the year and released her debut CD ("On the Verge") in September. Details about her record can be found at www.firedragonsings.com.

Katie Winter ('00) in recent years has worked as the director of an educational center and for a college publisher. She is now considering returning to school for graduate studies.

Rita-Marie Brady ('01): interned this past summer at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii in their public benefits unit. Many cases were health related and she did research on a new environmental health justice program. In the Fall she headed to London to study and intern before returning to Emory University for her last semester of law school.

LumOr Chet ('03): was accepted to nursing programs at Columbia, Yale and the University of Rochester. She decided on Yale as her top choice, and has now begun her training.

Jim Freeburg ('03) recently became chief of staff for a state senator in Washington State.

Bonnie Young ('03): did research this summer in Paraguay as part of her dual graduate program in biological anthropology and public health at the University of New Mexico. It was an epidemiological investigation on the second outbreak of tuberculosis among three Ache communities in the eastern part of the country. She also was looking at current infectious disease surveillance systems, existing barriers to healthcare access and educational programs for TB prevention and control.

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Kim Yuan-Farrell ('03): began her Master's program in Environmental Management in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale. Her focal area will be the Social Ecology of Conservation and Development: Assessing Social and Environmental Change. She also is an environmental educator for an organization associated with the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Kim gets to work with 6th graders in the surrounding local communities and gets a glimpse of what life is like just outside the university bubble.

Raul Zamudio ('03): is attending the University of Connecticut, School of Law and doing a Masters in Public Policy. He had a summer internship at the Center for Law and Social Policy in Washington, D.C. He is pursuing his interest in pressing social and economic matters facing low-income families.

Lindsay Westby ('04): received her social science teaching credential from SCU last year and completed her student teaching in World History and US Government at Leland High School. She is now teaching kindergarten at St. Joseph of Cupertino School, and she is working on both her MA in Teaching and Learning at SCU and an MA in Catholic Educational Administration at USF.

Lien Vu ('05): visited Vietnam this summer as part of her graduate studies in anthropology at the University of California-Irvine. This was exploratory research for a study of local conceptualizations of children and childhood for her dissertation. She worked in an urban Catholic monastery school for students who come from poor families or are street children.

Nicole Fox ('06): was selected as the 2006 Miss Santa Clara, the official preliminary step on the way to Miss California and Miss America. Nicole also was selected to have a prominent role in the most recent SCU student recruitment video.

Ellie Menefee ('06): volunteered this summer at the Children of the Rising Sun orphanage in Malindi, Kenya. She performed a variety of tasks including teaching, cooking, cleaning, farming, and playing with the children.

Leslie Miller ('06): was hired as a Regional Planner for the San Joaquin Council of Governments. This is the regional planning agency as well as the technical and information resource for San Joaquin County's seven incorporated cities and the county government. She works for the "Commute Connection" department which is in charge of commuter related issues (e.g., traffic congestion, air quality, carpools). She is currently working on an analysis of park and ride lots and putting together a master plan for the future.

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