

Letter from the Chair

As we begin a new academic year at Santa Clara University, I am pleased to introduce a new issue of our Anthropology Newsletter. The Newsletter provides us with an opportunity to highlight the many accomplishments of the last year. One of these accomplishments was the creation of a ten year development plan for the Anthropology Department, focusing on the expansion of 'hands on' research with new Archaeology Research Lab facilities, the addition of faculty working with both local multicultural groups and with local indigenous groups (past and present), and the development of a Cultural and Natural History Museum on campus. During the fall quarter, faculty along with College staff visited Anthropology programs around the country to develop this integrated plan.

Our faculty have been actively engaged in research, scholarship and teaching over the last year. Dr. Bezanson introduced a new field school class in Costa Rica over the summer, which was a raving success according to the students. Dr. Skowronek's book on pirate archaeology, *X Marks the Spot*, was so popular that it moved into a paperback edition, and the book he wrote with Elizabeth Thompson (SCU '00) titled, *Situating Mission Santa Clara* has been well received. Dr. Hegland has published a wide array of articles on Iranians, both in the US and in Iran. Dr. Calero continues to pursue his ethnohistoric research on slavery during the colonial period in Columbia. My collaborative archaeological project in Turkey is now entering its fourth year, and fieldwork in western Turkey continues. Linda Hylkema of the Archaeology Research Lab presented a paper on the prehistory of Santa Clara at the Society for California Archaeology meetings and has continued to be busily engaged with the many construction projects on campus.

In 2006-2007 we made several changes to our program, including a new requirement that all of our students complete an internship for their major. This reflects our ongoing commitment to integrating anthropology and anthropological approaches to both "hands-on" research and community engagement. In addition, we have shifted our senior thesis requirement to a 'senior project' which will rotate through the fields of anthropology from year to year. This coming year, Dr. Bezanson will work with students on topics related to life histories across the subfields of Anthropology. We have developed an Honors Thesis program, that engages students throughout their senior year. In the spring, we also began a new "Anthropology Banquet" celebrating our Anthropology majors with awards and honorable mention for their excellence in scholarship and contributions to the community.

As we look forward, the Anthropology Department is actively engaged in developing courses that will contribute at all levels to the University's new curriculum (to be adopted in Fall 2009). The Archaeology Research Laboratory, currently housed in the Field House, is likely to be moved next summer, and we hope to be able to add new teaching facilities in its future location. We also hope to welcome a new faculty member in Applied Anthropology for the 2008-2009 academic year.

As always, we share news from our alums in this issue, and we look forward to learning about your accomplishments and experiences in the year ahead.

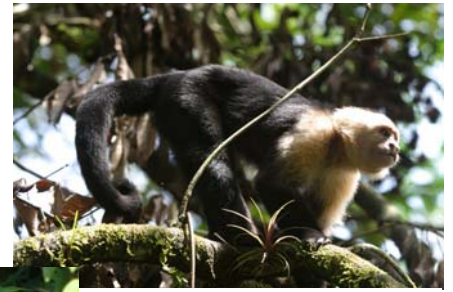
Sincerely,
Lisa Kealhofer

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Summer Field School in Costa Rica

During summer 2007, Santa Clara students traveled to Limon Costa Rica to attend the field course in primate behavioral ecology run by Dr. Michelle Bezanson. In addition to a graded upper division college course, students experience travel in Costa Rica, observation of a tropical rain forest, and interacting with a local community. The field course combines lectures in evolutionary primatology and instruction/student participation in field data collection techniques (including methods of vegetation sampling, methods of collecting information on temporal changes in resource availability, mapping a field site, and methods of collecting data on the behavior of free-ranging nonhuman primates). In addition each student completed an independent research project. Seven students from four departments (ANTH, ENVS, PHIL, and ART) designed and completed projects on primate behavior and rain forest ecology. Christinah Barnett (sophomore, anthropology) examined positional behavior and prehensile tail use in Black-handed Spiders Monkeys. Robert Raymond (senior, anthropology) completed a study on travel routes and spatial memory in White-faced Capuchins (*Cebus capucinus*). Hailey Trefethen (senior, anthropology) explored frequency and types of play behavior in White-Faced Capuchin infants and juveniles. Robert Raymond and Hailey Trefethen plan to present their results at the undergraduate science and engineering symposium in April.



Capuchin monkey in the wild.



Tinah Barnett '09, Anthropology major



Kellie Flint '08 Philosophy major



Tinah Barnett '09, Hailey Trefethen '08, and Robert Raymond '08, working on their papers. (all Anthropology majors)

Welcome New Professors

We are fortunate this year to have with us several temporary faculty who will add to our range of courses and expertise. **Dr. Laire Bjawi-Levine** comes to us through a postdoctoral position created by the College of Arts and Sciences. Originally from Tunisia, her speciality is Middle Eastern migrants and children. She will be with the department for two years and will offer courses in Political Anthropology and the Middle East. Two other faculty come to SCU as academic year lecturers for 2007-2008. **Dr. Amy Donovan** is a cultural anthropologist with research focus on homeless youth in the United States. She will be teaching such courses as Research

Methods and Health, Disease and Culture. **Sarah Ginn**, an SCU alum ('99) and an Anthropology minor is now an archaeologist completing her dissertation at the University of California - Santa Cruz. Her area of expertise is historical archaeology, so, in addition to teaching introduction to archaeology and Native American Cultures, she will be offering the Historical Archaeology course. The Department is very pleased to have these new colleagues with us.

FIRST ANNUAL ANTHROPOLOGY BANQUET

The first Anthropology Banquet (hereafter: Annual Anthropology Banquet) was a huge success. Most anthropology majors and minors attended the event and shared an excellent dinner at the Adobe Lodge followed by an entertaining presentation by the Anthropology Club, award presentation, and induction into Lambda Alpha. Students reported that it was a great night and look forward to the Second Annual Anthropology Banquet.



Highest Scholastic Achievement for the Anthropology Major

The student with the highest scholastic achievement for an anthropology major in 2007 was Nichole Brand-Cousy.

Highest Scholastic Achievement for the Anthropology Minor

The student with the highest scholastic achievement for an anthropology minor in 2007 was Kristin Casterson.

Lambda Alpha

The following students were inducted into the Santa Clara chapter of Lambda Alpha, the national anthropology honors society: Jenevieve Francisco, Melissa Johnson, Rachel Lintott, Amanda O'Brien, Robert Raymond and Olivia Sorell.



Melissa Johnson receives her Lambda Alpha certificate

Outstanding Contributions to the Anthropology Club

Participation and facilitation of Anthropology Club projects and activities contributes the life and enjoyment of our discipline. The 2007 recipient of the Outstanding Contributions award was Laura Fowler.

Anthropology Award

Each year the Anthropology Department gives one award for the best paper. The 2007 recipient of the award was Stephanie Edwards for her paper, "Mujeres en la Lucha (Women in the Struggle): How Chicana Leaders are Shaping their Identities and Transforming their Communities."



Stephanie Edwards receives the Anthropology Award

The Father Eugene Buechel, S.J. Award

This award is sponsored by the Jesuit Anthropology Network, a confederation of anthropologists and anthropology programs from the 28 Jesuit institutions of higher education in the United States. The award recognizes a single undergraduate anthropology student who has achieved the highest standards in both scholastic achievement and service to others. The 2007 recipient of the award was Jenevieve Francisco.



Jenevieve receives the Fr. Eugen Buechel, S.J. Award

Anthropology Club Event

Sally Ride Day at SCU

The Anthropology Club was very active during the 2006-2007 academic year. They volunteered at the San Francisco Zoo, explored the Rosicrucian Museum, and held several multicultural events involving popular culture and food sharing. The highlight of the year was volunteering for the Sally Ride Festival. The Sally Ride festival is designed to promote science, math, and engineering for girls, ages 9-16 and includes a keynote speaker, workshops and hands-on activities for girls, a science street fair, and workshops for parents and teachers. The Anthropology Club organized and volunteered in three workshops led by Lorna Pierce, Linda Hylkema, and Michelle Bezanson. Bear Ride, an event

coordinator sent the following praise: "...it was a terrific festival, and know how grateful we are to you for your participation in making this a wonderful and meaningful event to the kids (and "their adults"). We appreciate the time and energy you have given to our joint commitment to support young folks in their natural curiosities and the pursuit of science, math and technology."

**PHI BETA KAPPA**

Phi Beta Kappa Society is the oldest collegiate honors society in the United States. Two Anthropology majors were selected for membership this year: Nicole Brand-Cousy and Stephanie Edwards.

ARCHAEOLOGY at SCU by Linda Hylkema

Work in 2007 kept the Archaeology Research Lab busy. SCU continues its aggressive building campaign, which means continued oversight of the contract with Albion Environmental Inc., the consulting firm retained to conduct sub-surface reconnaissance of archaeological material. With five new major projects and their associated infrastructure, numerous archaeological features from the mission era, as well as the early American period, have been recovered and are being processed.

The faunal type collection is growing thanks to creative scavenging, and student technicians have labeled several faunal and avian specimens, and begun entering data into a newly formatted database. We also are analyzing a large collection recovered in Fall, 2006 during the construction of an elevator on the SCU campus. This collection, which appears to date from the late 1800s, is very likely associated with the early student social life of that time. This past Fall quarter, I continued to teach Introduction to Archaeology Labs, with an emphasis on researching the collection pertaining to early student life for a chapter that I am co-writing with Dr. Skowronek for a new edited volume on the archaeology of university and campus life.

Away from SCU, I co-chaired two symposia for the annual Society for California Archaeology conference: "Pecking Away the Bias: Incorporating California Rockart into Mainstream Archaeology" and "Finding and Interpreting History and Archaeology at Santa Clara University." In my spare time, I continue to survey and record the prehistoric sites up near Mt. Diablo.

Conference Attendance

Western Anthropology & Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference

At our annual SCU conference, Jenevieve Francisco presented her paper, "Filipino Participation in the Elder Care Business and Its Significance."

Southwest Anthropological Association Conference

At the annual conference of this association, Nicole Brand-Cousy presented her paper, "Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe: Exploring the Role of a Mexican National Symbol at an American Immigrant Church."

Anthropology Seminars Series

A number of interesting talks will be given over the course of this year by department and visiting faculty. Our goal is to share amongst faculty and students the real excitement of our studies. We certainly invite alums who are in the vicinity to attend and add to their storehouse of anthropological knowledge! Our series was initiated this year by visiting physical anthropology professor David Raichlen (University of Arizona). On October 31 he presented his paper, "Are Two Legs Better than Four? New Approaches to Studying Human Locomotor Evolution." Other talks that are scheduled or planned are listed below.

November 13, 2007 - Dr. Michelle Bezanson (Assistant Professor, Santa Clara University)
"Trees versus Treadmills: Understanding Primate Locomotor Adaptations"

Winter 2008 - Dr. Laure Bjawi-Levine (Post-Doctoral Scholar, Santa Clara University)
Sarah Ginn (Visiting Professor, Santa Clara University) "Investigating Culture Contact Through Missionwares: A Study of Ceramics in Spanish Colonial California", January 23, 2008 at 5pm., Kennedy Commons.
Cameron Monroe, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, UCSC (African Historical Archaeologist)

Spring 2008 - Dr. Amy Donovan (Visiting Professor, Santa Clara University)

From the Winter 2007 edition of the Santa Clara Magazine: "Santa Clara shines in Solar Decathlon"



We can do it! Senior Meghan Mooney, Anthropology major (aka, Meghan the Riveter) joins fellow SCU students in putting finishing touches on the Solar Decathlon House.

When a team of Santa Clara students embarked on the Solar Decathlon competition just over 18 months ago, they knew they had a long way to go—the longest, in fact, of any university state-side, since SCU was the only school west of the Rockies to compete.

Surprisingly, Santa Clara outscored every other U.S. team save one, beating out the likes of MIT and Cornell, to finish third in the international competition. The judging itself took place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., over one week in October, with final results announced Oct. 19. The "solar village" of entries from 20 universities from the U.S. and internationally drew some 200,000 visitors. Meghan Mooney ('08), senior anthropology major, worked on the communications area for the project, and this was one judging criterion where SCU received its highest score.

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Dr. Michelle Bezanson successfully completed her first year at SCU. Dr. Bezanson taught ANTH 1, ANTH 132, and a new SCU course in Primate Behavioral Ecology (ANTH 130). Dr. Bezanson served as faculty advisor for the Anthropology Club and helped club officers coordinate several exciting events including zoo volunteer days, the Sally Ride festival, an international potluck, the first anthropology banquet, and movie viewings. Bezanson received funding from SCU to incorporate her primate field course into the SCU curriculum and Study Abroad program. She presented papers at two national conferences and published a paper on howling monkey social interactions (they are not the most gregarious of the primates, but they do show social preferences). During summer 2007, Bezanson traveled to Costa Rica with 15 students to teach a field course and conduct research on capuchin gait sequences. Finally, Bezanson stars in the new AAA documentary highlighting careers in applied anthropology. Her acting skills suggest a second career in the future. Please inform her if you know of any good agents.

Fr. Luis Calero was busy with teaching, travels and administration this past year. For the second consecutive year, he traveled to his native land to teach at the Jesuit University in Cali, in Southwest Colombia. While in Cali, he taught a graduate seminar on "Cultura de Paz" to largely a group of NGO and Government professionals who are involved in conflict resolution in a



country where some two million people have been displaced. He also connected with members of the Nasa nation (indigenous Colombians, formerly known as Paeces) who live in Colombia's Central Cordillera. The 20,000 Nasa have been trying to regain their ancestral lands while staying neutral in the Colombian political conflict. In the Winter quarter, Fr. Calero was a member of the planning team and panelist at "Callings," a conference held at Santa Clara, which explored the impact that community engagement has on both students' academic growth and their sense of what they will do with their lives. While Dr. Kealhofer was away conducting research in the Spring, Fr. Calero served as Acting Chair for the Department. He survived with no major injuries and learned a great deal about the increasing administrative and educational complexity of this ever-stronger university. The summer found Fr. Calero joining a group of some 20 teachers (Jesuits and non-Jesuits) who traveled to Vietnam in order to teach English at various Catholic Dioceses in North Vietnam. He taught English to young seminarians and religious sisters, some of whom claimed that his Colombian-accented speech was more intelligible than the accent of a couple of native Californians. Could that really be true?

The 2006/07 year was another great one for **Ms. Chiamonte**, but for the first time since she started working in the department she missed graduation. Although she was sad not to say good-bye to the Class of 2007, Sandee spent two wonderful weeks in Virginia and Washington D.C.. She took a step back in time and visited the Historic Triangle "Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown." So much history to see and absorb. What a wonderful way

to start the summer. "Our country is truly a fascinating place and has an even richer history."



The Governors Palace Colonial Williamsburg

During this last year, **Dr. Mary Elaine Hegland** has been delighted to see joint research projects with SCU students coming to fruition. Routledge published her chapter "Iranian-American Elderly in California's Santa Clara Valley: Crafting Selves and Composing Lives" co-authored with SCU Anth of Aging Fall 1997 and Winter 2004, and Middle East Anth Winter 1998 students, in Muslim Diaspora: Gender, Culture and Identity. She completed work on the article "Losing, Using, and Crafting Spaces for Aging: Muslim Iranian American Seniors in California's Santa Clara Valley," co-authored with many SCU students, to be published in the Third Edition of The Cultural Context of Aging: Worldwide Perspectives, edited by Jay. Sokolovsky. Students who have taken Anth of Aging will recognize the book title and editor because of the articles they read in this volume. Congratulations on becoming authors!

At their monthly meeting this last April, the Iranian Grandparents' Club, the Kanun-e Pedaran va Madaran, presented Prof. Hegland with a Certificate of Distinguished Service to the Iranian Community. She considers this award to also recognize those SCU students who have taught English for the Kanan, interviewed Iranian elderly, and served at the Grace Center for Iranian senior citizens. Thank you!

This last year also saw the publication of two other articles, "Women of Karbala Moving to America.," in Kamran Aaghai's edited volume on Women of Karbala: Ritual Performance and Symbolic discourses in Modern Shi'i Islam, and "Methods Applied: Political

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Transformation and Recent Ethnographic Fieldwork in Iran,” in the journal, *Anthropology in the Middle East*.

As part of her work of forming bridges between people, promoting scholarly cooperation, and reviving Iranian anthropology, Hegland became a founding board member of the journal, *Anthropology of the Middle East*. For these aims and also to support younger scholars, for the Middle East Studies Association in Montreal, Hegland organized a session on “People, Practices, and Meanings in Shi’i and Sufi Rituals”.

Dr. Lisa Kealhofer spent her summer partly in Santa Clara University, as summer Chair, and partly in western Turkey and Cyprus pursuing her NSF funded collaborative research project on trade in the Iron Age. In the spring quarter, she was on leave, and spent most of her time traveling to professional meetings, collaborative research in Australia, and visiting research facilities in Europe. Dr. Kealhofer had one co-authored chapter in press this year, an article accepted on Southeast Asian archaeology in *American Antiquity*, and contributed to an article on Niah Cave (Borneo) in *Journal of Human Evolution*. During the Fall and Winter quarters, she was Anthropology Department Chair, and worked on a long term development plan for the Anthropology program.

Dr. Russell Skowronek was busy with his various publications during 2006-2007. His book on the archaeology of pirates, **X-Marks the Spot**, was reprinted as a paperback version in February. He also had an article on the archaeology of pirates published in a book on the Hollywood portrayals of the past. Many of you will remember working with

Dr. Skowronek in his Introduction to Archaeology class on documents relating to HMS **Fowey**. After some delays, the University Press of Florida has accepted for publication his book manuscript titled, **HMS Fowey Lost...And Found!** He has plans to write a second volume on the Fowey this year which will focus on the ethno- and geographical history of the vessel and crew. A new chapter in campus history is also in the works. Skowronek, with Prof. Kenneth Lewis of Michigan State University, has been awarded a contract from the University Press of Florida for an edited volume titled, **Beneath the Ivory Tower, the Archaeology of Academia**. Finally, Skowronek’s work with the Smithsonian is coming to fruition. As a Smithsonian Research Associate, he has been working with colleagues there on the production, supply and exchange of ceramics in Spanish colonial and Mexican-era California. After lengthy research and two dozen reports, the research team is moving toward completion of the research and beginning public and professional interpretation. This Fall and coming Winter he is working with the Smithsonian Office of Latino Outreach to develop an exhibit on the research, expected to first open in Santa Barbara in April.

Interested in Dr. Skowronek’s publications? Here is the contact information: for **X-Marks the Spot** go to the University Press of Florida website (www.upf.com); and for his other book on Mission Santa Clara, **Situating Mission Santa Clara de Asis, 1776-1851**, contact the Academy of American Franciscan History Publications at www.acadafhkfst.edu.

Dr. George Westermarck began the first year of his on-going phased retirement in 2006-2007. For the next five years he will teach in Fall and Winter then have the Spring

quarter off. This leaves plenty of time for travel and life in Southern Oregon where he and his wife have a second home for their ultimate retirement. Ironically, the reduced schedule actually means that he is teaching more than he was during the years of his administrative duties as Department Chair. The altered schedule also meant that he could return to teaching some of his favorite classes, like Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Pacific Island Societies. Moreover, the added time away from campus has given him the opportunity to read the latest scholarship on these courses so that they could be thoroughly updated. From Westermarck’s perspective, this is a “win-win” outcome all around!

ALUMNI MAILBAG

In Memorium

It is with sadness that we report that **Kenneth Green ('86)** passed away suddenly on June 29 at the age of 44 years. He was the beloved husband of Li Chinn, loving father of Yaeko Virginia, and much loved son of William and Virginia and stepson of Bobbie. He had been a biology teacher for 16 years at Los Altos High School, an assistant golf coach and a former high school football coach.

Melanie Gangle ('93) - married James Dewey on July 29, 2006, at the chapel of Christ the Teacher, at the University of Portland in Oregon. Melanie is the coordinator of the office for students with disabilities and a learning assistance counselor at the university. She is also an adjunct instructor in the rehabilitation counselor education graduate program at Western Oregon University. Jim is a sixth-grade teacher at Liberty Middle School in Camas, Wash. The couple lives in Portland.

Stephanie Savant Murphy ('94) - decided to pursue a career in veterinary medicine after graduating from Santa Clara. She began work toward her degree at Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine outside of Boston, but, due to the illness of her mother, she returned home to Marin County in 2000. She married Sean Murphy in 2004, and the couple welcomed their first child, Colin Marques Murphy, on June 18, 2006. She now works in the Process Development Department at Genentech in South San Francisco, while Sean is an architect/developer in San Francisco. The family resides in San Anselmo.

Nik Stojanovic ('94) - completed his master's program in applied visual/media anthropology at San

Francisco State University. His final thesis project in Afghanistan was a film that explored the rising problem of drug abuse (especially injection drug use) in the country and how these practices amplify the risks of HIV/AIDS transmission within the wider population. He is now pursuing the possibility of continuing toward a doctorate in anthropology.

Kelli (Swader) Wolfe ('98) - married James W. Wolfe of Loughborough, England on March 28, 2007 in St. Lucia, West Indies. In recent years Kelli has been pursuing a career in music, and the following internet sites can connect you with her work: www.cdbaby.com/cd/kelliswader or www.myspace.com/firedragonsingsrecords.



Rita-Marie Brady ('01) - received her law and public health master's degrees this past June from Emory University. She has begun a two-year fellowship with Health and Human Services. Her home office is the Public Health Law Program at the Center for Disease Control. She will be at CDC for six months, on rotations for the following year, and then back at CDC in 2009 to finish out an additional six months. She recently published an article, "The Revised International Health Regulations: An Historical Overview and Analysis of Modern Application," in the on-line journal [ABA Health eSource](http://www.abahealthsource.com).

Anna Weyher ('01) - has begun work towards her doctorate at the Department of Anthropology, Washington University (St. Louis). She is concentrating on physical anthropology with a focus on primates. Dr. Bezanson reports that Washington University is the leading program in the United States

dealing with primates.

Lumor Chet ('03) - completed her first year of the graduate nursing program at Yale in Summer, '07. Her training included medical surgical rotation ("like a boot camp"), psych nursing rotation ("everyone besides me seemed to hate"), maternal newborn and pediatrics ("very intense and fast paced") and community health with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York ("New York city was a fun place to be"). She began her specialty year this past September focusing on the Adult NP track.

Dave Mason ('03) - finished his master's degree in Urban Planning at the University of California - Irvine, and began a job working as a city planner for the city of Irvine. He was assigned to work on the development of the Orange County Great Park, described as the largest non-transportation public works project in the US. He's done everything from working on environmental clean-up compliance to working with Native American groups to protecting cultural materials. Additionally, he has co-authored an article with his adviser based on his master's research, and it has been conditionally accepted by the [Journal of Planning Education and Research](http://www.journalofplanningeducationandresearch.com). Finally, he accepted an offer (among many) to begin the doctoral program in Urban Planning at UCLA this past Fall.

Lindsay Westby ('03) - has finished her masters thesis on [Educating for Global Citizenship](http://www.educatingforglobalcitizenship.com). She dedicated the project in part to our SCU anthropology department "for fostering my global awareness." She is teaching sixth, seventh, and eighth grades at St. Robert School in San Bruno.

Alumni Mailbag continued

Kathryn Harrison ('04) - began the master's program in Museology at the University of Washington this Fall.

Kelly Richardson ('05) - has completed all requirements for the master's degree in anthropology at California State University - East Bay, and she is now completing the writing of her thesis. From Fall 2006-Fall 2007, she had an internship with AMD's Human Resources (HR) department. She worked with the Senior Global Employee Relations (ER) representative and the Director of Staffing for AMD. She enjoyed the work very much, with a great deal of communication and project involvement with ER and HR staff globally.

Shuryn Riggins ('05) - has been working with Meltwater News (formerly Magenta News) since June 2006. It is an international company with offices in Europe, Asia, Australia, as well as the United States. She has been working in their Mountain View office, and finds it to be an exciting, fun and vibrant work environment.

Ellie Menefee ('06) - began her studies in nursing in April 2007 at Metropolitan State College in Denver. She is excited by the prospects of the program, university and living in a great city near the mountains.

