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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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"It's a Department!" As with the cry of parents proclaiming the gender of their new baby, we are pleased to announce that we are now the **Department of Anthropology** at Santa Clara University. After decades as a joint Department of Anthropology and Sociology, and years of discussion about a separation, the university administration agreed to this division as of November 2005. Since we had previously gone through a separation of assets (i.e., our budgets) and relocated (i.e., at opposite ends of O'Connor Hall's third floor), our new status does not necessitate tremendous work. We part in an amicable way, still friends and colleagues. While the separation officially recognized our day-to-day operating procedures, I think that both sides of the department feel a new sense of energy as we begin to build into the future.

One stimulus for this current move was the external review our program had this past Spring. Two leading anthropologists formed a review team to visit with faculty, students, staff and administrators to appraise the work of anthropology. They had a number of recommendations one of which was to become a separate department. Sociology also was going through a review and, not surprisingly, their review team made a similar recommendation. The external review was one part of our year-long self-study to assess the program. This review is part of a regular annual review we now do, something being done by

all departments and programs of the university to determine how well we are meeting our goals and objectives. The external review and self-study have raised a number of important questions that we will be considering over the course of this academic year. As always, our focus will be to determine how we can improve the educational experience of our students.

This year also marks a conclusion for me as Chair of the department. After four years guiding our planning and regular operations, I will be passing on these duties to Dr. Lisa Kealhofer beginning next Fall. These last few years have been times of growth and change working with wonderful colleagues and students. Now it is time to continue that work under new leadership, and I look forward to making whatever contributions that I can to support our ongoing development.

As always we welcome news of your life transitions and accomplishments. Please send us your news via email, letters or the Alumni Information Sheet in this newsletter. If you would like to look back on past newsletters they are available online (www.scu.edu/cas/anthropology).

Sincerely,
George Westermark
Anthropology Chair

32nd Undergraduate Research Conference

At our 32nd Annual Western Anthropology and Sociology Undergraduate Research Conference, the following anthropology majors made presentations:

Sarah Friend - "Combating Domestic Violence: The Unsung Heroes"

Nicholas Fussell - "What It Means to Be an Information Technology Service Technician"

Meaghan Hicks - "A Man's World?: An Ethnographic Study of Cocktail Waitresses and the Manipulation and Resistance they Display Towards their Gender Constructed Occupation"

Kelly Richards - "'That Feminist S*@#!': The Role of Education in the Transformation of Feminine Identity"

Lien Vu - "'Just Don't Ask, Don't Tell...?': Vietnamese-American Gays and Lesbians in the Bay Area and a Shifting 'Policy' Toward their Sexual and Ethnic Identities"

Michael Wiesner - "Going Along for the Ride: EMT-Patient Interaction and Group Cohesion in a Collegiate EMS Program"



2005 SWAA MEETINGS IN SAN JOSE

Santa Clara maintained a strong presence at the Southwestern Anthropological Association conference this last spring 2005. The Association held its 76th Annual Meeting in San Jose, very convenient for SCU students and professors. Drs. Margaret Graham and Mary Elaine Hegland chaired two panels of anthropology thesis students. Five SCU thesis students presented papers in Part 1 of the Undergraduate Thesis Research at Santa Clara University session, "Facing Changes and Multiple Worlds in Northern California: Gender, Aging, and Sexual Identity: Kelly Richards, Kelly Greenwalt, Meaghan Hicks, and Marisa Tsukiji.

For Part 2 of this session, "Work and Life in the Silicon Valley", Lorna Allen, Michael Wiesner, and Nicholas Fussell spoke. Everyone did a fantastic job presenting their thesis research in a professional and engaging manner. They fielded questions with ease. Many conference participants remarked on how outstanding the SCU students' papers were.

Seven of Dr. Hegland's winter 2005 Anthropology 3 students also took part in the SWAA conference. Drs. J.A. English-Lueck and C.N. Darrah from San Jose State University and Dr. Hegland chaired a two part session on "Building an Engaged Anthropology: Service-Learning and Community Research". Along with seven SJSU students, Neda Behrouzi, Rick Carlson, Efrain De La Peza, Kasey Montieth, Cristina Sanidad, Olivia Sorell, and Lien Vu spoke about their service learning experience at centers for the elderly through the SCU Arrupe Center.

Dr. Hegland also presented a paper, "Iranian Grandparents Displaced to Northern California: Building New Lives and Social Relations through the Mohabat Senior Citizen Day Activity and Care Center," co-authored with Marisa Tsukiji, Lien Vu, Anth 3 (wtr. 2005) students, and Anth 172 (spg. 2005) students.

The excellent response of conference attendees to SCU student contributions was a fine tribute to our outstanding students, and delighted the anthropology professors!



EXTERNAL REVIEW TEAM VISIT



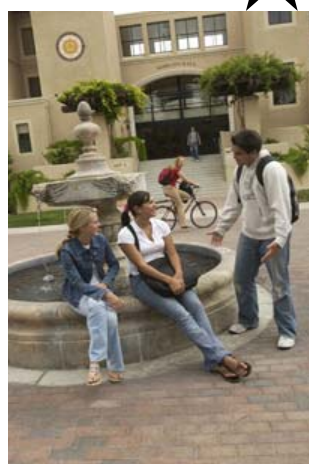
The Anthropology Program, as part of the wider University's academic review process, hosted a two-member external review team in late May to assess the strengths and weaknesses of our Anthropology Program. This visit provided us with an opportunity to examine our goals and outcomes. The review team found the program is on solid footing and made some suggestions to academically develop further what we already have in place. The ER team consisted of Drs. Miriam Chasken (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and James Calcagno (Loyola University of Chicago).

RODRIQUEZ RECEIVES AAA MINORITY FELLOWSHIP

Russell Rodriguez ('94) was awarded the 2005-06 Minority Dissertation Fellowship by the American Anthropological Association. The award is given each year to one doctoral student in anthropology to provide support toward the completion of their dissertation. Russell is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of California, Santa Cruz. After graduating from SCU in anthropology, he completed an MA at Stanford in Latin American Studies in 1996. The title of his dissertation is *The Legitimization of Mariachi: Mariachi Music in the United States*, and it "examines the recent developments of the transnational cultural expression of mariachi music within the last 30 years." (Anthropology News, November 2005).

STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS

Vanessa Koons was our 2005 Anthropology Award winner for her senior thesis, "What Will the Neighbors Think?: An In-Depth Exploration of the Experiences of Interracial Couples and Biracial People." For her award, Vanessa's name was added to our plaque of award winners going back to 1977 and she received a cash prize. Our national anthropology honor society, Lambda Alpha, accepted the following students this year: Lorna Allen, Richard Carlson, Sarah Friend, Nicholas Fussell, Kelly Greenwalt, Amy Kennedy, Vanessa Koons, Kelly Richards, Shuryn Riggins, Lisa Thee, Katherine Trevelyan-Hall, Marisa Tsukiji, Lien Mai Vu, and Michael Wiesner. The following anthropology majors were 2005 inductees into the SCU chapter of Phi Beta Kappa: Vanessa Koons, Kelly Richards, and Marisa Tsukiji.



Welcome Dr. Kenneth Nystrom

We would like to welcome Dr. Ken Nystrom from the University of New Mexico who this year is working with us as lecturer in physical anthropology. His dissertation was awarded in May 2005 based on research that looked at the biological and social consequences of the Inka conquest of the Chachapoya in northern Peru. He is currently completing a research proposal for Wenner-Gren to investigate Inka imperialism in the Chachapoya through the examination of stable isotopes. Isotopes of common elements are absorbed into the skeleton and can be used to determine, among other things, the residential history of individuals. At the Chachapoya site of Los Pinchudos there is abundant evidence of Inka influence, primarily in the form of Inka-style ceramics. What has not been conclusively demonstrated, however, is whether or not any of the individuals recovered from the site represent foreign administrative elites or local elites. Nystrom is hoping to travel to Peru in July 2006 to collect the samples for this project, while at the same time having a honeymoon!

Archaeology at SCU

by Linda Hylkema

The archaeology laboratory has several projects occurring simultaneously. Lab technicians Kelly Greenwalt and Nick Fussell, along with Assistant Campus Archaeologist Linda Hylkema, are busy finishing a field summary report and interactive CD for several seasons of work at 1051 Sherman Street. The report highlights field school and Anthropology 002 student participation as well as summarizes the varying artifact types and features found across the lot.

During the initial construction of the O'Connor Hall elevator, artifacts were encountered beneath the basement during the excavation for a basin to hold the mechanical lift equipment. Linda Hylkema and lab technicians Kelly Greenwalt, Nick Fussell and Rick Carlson spent three days excavating what turned out to be two discrete late 19th century deposits. Anthropology

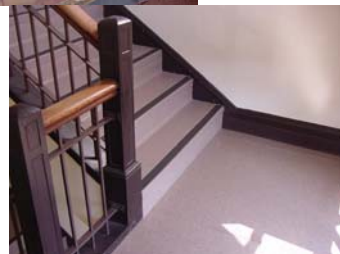
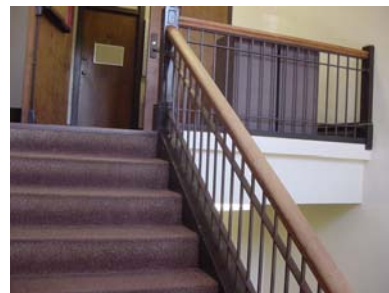
002 students began the initial cleaning and sorting of the materials. Linda Hylkema continues to oversee the archaeological excavations pertaining to campus construction projects as well as managing day-to-day operations of the lab and teaching the Introduction to Archaeology lab sessions. Linda has also acquired the store room at the north end of the Field House building to add some much-needed storage space to the lab. Broken windows have been replaced, and the room has been emptied and cleaned. Non-organic materials and field equipment are slated for storage in the new room.

Linda Hylkema has been asked to prepare an exhibit on recent excavations for the first floor of Walsh Administration Building. It will be installed in mid-January.

SCU 2005 SUMMER VOCATION SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Bannan Institute for Jesuit Education and the Discover Program, Fr. Calero co-chaired a two-week faculty and staff vocation seminar during the last two weeks of June. Funded largely by a Lilly Foundation grant, this seminar aims at providing a reflective moment where individuals can learn and reflect on life as a vocation in the Jesuit tradition.

O'Connor Receives A Face Lift

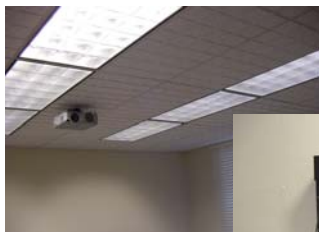


During the summer of 2005 O'Connor underwent some changes. In preparation for an elevator, several offices have been removed. O'Connor 317 (Father Luis Calero's office) was removed and cleared for the installation of the elevator (see above a few snap shots). Completion of the elevator is scheduled for this winter 2006. What a joy it will be to have the choice of either walking up three flights of stairs or taking an elevator ride!!! The classrooms in O'Connor also received a face lift, by receiving fixed data projectors in the ceiling and in-wall video

and CD players with the ability to connect laptop computers.... There is new paint, blinds and carpet throughout the 2nd floor of O'Connor, we even received two rather large light and fixtures in the 2nd floor hallway. Everything looks great!!!

As you can see, the stairwells also received a new look. Where we once had carpet we now have linoleum. What a change!!! Oops we have a problem; the linoleum didn't want to stay down..... but don't worry repairs were made and all is well.

We hear that the 3rd floor restroom will be up-dated and moved this coming summer....so look for more up-dates to come in the future.



FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES

For several years, **Father Calero, S.J.** has been involved in coordinating and running faculty and staff immersion experiences to developing countries. Most of these experiences have been to El Salvador where Santa Clara has had a close connection with the local Jesuit University (Universidad Centroamericana or UCA). One of the recent outcomes of this trip has been linking up the School of Engineering at Santa Clara and at UCA. Faculty and students at both institutions are now conducting hands-on matters of sustainable development, including water resources use, construction of seismic-resistant bricks, and reforestation. The El Salvador research project Father Calero is working on involves interviewing SCU faculty, staff, and students who have traveled to El Salvador during recent years. The aim of this research is to explore the impact that such programs are having on the Jesuit character of Santa Clara, particularly to its mission to educate the whole person in the context of justice. It is estimated that close to 150 faculty and staff have participated in these experiences since their insertion, in addition to a couple of hundred students.

Taking advantage of this year's SWAA meeting in San Jose and encouraged by this year's SWAA President (Dr. Peg Graham), Fr. Calero presented a paper entitled "Humanizing Terror: a Case Study in the Culture of Kidnapping in Colombia". This paper examined the survival mechanisms used by kidnapping victims and suggested that they tend to humanize captors in their minds in order to overcome such an ordeal. Fr. Calero has conducted this on-going research during two year of periodic visits to Colombia.

Sandee Chiaramonte had a great year, in June, she took a fun filled 13 day cruise/land trip to Alaska. Alaska our 49th state is truly a wonder, its beautiful and breath taking landscapes, its wildflowers, the animals are totally amazing. To see a Moose and her calf walk down the street as if they were the only creatures in the world, was awesome!!! She saw eagles flying, elk, doll dolphin, otters, seals and so much more....Alaska is fascinating and truly the last frontier. What a trip!!!

Dr. Hegland enjoyed working with the thesis students during Winter 2004, a large and talented group of 22. Students presented papers based on their

thesis at both the SCU Undergraduate Anthropology/Sociology Conference and at the SWAA Conference (South West Anthropology Association). Students in the 2 SWAA panels gave their excellent papers in professional style, and were the talk of the conference! A number of students from Hegland's Intro course joined SJSU anthropology students and professors in a service learning panel discussion and id themselves proud. Lien Vu and Marisa Tsukiji served as research assistants for Dr. Hegland's Arrupe Scholar research about an Iranian senior citizen day activity and care center in the South Bay. Students form the Anthropology of Aging and Intro classes also worked on this project through their Arrupe placements at senior centers and their papers based on their experiences and research. Dr. Hegland had hoped to return to Iran for more research about aging and the elderly in the Shiraz area, but waited in Vain six months for a vise. It finally came just before classes started in fall 2005. In order to take advantage of this visa, Dr. Hegland will be taking a sabbatical during Winter 2006 and will focus on the mourning rituals for Imam Husein during February 2006, as well as on aging and the elderly.

Dr. Kealhofer spent the summer in Turkey working on the Iron Age Economics project (NSF & ARC funded), investigating trade during the 1st millennium BC, and learning Turkish. In the fall, she was on sabbatical in Cambridge writing papers and beginning a book about political landscapes in Iron Age Turkey.

Dr. Skowronek sends Greetings from the Tip of Texas to all his students and friends. He is on leave this fall writing a book on the discovery, excavation, and identification of HMS Fowey. Those of you who have taken Anthropology 2, Introduction to Archaeology, through the years have worked on projects relating to HMS Fowey and have read a couple of articles he has written on it. A second book detailing the history and historical geography of the vessel is in the planning stages. This one is due at the University Press of Florida this spring. He will keep you posted on its progress in coming newsletters

Two publications in which many of you participated are also in their final stages. The book X-Marks the Spot, The Archaeology of Piracy is due to be published this spring by the University Press of Florida. If you visit their web page it is already listed. Also, the book on Mission Santa Clara is also due to be

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Those of you who participated in the 2004 version of Anthropological Perspectives on the Spanish and Native American Experience will remember your work on the Smithsonian pottery project. We are completing the reports this fall (eleven finished so far!). Your names are on the cover for the site you researched. Be certain that your current address is on file in the department so that Dr. Skowronek can send you a copy this spring.

This spring he has continued to work with Dr. Lorna Pierce and the Institute for Canine Forensics. They have been searching an abandoned cemetery. A paper was given on this work at the Southwest Anthropological Association annual meeting and another will be given at the Society for Historical Archaeology this January.

Dr. Westermark made several major personal transitions this past year. During the summer he readied his home of more than 20 year for sale. With that completed, he then accomplished a move into San Francisco, his home town, where he now lives near Golden Gate Park. It has been something of a culture-shock to move from suburbia back to the city, but there have been many exciting cultural benefits. On campus he was intensely involved with the Anthropology Program review and served on the Faculty Affairs and Human Subjects committees. His study of American Colonialism and the laws of Guam continued as well.



This is a shot taken by Janet Jones (colleague of Lisa Kealhofer) of one of the excavation trenches at Gordion, Turkey. Gordion is thought to be the capital of the Iron Age state of the Phrygians, ruled at one time



SCU's Faculty and Staff Delegation to El Salvador in September 2005. The picture was taken in the Supreme Court Justice Building. It shows the group (including Fr. Calero) with Salvadorean Justice Victoria Aviles.



Ken Nystrom was with a camera crew shooting one of the episodes for Mummy Autopsy, on the Bolivian salt flats. The llama herd was being used to depict how prehistoric salt miners transported the salt down. We were at about 14,000 feet and it is cold...It was hard to wrap around the idea that I WASN'T on a frozen lake but a huge salt block.

ALUMNI NOTES

Scott Mauk '89 - is living on Whidbey Island in Washington State where he teaches social studies at an alternative high school. He and his wife (Anne - also an anthropology major from Colorado College) have two sons. They have a small organic farm where they raise sheep and goats for dairy, along with other animals. During the summer, there are children's programs on the farm for kids to learn about food choices, art, imagination and more (see www.fullmoonrisingfarm.com).

James Jones '96 - took a new job and published a book! The job was a shift into sales with his company, Altair Engineering. He is now their Account Manager, Southeast USA. His book, Growing Mind and Soul, is a collection of essays and educational papers on James' model of education: "a blending of mental, emotional, and spiritual teachings." The book is available through Prancing Pony Press.

Claudine Lee '98 - attended law school after SCU, and has been working as an attorney for the past two years in the Bay Area.. However, she is now headed back to school to further her knowledge of Chinese art (her family business). She will be applying to the Master's program in art and archaeology with the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London.

Arwa Shobaki '98 - was working earlier this year in Washington, D.C. for the International Organization for Migration as a consultant helping to launch the U.S. out-of-country Iraqi voting.

Murphy Dunn '99 - began a new job doing market research for Jaguar cars. She began by watching "ethnographies" that had been done of key representative buyers where the researchers followed the buyers around for a day videotaping their activities and comments on products, foods, clothes, etc. [a new field - market anthropology - making use of qualitative research methods!]

Katie DeLeuw '00 - graduated this past June from the Bren School at the University of California, Santa Barbara with a Master's of Environmental Science and Management. She was immediately hired by the Community Environmental Council, an environmental non-profit in Santa Barbara, as their Water Program Associate. She will be assisting in restoration projects and doing public outreach and education on water issues in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

Gina Drew '00 - traveled during the summer in South America to Brazil and Bolivia. In the former she attended the World Social Forum and stayed to learn Portuguese and

do research on water social movements. In Bolivia she continued her water research and helped a friend with a documentary film. This Fall she returned to graduate school in anthropology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is thrilled with the area, the university and the department. She is in the core classes for the first-year group of 11 students. With her focus on India, she has a FLAS fellowship to support her study of Hindi. She also is applying for several graduate fellowships to support her studies and dissertation research.

Jennifer (Peritz) Zoffel '00 - was married in September '05, then left her job at the Santa Clara Audubon Society to accompany her husband to Ohio where he is a graduate student in Communication Studies at Bowling Green State University. She is working as the Program Manager of a grant at Bowling Green that is a partnership between the Dept. of Environmental Health and the School of Teaching and Learning. They offer professional development to middle grade teachers and develop curricular units on EHS topics. Jennifer's current plan is to apply to the Master of Organizational Development at Bowling Green. Amidst all this, she and her husband were able to buy a new home. [Got to love those Ohio prices!]

Dave Mason '03 - was in Mexico City studying Spanish and research methods as part of his urban planning program at the University of California, Irvine. Both the Mexican university and city are huge, he says, but people watching is fun! He also went to Oaxaca for two months to study collective remittances as the basis for community development. He hopes to use the contacts that he establishes there for doctoral research.

Katie Romley '03 - began a Master's program in education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Raul Zamudio '03 - began a joint program in law and public policy at the University of Connecticut.

Carmen Rosas '04 - began law school at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

Jelena Radovich '04 - spent the past year working in El Salvador with the Casa program. She returned to anthropology in the graduate program at University of California - Riverside. She found the UCR Anthropology Dept. to be very welcoming and close and the people friendly and warm.

Lindsay Westby '04 - was working as a 3rd grade teacher at the Challenger School in San Jose during 2004-05, "and learning a lot from my students."

Lien Vu '05 - Joined the graduate program in anthropology at University of California - Irvine this Fall. She is fully engaged in the first-year core program and a little shocked by the reading load (10 books per course + articles). She finds Irvine "kinda creepy" with its super-suburban atmosphere, but, on the other hand, she does have a great townhouse that she shares for graduate student housing.



SAVE THE BABIES. Women waiting to be evacuated from outside the Superdome hand over a baby to a New Orleans police officer, hoping the child will receive much-needed care.

Photograph by Marko Georgiev

FIELDWORK IN NEW ORLEANS

At the annual university convocation this past September, Fr. Paul Locatelli, Santa Clara's president, addressed the faculty about "The Catholic University of the 21st Century: Educating for Solidarity." As a part of that address, Fr. Locatelli discussed the goals of a Santa Clara education, and he used as an example the recent work in New Orleans of anthropology alum **Michael Wiesner ('05)**. He quoted extensively from an email sent to him by Mike while in New Orleans helping Hurricane Katrina victims. The following email excerpts included in Fr. Locatelli's address were reprinted in the winter issue of **Santa Clara Magazine**:

"About two hours ago, 16 hours on our feet, we saved a one-month-old infant from an unnecessary death in one of the shelters. I was trained in emergency medicine [at Santa Clara].

I've toured four different shelters in different corners of this state, and the ones that have it together are the ones backed by solid community volunteers...Though you and I come from different faiths, I wanted to personally let you know that love is saving thousands of lives over here. This love seems to blind people from ethnic and religious divides, and the situation is one of absolute altruism.

The feeling I have here reminds me of a certain time as a student at SCU: waking up at 3:30 a.m. in Graham 401 [when my] EMS pager [went off]. My message to you is that the same kind of people who drop everything to answer the call for help, work, learn and live at Santa Clara. I would not be

