



ANTHROPOLOGY

We Are Moving!

The Anthropology Department is moving this summer. We will be located in the B Wing of Clark.

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Newsletter Going Online

This is the last printed edition of our newsletter. This is a move that will allow the Department to save a great deal of money on printing and mailing costs. This also will allow the Department to publish much more news and information on our website at <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Anthropology>.

We need your help with this shift. If you are an alumna of C.S.U. please go to <https://advancing.colostate.edu/ALUMNI/UPDATEFORM> and provide us with your current information, including your e-mail. If you are not a CSU alumna, but would like to continue to receive the newsletter, please send your e-mail to CLA-Anthro_Info@mail.colostate.edu. If you are not connected to the Internet and would like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please let Lynn Stutheit know, as we want to make sure you continue to receive our newsletters.

We like to hear from you and value your opinion. If you have story ideas, comments or questions about the newsletter please e-mail us or call 970-491-5447.

Congratulations to our Spring 2008 Graduates!

Majors

Deborah Abbott, Laina Baltic, Lisa Bowser, Ian Brown, Hannah Burch, Anthony Carrion, Cameron Davis, Ryan Dodson, Kristin Hare, Joseph Herrera, Kendra Lieby, Melissa Lohry, Daniel Martinez, Jake Niswanger, Harris Peyton, Jena Sadd, Jonathan Sanford, *Laura Wagner

Minors

James Baetke, Lindsey Bashline, Nathan Brizendine, Sarah Cavalier, Courtney Harre, Kelly McGuire, William Nicholl, Molly Rauh, Mariel Ring, Paige Sherwood, **Elizabeth Wood, Youmans, Emily

* Cum Laude **Summa Cum Laude

Capstone Award Winners

◇Best Presentation-Emily Atherton

◇Best Integration-Jaclyn Fenske

A Special Thanks to Ryan Dodson

Ryan graduated this Spring as an Anthropology major. He also has been a student employee in the Department of Anthropology for four years. Ryan was always of great assistance to faculty and staff. We will miss you Ryan and wish you success in your future endeavors. Photo right: Ryan Dodson.



Faculty Recognition

Dr. Kathleen Pickering and the Oweesta Collaborative she works with were awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Bush Foundation in Minneapolis. The grant will allow Pickering and Oweesta to continue their work developing a Native Entrepreneurial Development System (EDS) in the Great Plains region. The grant also provides funding for Pickering to write a book-length manuscript on the EDS as a development approach

Dr. Kathleen Galvin, Department of Anthropology Chair and Professor, and a NREL Senior Research Scientist edited a book titled, "*Fragmentation in Semi-Arid and Arid Landscapes: Consequences for Human and Natural Systems*". The recently published book presents a timely synthesis on the effects of fragmentation on arid and semi-arid pastoral systems throughout the world.

Congratulations to **Dr. Christopher Fisher** who has been promoted to associate professor, and Dr. Kathleen Pickering who is now full professor.

Dr. Jason LaBelle has been appointed Research Associate at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. **Dr. LaBelle** also received the College of Liberal Arts Distinction in Advancement Award in April.

Dr. Jeffrey Snodgrass was selected to serve on the editorial board of the *American Anthropologist* for a full five-year term.

Dr. Kate Browne's documentary on five Afro-Caribbean women entrepreneurs was broadcast on national and international French television in May.

Dr. Mary Van Buren presented at a Conference on Colonial Studies in Albuquerque, NM, on the topic of Creating Research Design to Examine the Environmental Effects Mining has on Drainage in Porco, Bolivia.

Welcome

Dr. Stephen Leisz has accepted the Environmental Geography Assistant Professor position and **Dr. Jason Sibold** has accepted the Cultural Geography Assistant Professor position. Both will join the Department of Anthropology in Fall, 2008.

Students in the News

Joana Roque de Pinho, a Graduate Student in the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology, received first place in the Best Graduate Student Oral Presentation category at the 14 annual Front Range Student Ecology Symposium. Pinho's presentation was titled, "Which God are we talking about? Christianity and attitudes towards wildlife in Southeastern Maasailand, Kenya." Dr. Kathleen Galvin, Department of Anthropology Chair and Professor, and a GDPE Senior Research Scientist, is Pinho's advisor. See the GDPE newsletter at <http://www.cnr.colostate.edu/~indy/gdpe/gdpenewsmarch2008.pdf> for more on this story.

Dr. Shauna Burnsilver, a Graduate Degree Program in Ecology Ph.D. student, received the Lourdes Arizpe Award from the American Anthropological Association for her dissertation work on "Pathways of Continuity and Change: Diversification, Intensification and mobility in Maasailand, Kenya." Dr. Kathleen Galvin, is Burnsilver's advisor. See the GDPE newsletter at <http://www.cnr.colostate.edu/~indy/gdpe/gdpenewsmarch2008.pdf> for more on this story.

Congratulations to our Spring and Summer Graduate Students Who Earned Their Masters Degree

Cody Anderson

Chrissina Burke

Francois Dengah

Benjamin Jewell

Leslie Johnson

Alissa Leavitt

Bethany Mizushima

Cody Newton

Naomi Ollie

Laura Parmely

Kristina Pearson

Megan Underhill

James Van Lanen

Professor Finds Vietnam is Slowly Improving Assistance to Battered Women

Dr. Lynn Kwiatkowski has researched the topic of domestic violence in northern Vietnam since 1997. During this time she interviewed more than 100 people and made four trips to the country. Included in these interviews are 36 battered women from the Kinh ethnic group. One part of her research in Vietnam involved analyzing the changing forms of health care that battered women draw upon as they face physical, emotional, and social problems due to the violence.

Harmony among family members, an idea stemming from Confucian philosophy, is considered very important in Vietnam. Rarely do the victims of domestic violence go to the hospital or health facilities, since they are ashamed of living in a family that is not harmonious. They are embarrassed to expose their families' problems to the public. Some battered women are also afraid that if they go public, the battering may get worse. Kwiatkowski found these women tend to treat their injuries in private or rely on close neighbors and their children to help them nurse these wounds.



Kwiatkowski said the Vietnamese government health entities have a tendency to treat only the physical injuries of a victim, while ignoring or not knowing how to address the mental state of the victim and the social causes of the violence. Doctors are often reluctant to report domestic violence cases, due to a lack of education on the subject, fear of retaliation from the batterer, and/or a biomedical orientation toward primarily treating patients' bodily ailments. Some health professionals encourage the victim to go back to her husband and family, viewing this as the best solution. However, Kwiatkowski has seen things begin to change since the implementation of a new program in 2002. Two international organizations and a local non-governmental organization implemented the program through a local city health service to train health personnel to aid battered women in multiple ways. This program instituted a counseling center for women on the hospital grounds and organized women's and men's clubs in nearby communities. It continues to work with local government leaders to assist battered women and prevent wife battering. This program is slowly being replicated in other areas of Vietnam. This new approach to health care may enhance battered women's ability to acquire services that will better meet their needs. More significant changes in institutional approaches to wife battering are also anticipated, following the Vietnam National Assembly's approval of the first Law on Domestic Violence Prevention and Control in November of 2007.

Kwiatkowski hopes her research, presented in the form of public lectures and publications, makes policymakers and health care personnel more aware of the needs of battered women so that they may be better served and protected.

**The Institute for Society,
Landscape, and Ecosystem
Change (ISLEC)**



ISLEC had a busy Spring semester! We hosted Dr. Billie Turner in the Department March 5-7. Turner is the Milton P. and Alice C. Higgins Professor of Environment and Society at Clark University. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, among other groups. His talk was titled, Towards Sustainable Land Architecture: the Southern Yucatan Example. The presentation was well attended and Turner thoroughly enjoyed meeting our wonderful graduate students. In April, we hosted a two day workshop on Agent-based modeling (ABM) which was wildly successful with about 70 attendees evenly distributed among the social sciences and the natural sciences. Further we had people attend from the University of Wyoming and the University of Colorado as well as CSU. As a result of that workshop we have a Student Exchange Forum on the Open ABM website located at Arizona State University. Check out their website at <http://www.openabm.org>. Finally, we brought in Dr. Fikret Berkes, April 27-28 from the University of Manitoba who talked about Resilience Thinking: Applicability to the Study of Social-Ecological Change. He too was overwhelmed with students and loved it. ISLEC updates can be found at <http://www.resilientworld.com/>. Visit the site and watch for new events occurring next academic year.

Analyzing the Culture of Virtual Worlds

By Melanie Graham

Dr. Jeffrey Snodgrass has given methods in cultural anthropology a whole new perspective in his class, Ethnography of Virtual Worlds (currently listed as Advanced Ethnographic Field Preparation). This unusual methods seminar requires students to explore communities within World of Warcraft (WoW), a virtual game that claims more than 9 million subscribers worldwide. Virtual communities such as WoW have increasingly attracted the attention and respect of researchers, who seek to identify the motivations of such a large number of people who participate in this game, devoting time and energy into the creation of a cultural identity within these virtual worlds. As the largest online community worldwide, this complex virtual world boasts a diverse group of players who create virtual identities within the context of two factions, 10 different “races,” nine “character classes,” and several different professions, honor systems, subfactions, guilds, and reputation levels. Both participants and researchers assert that WoW is more than just a game. It is a worldwide community that has developed its own forms of language, customs, and even holidays, created and perpetuated within the forums and message boards that foster friendships and aid in the construction of online identities.

The class meets for a three-hour seminar each week and projects are assigned that employ a variety of methods including free-lists, ranking questions, interviews and transcriptions, and surveys. Working together, the WoW class analyzes the data and builds upon their results to understand the motivations, cultural identities, and positive and negative mental health of virtual communities. The goal of any good ethnographic seminar is to allow students to improve their skills as gatherers and analysts of both qualitative and quantitative data. The WoW class, however, excels in its ability to work collaboratively on one project, which allows for a more in-depth inquiry and critical analysis of the research question. Dr. Snodgrass stresses the ability methods classes to allow the “students to grow as researchers.”

Class participants are: Michael Blank, Henri Dengah, Jesse Fagan, Lahoma Howard, Adam Reynolds, Chad Rodman, Gregory Krambeer, Alissa Leavitt, Jessica Vyvial-Larson, Joshua Whaley, and Ben Wintersteen.

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